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3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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(2) ✓ Personnel and Administration  
(3) ✓ Intelligence  
(4) ✓ Tank Combat Operations  
(5) ✓ Special Operations  
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(11) ✓ Civil Affairs  
(12) ✓ Supporting Documents

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

2. Downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosures (1) through (12).

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## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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~~Location:~~ Third Tank Battalion FMF, Third Marine Division

## Location:

Headquarters, 3rd Tank Battalion  
 A Company, 3rd Tank Battalion  
 B Company, 3rd Tank Battalion  
 C Company, 3rd Tank Battalion

DaNang AT 989708  
 DaNang AT 946762  
 DaNang AT 965613  
 Phu Bai YD 879152

Period Covered By Report: 1-31 July 1966

Commanding Officers: Lieutenant Colonel Milton L. RAPHAEL

Subordinate Commanders:

B&S Company, 3rd Tank Battalion

Captain John B. TERPAK  
 (1-26 July 1966)  
 Captain Paul F. LESSARD  
 (27-31 July 1966)

A Company, 3rd Tank Battalion

1st Lt H. L. STEIGLEMAN  
 (1-25 July 1966)  
 Captain Loren A. BRANDT  
 (26-31 July 1966)

B Company, 3rd Tank Battalion  
 C Company, 3rd Tank Battalion

Captain Everett L. TUNGET  
 Captain John H. GARY III

Principal Staff Officers:

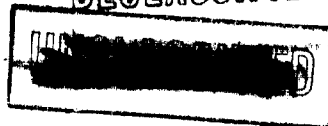
Battalion Executive Officer  
 Battalion Adjutant/S-1/Legal  
 Battalion S-2  
 Battalion S-3  
 Battalion S-4  
 Battalion CAO

Major James G. DOSS  
 2d Lt Joseph MCGANN  
 2d Lt Joseph MCGEE  
 Captain Arnold W. FACKLAM Jr  
 Major Walter J. DECOTA  
 2d Lt Robert E. MATTINGLY

## Average Monthly Strength:

Marine Officers	35
Marine Enlisted	535
Navy Officers	1
Navy Enlisted	15

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PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

The Battalion's personnel posture in relation to the strength authorized by the M Series T/O is rapidly becoming unacceptable. As of 31 July 1966 the Chargeable strength was 40 Marine Officers and 545 Marine Enlisted.

The Battalion joined 11 USMC Officers and 48 USMC enlisted during July.

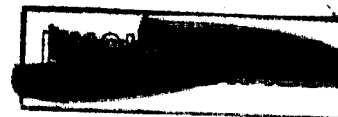
Current T/O shortages are: 2 Corporal 0141, 1 Sergeant 0121, 1 Sergeant 0431, 1 Gunnery Sergeant 0441, 1 Corporal 1316, 1 Lance Corporal 1441, 25 1811's, 2 Lance Corporal 2111, 13 2141's, 1 Master Gunnery Sergeant 2192, 2 PFC 2311, 6 2531's, 2 2841's, 2 3371's, 1 3516, 9 3531's, 5 5591. Of these shortages the 1811's, 2141's, 2531's, and 3531's are the most critical and affect the Battalion's ability to perform its combat mission.

One breach of discipline occurred which resulted in a Summary Courts Martial.

Morale continues to be excellent. R&R trips continue to be a major factor in maintaining morale. Swim call at China Beach is looked forward to by all hands and is a definite morale booster. Due to personnel shortages only an occasional Beach Party can be held.

The Battalion's program to voluntarily extend personnel overseas continues to have good results. Seven requests were submitted during July bringing the total since arrival in RVN to 107.

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## INTELLIGENCE

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The following is a chronological listing of anti-tank mines detonated by tanks during the month of July 1966:

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- (2) On 7 July at (BT 148614) tank C-51 detonated an unknown type mine estimated to have consisted of thirty (30) lbs of TNT. Moderate damage was caused to the tank.
- (3) On 8 July at (BT 003634) tank C-12 detonated an unknown type mine and received moderate damage.
- (4) On 9 July at (AT 890569) tank A-15 was moderately damaged when it detonated an unknown type mine triggered by a pressure type firing device. The resulting crater was two (2) feet deep and three (3) feet wide.
- (5) On 13 July at (AT 993577) tank B-31 received moderate damage when it detonated a rudimentary type mine.
- (6) On 14 July at (AT 911549) tank B-24 detonated an unknown type mine incurring moderate damage.
- (7) On 14 July at (AT 985584) tank B-34 received moderate damage when it detonated a rudimentary type mine.
- (8) On 21 July at (AT 961569) tank A-22 detonated a mine causing a crater one and one-half (1½) feet deep and two (2) feet wide. The tank was moderately damaged.
- (9) On 22 July at (YD 790117) tank C-24 received moderate damage when it detonated an unknown type mine.

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From June 1965 to July 1966, tanks have detonated a total of forty (40) anti-tank mines. According to Engineer estimates, the majority of these mines have been rudimentary (homemade) consisting of from twenty (20) to sixty (60) lbs. of TNT. Mining incidents often occur in concentrated areas as noted below for the month of July.

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b. Anderson Trail, portion within Grid Square (BT 0063). One (1) LVT and one (1) tank detonated mines in this area during July. Also, one (1) tank and one (1) truck detonated mines here in June.

c. Junction of Anderson Trail and Route # 1 (BT 033644). Two (2) LVTs detonated mines at this position during July and one (1) tank in June.

d. Grid Square (AT 9154). One (1) tank and three (3) LVTs hit mines in this area during July. Moreover, one tank detonated a mine in the same location in June.

Tanks reported visually finding three (3) anti-tank mines this month and destroying another two (2) as a result of reconnaissance by fire with the tank 90MM gun. In addition, tanks reported detonating a total of six (6) Anti-personnel mines without producing casualties or damage to the tanks (note: often, such A.P mine detonations are not reported by tankers ).

Finally, on the 25th of July, an unknown number of VC ambushed tank B-24 at (AT 968589) as the tank was moving South on Liberty Road toward "D" 1/9 patrol base. The VC, armed with small arms and one or two RPG-2 anti-tank weapons, fired at the tank from a range of 25 meters. Two RPG-2 projectiles were fired, the second striking and penetrating the tank through the turret ring causing light damage and minor injuries to one of the crewman.

Five (5) days later, on 30 July, again in the 1/9 TAOR at (AT 906551) an estimated twenty (20) VC attacked a squad size patrol base with small arms and RPG-2 anti-tank weapons. The enemy fire was concentrated on the two (2) tanks, B-13 and B-14. B-13 sustained two (2) hits from RPG-2 projectiles fired from close range (twenty-five meters) causing very light damage (no penetrations) to the tank. However, four (4) tank crewman were WIA (two medevac) and one was KIA.

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Encounters with anti-tank weapons such as the RPG-2 could very possibly increase in the near future as tanks move across the Song Thu Bon into areas where Main Force VC units are located. Moreover, the occurrence of two RPG-2 attacks within a five day period North of the Song Thu Bon indicates that Company size VC units within the Da Dang TAOR proper have recently acquired this effective, easy to use weapon and will probably use it whenever possible against their main tracked enemy, the tank.

During July, cooperation between the 3d Tank Battalion S-2 and Civil Affairs Officer resulted in an almost constant inflow of reports regarding local VC activities. Village Officials, after some encouragement, would approach the Civil Affairs Officer with recently obtained information about VC movements and plans. The Civil Affairs Officer would, in turn, relay this information to the S-2. The Civil Affairs Officer, with his daily contacts with Vietnamese villagers and officials, is in a unique position to obtain information, and exploitation of this capability has proven very beneficial without bringing harm to the informants or damaging the image of the Civil Affairs program.

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**COMBAT OPERATIONS**

Tank combat operations for the month of July reflected a significant increase in enemy contact and a resulting increase in enemy kills.

A total of 979 rounds of 90 mm, 2475 rounds of caliber 50 and 29,720 rounds of caliber 30 ammunition were expended during the month of July. Of the total rounds fired, 183 rounds of 90 mm were fired on H&I missions. Tank operations accounted for 145 VC KBGF confirmed, 95 VC KBGF probable, 20 VC WBGF, and 13 VCS apprehended. Additionally, tank action was responsible for the destruction of 48 buildings, 3 bunkers, and 2 boats.

The above figures increase the offensive operational data for the 3d Tank Battalion as follows:

	<u>Jul-Nov65</u>	<u>Dec65-Apr66</u>	<u>May-Jul66</u>	<u>May-Jul66</u>
S&C, S&D Patols	116	180	154	450
VC KIA	146	187	285	618
VC WIA	4	15	41	60
Structures destroyed	0	43	141	184
Boats destroyed/captured	4	3	52	59

**AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES**

	<u>May-Oct65</u>	<u>Nov65-Apr66</u>	<u>May-Jul66</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
90 mm HE	1,509	3,291	1,820	6,603
90 mm WP	611	1,367	679	2,655
90 mm Canister	275	258	213	746
Caliber .50	23,875	22,400	9,860	56,085
Caliber .30	119,975	137,620	52,345	299,940

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OPERATION MACON

Within the Da Nang TAOR, the majority of the operations were centered around the movement south of the Song Ky Lam and Song Thu Bon water way and into the Macon area. This operation involved the fording of a major river by 12 gun tanks, 3 flame tanks and a tank retriever to support the multi-battalion search and clear operation. The problem of finding a ford with a solid enough bottom that would support 52 tons at a point where the depth would not rise more than 4 feet was solved expediently by Company "B" personnel. This effort was not in vain as tanks demonstrated their inherent mobility and armor protected fire power with a telling effect on the enemy.

During operation Macon, tanks expended 212 rounds of 90mm, 150 rounds of caliber 50 and 8,330 rounds of caliber 30 ammunition. A total of 53 VC KEGF confirmed were credited to tank action. Tank units were credited with an additional 37 VC KEGF probable, 12 VC WEGF probable, and 15 VCS apprehended. Tank action accounted for 45 buildings destroyed and destruction of 2 fighting holes and bunkers. An ammunition cache containing 241 hand grenades and 18 claymore mines was discovered by tank personnel.

At the completion of the third phase of Operation Macon, the 2nd platoon of Company "B" was left in the Macon area and accompanied 3/9 to the An Hoa industrial area. All other tanks were extracted from the Macon area and continued operations north of the Song Thu Bon and Song Ky Lam.

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2 July: While in support of F 2/3, two tanks fired 90mm on two booby trapped gates at the entrance of hamlets at coordinates (AT 859567). On each occasion, secondary explosions were observed. These two tanks while at (AT 838566) fired 90mm cannister at 2 VC located at (AT 838572), resulting in 2 VC KBGF probable. While in support of elements of 2/3 located at (AT 877574), one tank fired into suspected VC movement detected by AN/TIPSY-21. Tank 90mm gun, caliber 30 and caliber 50 machine gun fire was directed into the VC position at (AT 885552). Two secondary explosions were observed. Tanks then illuminated the area with white light and observed 7 VC bodies through the 10 power rangefinder sights. The area was not searched due to darkness. Results 7 VC KBGF confirmed.

3 July: While in support of B 1/3 at (AT 891772) a tank observed 3 VC 500 meters to its front. Tank fired its 90mm gun and 50 caliber machine gun, resulting 2 VC KBGF probable. Area was not searched due to darkness.

4 July: Tanks located at (AT 904717) in support of K 3/3 observed 2 secondary explosions resulting from their H&I fires in the vicinity of (BT 8771-8772). Tanks located at (AT 935660) in support of K 3/3 received heavy small arms fire. Tanks returned fire with main armament and the enemy fire was silenced. Area was not searched because of darkness. Tanks supporting E 3/3 at (AT 935660) received heavy small arms fire. Two tanks returned fire but did not search due to darkness.

5 July: While in support of F 2/3 at (AT 877574) a Seismic Intrusion Device picked up enemy movement at (AT 887554). Tanks directed both 90mm gun and caliber 30 machine gun fire at the VC position. A search of the area was not conducted because of darkness. Enemy casualties were not determined.

6 July: While in support of F 2/3 at (AT 877574) one VC in a boat was observed in the vicinity of (AT 861564). Tanks fired 90mm gun with excellent target coverage. Tanks illuminated area with tank mounted search light and the boat had disappeared. Results 1 VC KBGF probable.

7 July: While in support of D 1/9 VC were observed crossing the ~~river~~ boats at (AT 964557). Tanks fired 90mm gun with excellent target coverage. Results 7 VC KBGF confirmed.

While in support of D 1/9 at (AT 923554) observed VC crossing river in boats at (AT 964557). Tank took boats under fire with 90mm gun. Results 3 VC KBGF confirmed.

9 July: While in support of 2/3 at (AT 890569) a tank engaged in a mine sweeping operation detonated an AP mine with damage to the tank. One crewman was WIA.

10 July: While in support of 1/3 in grid square (AT 7186) during a mine sweep tanks fired into a suspected mined area with 90mm HE and WP. Two large secondary explosions were observed.

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12 July: At 0830 Company "A" tanks located at (AT 901718) in support of K 3/3 fired H&I fire in grid squares (AT 8670 and 8771). 40 rounds of 90mm HE and 20 rounds of 90mm WP were expended. Three secondary explosions were observed.

13 July: At 2030 Company "A" tank in support of C 1/3 fired 2 rounds of 90mm into (AT 873555) where movement had been detected on a Seismic Intrusion Device. Results of firing unknown as area was not searched.

14 July: Tanks in support of C 1/3 at (AT 877574) fired 90mm HE and WP into (AT 873555) when movement was heard by a Seismic Intrusion Device operator. No search was conducted because of darkness.

Company "A" tanks OPCON Company "B" in support of elements of 3/9 at (AT 933524) observed a VC in a treeline at (AT 945523). Tank fired caliber 30 machine gun. No search conducted, results unknown.

15 July: Tanks in support of elements of 3/9 at (AT 953552) observed 2 VC carrying weapons crossing the beach at (AT 965553). Tanks fired caliber 30 machine gun with good target coverage, results 2 VC KBGF confirmed.

16 July: H&I fire conducted in grid squares (AT 8577, 8378, 8676, 8677, 8470, and 8674). All fires were unobserved, 30 rounds of 90mm HE were expended.

While in support of G 2/9 tanks received sniper fire from a hamlet located at (AT 839567). Tanks immediately returned 90mm HE and WP fire with good target coverage. The area was not searched, results unknown.

18 July: H&I fires fired into grid squares (AT 8871 and 8770). Twenty rounds of 90mm HE and 10 rounds of 90mm WP were fired. Two secondary explosions were observed.

20 July: Two tanks in support of 2/3 elements at (AT 839508) fired 21 rounds of 90mm at VC who were observed in the vicinity of (AT 842500). No search of area, results unknown.

21 July: A tank detonated a mine at (AT 961569) sustaining moderate damage to the tank's suspension system. There were no casualties.

22 July: Tanks located at (AT 880770) in support of elements of 1/3 fired H&I fire in grid squares (AT 8677, 8678, and 8679). Tanks expended 4 rounds of 90mm HE. All fires were unobserved.

Tanks conducting a mine sweep in support of G 2/3 detonated an AP mine at (AT 886574). Engineer personnel estimated the charge to be approximately 1/2 pound of TNT. No casualties nor damage to the vehicle resulted.

23 July: Conducted a mine sweeping operation from (AT 877574) to (AT 918598). No incidents.

24 July: From 2100 to 2200 a Company "A" tank in support of elements of 1/3 at (AT 885772) fired H&I fires into grid squares (AT 8677, 8678). All fires were unobserved.

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25 July: In support of elements of 1/3 tanks fired H&I fires into grid squares (AT 8678, 8667, and 8678). All fires were unobserved.

At 0955H in support of elements of 2/3, conducted a mine sweep from (AT-877574 to AT 924606). No incidents.

28 July: From 0630 until 0750 tanks from the 1st platoon conducted a mine sweep with engineer elements from (AT 877574 to 924606). No incidents.

31 July: At 0800 a Company "A" tank fired H&I fire into (AT 858777, 85774, 857768, and 862772). A total of 6 rounds of 90mm HE were fired. All fires were unobserved.

At 0815H Company "A" tanks conducted a mine sweeping operation with engineer elements from (AT 877574) to (AT 924606). There were no incidents.

## COMPANY "B"

1 July: While supporting G 2/9 at (BT 024576) tank crewman sighted 20 to 30 VC 150 meters from their position. This observation was reported to CO G 2/9. Permission to engage VC was denied because of the close proximity of a friendly patrol. After a period of approximately 30 minutes, twenty rounds of mortar fire was received in the G 2/9 CP. Tanks fired in the direction of gun flashes with 90mm gun, caliber 30 machine gun and caliber 50 machine gun fire. Results of this action are unknown as area could not be searched due to darkness. One tank crewman was WIA.

2 July: While in support of G 2/9 at (BT 024576) tanks observed 4 VC with weapons in boats traveling south in river at (BT 020566). Tanks fired 90mm fire and 50 and 30 caliber machine gun fire resulting in 1 VC KBGF confirmed, 1 VC KBGF probable.

While in support of G 2/9 at (AT 982552) tanks received 25 rounds of 60mm and 81mm mortar fire. Tanks immediately fired into suspected mortar sites with 90mm 30 and 50 caliber machine guns. Results unknown as area could not be searched due to darkness. One tank crewman was WIA.

3 July: Two tanks in support of G 2/9 at (BT 019599) sighted 1 VC at (BT-026555). Fired 90mm gun and observed a direct hit, resulting 1 VC KBGF confirmed.

While in support of G 2/9 at (BT 030560) three tanks sighted 15 to 25 VC with weapons running through elephant grass at (BT 035560). Tanks immediately took them under fire with 90mm gun and 50 and 30 caliber machine guns. Ten (10) VC were observed falling to the ground amidst explosions from 90mm guns. Area not searched due to intervening river. Results 10 VC KBGF confirmed.

While in support of G 2/9 3 tanks located at (BT 025557) fired on three bunkers and two boats at (AT 025554) and observed one secondary explosion from one bunker. A VC ran from the bunker. One tank fired a 90mm round scoring a direct hit on the VC. Results 1 VC KBGF confirmed, 1 bunker destroyed.

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While in support of 1/9 at (AT 925536) tanks received small arms fire from a sniper at (AT 929529). A direct hit from a 90mm on the sniper was observed. 1 VC KBGF confirmed.

4 July: While in support of G 2/9 at (BT 019559) tanks using the Xenon infrared search light observed 3 VC in a sampan moving east at (BT 025553). Tanks fired 90mm and 30 caliber machine gun. Results: 1 boat destroyed and 3 VC KBGF confirmed.

5 July: While in support of A 1/9 at (AT 929537) received sniper fire from (AT 928525). Observed 1 VC running and tanks fired 90mm and caliber 30 machine gun. Area not searched because of intervening river. Results: 1 VC KBGF probable.

6 July: While in support of G 2/9 at (BT 019559) tanks observed 20 VC at (BT 034557) and took them under fire with 90mm cannon and 30 caliber machine gun, with good target coverage. Results: 6 VC KBGF probable.

While in support of G 2/9 at (BT 019559) tanks observed and took under fire 7 VC with weapons who were proceeding north from (BT 030552). 90mm gun and caliber 30 machine gun fire was delivered on target with good coverage. Results: 4 VC KBGF confirmed and 3 WBGF probable.

While in support of E 2/9 at (AT 981551) tanks observed 5 VC in black uniforms with packs approaching tank positions from tree line at (AT 981538). Tanks fired 90mm gun and 30 caliber machine gun. Thirty minutes later 3 VC with automatic weapons were observed at (AT 983537) again tanks opened fire with 90mm gun and 30 caliber machine gun fire. Results: 8 VC KBGF confirmed.

While in support of H 2/9 at (BT 019554) tanks observed 20 VC in black uniforms with weapons and packs proceeding along woodline from east to west at (BT 030552). Tanks fired 90mm gun, 50 and 30 caliber machine gun with excellent target coverage. Results: 9 VC KBGF probable, 5 VC WBGF probable.

8 July: While in support of E 2/9 at (AT 085544) tanks fired on 2 VC at (AT 977528) resulting in 1 VC KBGF confirmed.

11 July: While in support of E 2/9 at (AT 980564), observed 2 VC attempting to cross the river in a boat at (AT 975565). Tanks fired caliber 30 machine gun at VC as they moved the boat to the river. Target coverage was good. When firing ceased VC could not be seen. Boat was then fired on to assure it's not being used again.

14 July: In support of H 2/9 at (AT 981551) tanks destroyed a building believed to be used by VC. No search was conducted; results unknown. Two anti-tank mines were detonated this date. There were no casualties however extensive damage was done to both tanks.

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18 July: A tank on patrol with B 1/9 detonated a M-16A1 bounding mine at (AT 937553). There were no casualties and no damage to vehicle.

In support of H 2/9 a tank received sniper fire from a house at (AT 986584). Tank immediately returned 90 mm fire destroying the house. The area was not searched. 1 VC KBGF probable.

21 July: Two tanks in support of elements of 1/9 observed 24 VC at (AT 942518). Tanks fired 90 mm fire and observed 8 direct hits. Eight VC KBGF confirmed.

Two mining incidents occurred; one in the 2/9 ZOA when a tank detonated an AP mine and one in the 1/9 ZOA when an AP mine was found and destroyed in place by 90 mm HE fire. There were no casualties.

Enemy contact was made on two occasions in the 1/9 ZOA. Tanks and infantry were receiving small arms fire in which one infantryman was KIA. Tanks returned a heavy volume of 90 mm and machine gun fire until contact was broken off. Results: 2 VC KBGF confirmed and 4 VC KBGF probable.

Tanks in support of H 2/9 were called to the assistance of a disabled LVT which was receiving small arms fire from an estimated 6 to 8 VC at (AT 983577). Tank returned fire and contact was broken. Enemy casualties not determined.

23 July: In support of B 1/9 at (AT 920547) tank crewman observed 19 VC at (AT 929549). Fired 400 rounds of caliber 30 machine gun fire with good target coverage. Area not searched because of darkness.

24 July: In support of elements of 1/9 at (AT 906551) received approximately 15 rounds small arms fire from a position in the vicinity of (AT 901550). Tanks returned 90 mm, caliber 50 and 30 machine gun fire. Sniping ceased. Area could not be searched because of intervening river.

At 1545H in support of elements of 2/9 at (BT 018636) tanks fired a heavy volume of 90 mm cannon fire into a treeline from which they were receiving small arms fire. Results unknown, area not searched.

25 July: Tanks in support of elements of 1/9 made enemy contact on 3 occasions. Each contact was the result of enemy small arms sniper fire. On each contact tanks returned 90 mm, caliber 50 and 30 machine gun fire and contact was broken.

At 1925H a tank enroute from C 1/9 CP to hill 55 was hit by an RPG-2 anti-tank rocket at (AT 963590). The projectile penetrated the left sponson box, seared through a caliber 50 barrel and a tank bar and struck the turret at the turret ring penetrating the turret and destroying one round of 90 mm ammunition. There were no internal explosions, one tank crewman was WIA non med evac.

At 1510H a Company "B" tank at (AT 996567) detonated an AP mine. There were no casualties and only minor damage to the tank.

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26 July: At (AT 906551) a tank received 10 rounds of automatic weapon fire from a treeline across a river at (AT 904557). Tanks returned 90mm cannon fire and firing ceased. One tank crewman was wounded by friendly artillery and was med evac.

27 July: At 1130 flame tanks located at (AT 968590) in support of D 1/9 burned trees and brush around the ambush site that was used by the VC to fire RPG-2 rockets at a tank on 25 July.

At 1200 tanks located at (AT 906551) in support of B 1/9 received heavy automatic weapons fire from (AT 901537). Tanks returned fire with caliber 30 machine guns. Intervening river prevented search. Results unknown.

At 1500 tanks operating with elements of 1/9 leveled a structure in grid squares (AT 9457, and 9458) with 90mm and caliber 50 machine gun fire. One VCC was captured.

28 July: At 0930 while in support of B 1/9 tank crewman observed 2 VC at (AT 902552). Scored direct hits with 90mm cannon fire resulting in 2 VC KBGF confirmed. At 0935 drew small arms fire from (AT 901559). Returned a heavy volume of caliber 50 and 30 machine gun fire resulting in 2 VC KBGF confirmed.

Flame tanks supporting D 1/9 burned out a group of structures and undergrowth.

29 July: At 0945 a Company "B" tank in support of elements of 2/9 detonated an M16A1 mine at (AT 987577). No casualties or damage to vehicle.

At 1835 tank crewmen in support of elements of 1/9 found a raft at (AT 949578) containing 1000 rounds of caliber 30 ammunition, two M-1 carbine clips and articles of uniform clothing. The raft was destroyed.

At 2005 tank crewmen observed 10 VC in boats at (AT 974566) tanks took them under fire with caliber 30 machine guns. Two bodies were observed on the river bank and three bodies in the water. Five VC KBGF confirmed and two boats destroyed.

30 July: At 0515 2 tanks at (AT 906551) in support of B 1/9 were attacked by an estimated 20 to 25 VC from positions at (AT 507540) and (AT 905545). VC fired an estimated 250 rounds of small arms and two RPG-2 anti-tank rockets. Tanks returned 90mm and caliber 30 machine gun fire accounting for 8 VC KBGF confirmed and 8 VC WEGF probable. In addition, the following equipment was found on the VC bodies: 1 carbine, 1 caliber 45 pistol, 1 M-14 rifle, one RPG-2 with 3 rounds of ammunition, 1 French submachine gun, several Chi Com grenades, first aid equipment, and assorted papers and documents.

31 July: At 1902 at (AT 904543) Company "B" tanks received sniper fire from a treeline at (AT 905538). Tank returned 1 round of 90mm HE and firing ceased. At 1935 firing was again received from the same tree line. One tank crewman was WIA and later DOW. Tanks returned 1 round of 90mm WP. No search was conducted because of darkness.

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31 July: At 2110 while in support of B 1/9 at (AT 904543) B-14 received what appeared to be 57mm recoilless rifle fire from (AT 905546). A total of 3 rounds were received. All missed. Tanks returned 5 rounds 90mm canister into the suspected area. Artillery mission was also called in. Again at 2045 while at (AT 906551) tanks received 10 more rounds of large caliber, flat trajectory weapon. All rounds were off target. Tanks returned 2 rounds 90mm WP, 3 rounds 90mm HE and 100 rounds of caliber 50 machine gun fire. At 2215 two more rounds of 57mm fire was received, both missed. Returned 3 rounds 90mm canister in the direction of muzzle flashes and firing ceased.

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8 July: At 1300 two flame tanks moved outside the vital area perimeter to burn high brush used the previous night by VC to hide while harassing infantry on the perimeter with small arms fire and handgrenades.

10 July: At 0530, a recon party departed company CP (YD 899152) to reconnoiter route from Phu Bai to Dong Ha. Two blown bridges and one mine placed in the road were encountered. Recon party returned at 1830 after checking the road and bridges from Phu Bai to Dong Ha.

21 July: Second Platoon with squad of infantry conducted patrol in area coordinates YD8116, YD 8315, YD8311, YD8311. Tanks received 10 rounds of small arms fire from vicinity of YD835141. Actual location of firing could not be determined. Area was searched with negative results.

22 July: A heavy section of tanks of the 2d platoon with a reinforced squad of infantry and mine sweep team departed 2d Battalion, 1st Marines area at 1000 to patrol area south of position along river. At 1408, tank C-24 hit a mine at coordinates YD 790117. Mine was a charge of approximately 40 pounds and blew the fifth right road wheel and damaged the road wheel arm and track. Necessary parts to repair the tank were flown in by helicopter at 1530 and work began to make repairs. At 1610, a booby trap was located in the vicinity of the damaged tank and blown by engineers. No casualties resulted from either incident. At 1800, repairs were completed and the tank and infantry proceeded back to the 2/4 area. Tanks arrived at 1848.

23 July: Tanks conducted combat patrol with elements of the 4th Marine Regiment (rear) in grid squares (YD 8116, 8319, 8313, and 8113). Negative contact.

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COMPANY "C" 1st TANK BATTALION OPCON 3D TANK BATTALION

2 July: While in support of C 1/1, a tank detonated a mine at (BT 078658). There was moderate damage to the tank's suspension system. No casualties.

3 July: While in support of C 1/1 tanks fired the 90mm gun at a river crossing at (BT 122627) that was suspected of being mined. One secondary explosion was observed.

During the evening tanks in support of 1/1 at (BT 079612) observed a VC running outside the defense perimeter and fired 1 round of 90 mm cannister. A search was not made because of darkness. Results unknown.

5 July: Two tanks under OPCON Company "B", 3d Tank Battalion conducted a mine sweep on Anderson Trail. Discovered a cave at (AT 996633) and destroyed it with 90 mm cannon fire.

While in support of "A" 1/1 at (AT 067614) tanks and infantry received 400 to 500 rounds of small arms fire. Tanks immediately returned a large volume of 90 mm and caliber 30 machine gun fire. A search was not conducted due to darkness. Enemy casualties were not determined.

6 July: Again tanks were called on to return fire on sniper positions from which elements of 1/1 received fire at (BT 075600). Twenty five rounds of 90 mm gun fire silenced the snipers.

7 July: A tank operating with "A" 1/1 detonated a mine at (BT 148614). Grater analysis determined the charge to be approximately 30 pounds of black powder. There was moderate damage to the tank suspension system. No casualties.

While in support of 1/1 tanks received 30 rounds of small arms fire and immediately returned 90 mm fire. Darkness precluded a search of the area.

8 July: A tank detonated a mine at (BT 003634). There were no casualties, and only moderate damage to suspension system. Later that afternoon while repairing the suspension system, heavy small arms fire was received from (BT 003633). Tanks returned fire and contact was broken. A search of the area disclosed much blood and gore. At least one VC was KBCF probable. There were no friendly casualties.

10 July: At 2110H while in support of "A" 1/1 tanks received sniper fire and returned fire into the suspected area. Contact was then broken by the VC.

11 July: While in support of "A" 1/1 conducting a search and destroy mission tanks fired on the approaches to a village at (BT 105628). Three secondary explosions were heard indicating the area may have been mined.

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13 July: Tanks had contact on two occasions during the day while in support of elements of 1/1 at (BT 062625). Results of these engagements were 2 VC KBGF confirmed and one VC fortification destroyed.

18 July: A reaction force of 2 tanks with infantry was dispatched in support of elements of 1/1 and Popular Forces who were under attack at (BT 169574) and (BT 171576). On arrival tanks immediately took the enemy under fire with 90mm fire. Results 8 VC KBGF confirmed. 10 VC KBGF probable.

21 July: Two tanks on search and clear operation with elements of 1/1 fired 12 rounds of 90mm fire at snipers throughout the day. Results unknown.

23 July: While in support of elements of 1/1 (rear) at (BT 068713) tanks fired 7 rounds of 90mm into a suspected enemy mortar position located at (BT 061713).

27 July: At 1915H tanks located at (BT 054654) in support of C 1/1 were receiving small arms fire from (BT 050655). The VC exposed themselves when the tanks opened fire. As the VC retreated many direct hits were observed resulting in 5 VC KBGF confirmed and 3 VC KBGF probable.

28 July: At 1735H tanks in support of elements of 1/1 (rear) observed 8 to 10 VC running across a rice paddy at (BT 115625). 90mm cannon was fired with good target coverage. Results 1 VC KBGF confirmed and 4 VC KBGF probable.

30 July: At 2015H tanks in support of elements of 1/1 (rear) at (BT 084599) dispatched a reaction force of 1 tank with infantry to support a platoon that was pinned down at (BT 075608) by enemy fire. On arrival, heavy 90mm and caliber 30 machine gun fire was directed at the enemy force until they broke contact. Results of this action could not be determined due to darkness.

31 July: At 1420 while in support of elements of 1/1, dispatched two tanks as reaction force to (BT 082399) where an infantry platoon was pinned down by enemy fire. Tanks expended 10 rounds of 90mm HE and contact was broken. Area not searched, results unknown.

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## OPERATION MASON

7 July: At 1138H 6 Company "B" tanks crossed the Song Thu Bon at (AT 966564) in support of elements of 3/9.

8 July: At 0932H, 8 Company "B" tanks crossed the Song Thu Bon at (AT 957552) in support of elements of 3/9.

While in support of "I" 3/9 at (AT 847528) tanks observed 4 VCS running from a hamlet. Tank personnel dismounted and apprehended all 4 VCS and turned them over to "I" 3/9.

9 July: While in support of elements of 3/9 ~~some~~ crew captured a VCS at (AT 966556).

10 July: While in support of "M" 3/9 Company "B" tanks participated in a sweep to end phase II of the operation. During the sweep tanks preceded infantry and reconned by fire many suspected VC strong holds. As a result of this action tanks destroyed 40 buildings, 1 small arms ammunition dump and apprehended 8 VCS.

11 July: At 1345H in support of M 3/9 at (BT 021534) tank crewmen observed a VC walking in a river bed at (BT 025525). Tanks fired 90 mm and caliber 30 machine gun. Tank crewman observed the VC fall, 1 VC KBGF. At 1645, 2 VC were observed carrying weapons in a trench line at (BT 031541) tank crewmen fired the caliber 30 machine gun with good target coverage. Results 1 VC KBGF (Prob).

13 July: Tanks at (AT 053547) while in support of elements of 3/9 observed one VC in the vicinity of (AT 942538). Tank crewmen fired 90 mm and caliber 50 machine guns. One VC KBGF confirmed.

14 July: Tanks in support of 3/9 elements made enemy contact on 4 occasions throughout the day. On two occasions when tanks ceased firing and the area was searched a total of 8 VC KBGF were found, 5 VC KBGF probable, one fortification was destroyed.

16 July: Tank crewmen at (AT 913514) observed a VC in a green uniform carrying binoculars and fired one round of 90 mm HE scoring a direct hit. One VC KBGF confirmed.

17 July: While at (AT 913514) tank crewmen observed 30 VC running out of a treeline in the vicinity of (AT 885533) and into a ~~near~~ by hamlet. Tank 90 mm gun fire was directed into the hamlet and surrounding area, resulting in 16 VC KBGF confirmed and 6 houses destroyed.

19 July: In support of K 3/9 tanks were used to silence sniper fire being received from (AT 915508). Tank 90 mm fire was directed into the area and the firing ceased. No search was conducted because of darkness.

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20 July: In support of elements of 3/9 tanks had enemy contact on 3 occasions during the day, resulting in 4 VC KBGF confirmed and 5 VC KBGF probable.

21 July: At (AT 952527) tanks observed 2 VC at (AT 941523) and immediately fired 90 mm HE fire with good target coverage. A direct hit was observed on one VC. One VC KBGF confirmed and one VC KBGF probable.

22 July: During the day tanks in support of K 3/9 fired 400 rounds of caliber 30 machine gun fire into suspected enemy areas. No search was made, results unknown.

27 July: At 1130 tanks located at (AT 879510) in support of elements of 3/9 observed 35 VC running across a sand bar into high grass at (AT 882515) and (AT 888514). Tanks directed a heavy volume of 90 mm, caliber 50 and 30 machine gun fire into the VC with good target coverage resulting in 7 VC KBGF confirmed, 5 VC KBGF probable, and 5 VC WBGF probable.

At 1335 tanks in support of elements of 3/9 at (AT 879509) observed one VC at (AT 882574) and fired one round of 90 mm HE scoring a direct hit. Results: one VC KBGF confirmed.

At 1420 tanks in support of elements of 3/9 at (AT 879509) observed two VC running into a house at (AT 865508). The house was immediately destroyed by 90 mm cannon fire, resulting in two VC KBGF probable.

At 1430 tanks in support of elements of 3/9 observed four VC running along a treeline at (AT 865508). Tanks fired 90 mm cannon with direct hits on targets. Results 2 VC KBGF confirmed.

At 1440 tanks in support of elements of 3/9 received 200 rounds of small arms fire from the opposite bank of the Song Thu Bon (AT 867505). Tanks returned a heavy volume of fire. An air observer directing the fire observed direct hits in the target area and reported 17 VC KBGF probable.

29 July: At 0930H while in support of elements of 3/9 at (AT 868500) tank crewmen observed 7 VC in 3 boats at (AT 865497). Warning shots were fired but the boats failed to stop. Tanks fired 90 mm HE and caliber 30 machine gun with excellent target coverage. Results: 6 VC KBGF confirmed and 1 VC WBGF probable.

At 1000H while in support of elements of 3/9 at (AT 927526) tanks received sniper fire from the vicinity of (AT 934525). Tanks fired the 90 mm cannon with good target coverage. Results: 1 VC KBGF probable.

At 1300H at (AT 868502) tanks received approximately 200 rounds of small arms fire from (AT 868497). Tanks returned a heavy volume of 90 mm and caliber 30 fire. Contact was broken, area not searched, results unknown.

At 1915H at (AT 927526) tank crewmen observed one VC carrying a weapon at (AT 939525). Tanks scored a direct hit with 90 mm cannon fire. Results 1 VC KBGF confirmed.

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30 July: At 1430H while in support of elements of 3/9 at (AT 927526) received 6 rounds of small arms fire from a sniper located at (AT 934525). Tanks returned 90 mm and caliber 30 machine gun fire. Sniping ceased, results unknown, area not searched.

At 1900H tank crewmen observed 40 VC who were attacking infantry positions at (AT 953528). Tanks immediately engaged the VC with 90 mm cannon fire resulting in 5 VC KBCF confirmed and 1 VC WBGF probable.

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS

During July the 3d Tank Battalion continued with its special assigned mission of clearing anti-personnel mines, and in conjunction with engineer elements tanks continued to sweep for anti-vehicular mines on the MSRs. A total of 6 Anti-personnel mines were detonated when tanks traversed areas that were suspected to contain AP mines. While working with engineer elements a total of 14 coordinated mine sweeps were conducted in an attempt to locate anti vehicular mines.

Tanks when observing an area that might contain anti vehicular mines directed 90mm caliber .50 and caliber .30 machine gun fire into the area. As a result of this action secondary explosions were observed on several occasions. Tanks have continued to play an important role in the clearing of anti-personnel and anti-vehicular mines. New methods of employment of tanks will continue to be developed and devised to reduce the danger of mine casualties to infantry and thin skin vehicles.

On 11 July the 3d Tank Battalion assumed the responsibility for coordinating the defenses of the Southern Sector of the 3d Marine Division Rear Area. This responsibility required coordination with 7 battalion size units in addition to numerous company and battery size units within the Southern Sector. Southern Sector 3d Marine Division Rear Area Operation Order 1-66 was issued to implement the rear area defense requirements (See enclosure 12 for OpO 1-66).

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TRAINING

Between operational commitments the 3d Tank Battalion continued to conduct training and troop orientation for individuals and units as required by current directives.

Formal school training conducted outside the Battalion consisted of one enlisted Marine attending a five day "Motion Picture Operators' Course" in Japan.

Familiarization firing was conducted for newly joined personnel utilizing the Hoa Cam training ranges. Firing was conducted with the caliber .30 and M-60 machine guns and M-14 rifle.

Daily intelligence and operations briefings were conducted for officers and Staff NCO's in the battalion CP.

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LOGISTICS1. General

- a. The period covered by this report is from 1 - 31 July 1966.
- b. During the month of July the overall effectiveness of the Command's Logistic Support has been good. The continued lack of Class II Type II tank repair parts is the only exception.
- c. The main Logistical efforts during this period were as follows:
- (1) A continued effort to procure critically required tank repair parts.
  - (2) The processing of the remaining FY66 R&E M48A3 tanks to get them into the field and processing the remaining old M48A3's for evacuation.
  - (3) A limited technical inspection by a contact team from 3d FSR for the tanks being nominated for the FY67 R&E program.
  - (4) The re-computation of inventory control data on all 708 cards and an extensive review of stocks to determine any excesses.

2. Supply

- a. Procurement, Availability, and Distribution of Supply.
- (1) The availability and distribution of Class I, III, IV, and V Supplies remains excellent.
  - (2) The poor availability and slow distribution of Class II Type II Repair Parts for the Tank continues to be the most important factor affecting the material readiness of this command. This problem continues to exist despite the fact that continual effort has been expended by this command and higher headquarters to alleviate the problem. This command has never fallen below category C2 readiness. This continual high state of readiness can be attributed to excellent crew and organizational maintenance, the selective exchange of repair parts between R&E tanks and combat deadlined tanks, and close command attention to on hand supplies and equipment.
  - (3) The percentage of all FY66 documents completed as of the end of the Fiscal Year is as follows:

	<u>Pri 02</u>	<u>Pri 05</u>	<u>Pri 12</u>	<u>Pri 17</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Documents	402	1485	6576	1687	10150
Completed	245	901	3166	647	4959
Fill Rate	60.9%	60.6%	48.1%	38.3%	48.8%

3. Evacuation and Hospitalization

- a. General Status. The command continues to stress preventive medicine. Intense command attention is currently directed toward malaria control. Use of mosquito nets and insect repellent by all hands is being stressed.

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Evacuation for the month July:

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		<u>Surf</u>	<u>AW Evac</u>	<u>Ret To Duty</u>
KIA	0	0	0	0
WIA	0	0	0	2
Non-Bat	0	7	0	6

4. Transportation.

a. The overall effectiveness of the Battalion Motor Transport Platoon continues to be excellent despite the fact that the platoon is 10 drivers under the normal T/O.

b. The mileage for the month of July was 27,346 miles. There was one minor accident during the month.

c. The command is furnishing 1 M-38A1 Jeep w/driver to the Army/Air Force Exchange for administrative type runs.

d. The vehicles are being maintained in excellent condition. This is due to the command attention being given to 1st Echelon Driver's maintenance and weekly IM of all vehicles.

5. Servicea. Tank Maintenance

(1) Of the 24 FY66 R&E M48A3 Tanks which are programmed for this Battalion, the following have been received, processed, and placed in the gun companies:

201894	217803	202055	202120	207827
202143	201830	202010	201922	
202033	217804	201995	201983	
202017	202169	202005	202136	
202142	202139	217769	202123	

(2) The following old M48A3 Tanks have been processed and turned into FLSG for evacuation and rebuild in the FY66 R&E program:

207838	202124	201941	202019
201889	202093	202024	217794
217797	201932	202094	211217
202067	217834	201896	201961
201881	202150	202106	211252
202041	217837		

(3) The overall maintenance effort is outstanding despite the continual problem of the lack of repair parts.

b. Cantonment

(1) A continuous effort is being made to improve the overall cantonment.

(2) A new Butler Building is currently under construction. The building, when completed, will be utilized as a supply office/warehouse.

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COMMAND AND CONTROL

Company "A", "B", and "C" 3d Tank Battalion and Company "C", 1st Tank Battalion (OpCon 3d Tank Battalion), continued in direct support of the 4 infantry regiments within the Da Nang and Phu Bai TAOR during the month of July 1966.

Company "A" (-) (Rein) was in direct support of the 3d Marine Regiment.

Company "B" (Rein) was in direct support of the 9th Marine Regiment. The 3d platoon of Company "A" was OpCon to Company "B".

Company "C" (Rein) operating in the Hue-Phu Bai area is in direct support of the 4th Marine Regiment.

Company "C" (-) (Rein), 1st Tank Battalion is in direct support of the 1st Marine Regiment.

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COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

Reliable communications were maintained during the month of July to support tactical requirements of this organization.

Four (4) radio nets were maintained on a twenty-four (24) hour basis - (Division Tac #3, Battalion Tac, Southern Sector Defense, Fire Direction Control.) One (1) administrative net to C-3rd Tank Bn., Phu Bai area was activated three (3) times daily.

A Loop Line was installed in Sub-sector Defense, Sub-sector I area. Telephones were installed in S-3 bunkers.

AN/GIC-1 Alert Telephone System installed in command bunkers replaced telephone sets EE-8. This change provided Wire Section with telephone sets to be installed in areas of need.

A hot line was installed to the water point at Phong Bac to 3rd Plt I-3-I to coordinate patrol action.

A Trunk Line to Elick FDC was added to Smokerroom switchboard. We relocated the maintenance shop from GP tent to the Butler building. Construction of maintenance shop was in progress to provide a storage area for mount-out cases and a dry area to repair tank and vehicle radios.

Repair efficiency was reduced by the loss of one (1) AN/URM-43 and one (1) AN/ARC-48 to FLSG for repair.

This command now has four (4) AN/PAC-8, three (3) RT-66, one (1) AN/ARC-55, one (1) RT-70 deadlined and awaiting parts at electronic repair facilities of FLSG-A.

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL

The Battalion Sick Call for the month of July is comparable with that of June. There were 198 patients seen. Complaints were numerous, but consistent with previous months. Heat rashes were not as prevalent as they were in June.

The Venereal Disease rate dropped considerably with only three cases contracted during July. Two cases were out-of-country and one in-country.

There were 125 Vietnamese civilians seen at the Battalion Aid Station who required the attention of a Medical Officer and 164 treatments rendered. Their various complaints were consistent with previous months and responded well to treatment.

One five or six year old child was brought to the Battalion Aid Station unconscious and transferred immediately to the USOM hospital. A diagnosis of Encephalomeningitis was established. This patient died two days after admission. This is the only case reported in Phong Bac.

The Civic Action Medical Teams visited Phong Bac and Hoa Cuong routinely three times a week. There were 834 patients seen in Phong Bac with a total of 1241 treatments rendered. There were 1133 patients seen in Hoa Buong with a total of 1395 treatments rendered.

The villages of Phu Hoa, Xom Mit and Hoa Cam (Dependent Quarters) were visited in co-ordination with Hoa Cam Training Advisors. There were 709 patients seen in these hamlets with 1065 treatments rendered.

The total patients seen by the Medical Teams in all villages or hamlets including those seen in the Battalion Aid Station was 2781. The total treatments were 3865.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS

A growing diversification of activities marks the efforts of Civic Action Team in attempts to further the economic, social, and politico-cultural growth of its area of responsibility. Throughout July, the Civil Affairs section of the Tank Battalion continued its varied program in the hamlets of Phong Bac and Khue Truong II. As the organization coordinating all Civil Affairs projects in the South DaNang area, the battalion maintains close liason with the Civic Action endeavors of its compatriots as well.

A well-educated populace is one of the key ingredients in a successful for democracy. The Tank Battalion remains acutely sensitive to the intellectual requirements of Hoa Tho and Hoa Cuong Villages and continues to exert maximum effort to improve the educational facilities within both its practical and administrative areas. In consonance with this established policy, the Civil Affairs program took a large forward stride with the opening of the Khue Truong II Hamlet primary school on July 11. More than 500 people gathered for the ceremonies which officially marked the beginning of classes.

The villagers were greeted by members of the Quang Nam Province educational department, the Chief of Hoa Vang District, and other Vietnamese officials. Lt. Colonel Raphael, Commanding Officer of the Tank Battalion, was invited to speak and delivered a brief call for the students to "study hard so you can grow up to become educated citizens who will help build a strong, free, Viet-Nam."

The school which will provide an elementary education for approximately 300 children had stood empty for almost two years. In order to open it, the Civic Action Team procured text books, wall maps, a flag-pole, two Vietnamese flags, and 300 CARE school kits. With the assistance of other Tank Battalion Marines, the required school furniture was constructed, black boards were mounted, and the flag-pole was erected. Two teachers have been employed by Hoa Cuong Village and the school enrollment has already increased by about 20% necessitating a further provision of texts and school supplies.

While principal attention was devoted to the new school at Khue Truong II, the previously established one in Phong Bac Hamlet was not neglected. A chronic shortage of applicable text books was remedied on 23 July, when the Battalion Executive Officer, Major Doss, and the Civil Affairs Officer distributed nearly 700 new study/work guides to the students and Popular Forces soldiers of Phong Bac. Future plans call for an additional room to be added to this school and increased attention is being paid to the recurring needs of hamlet school children.

Among the brightest spots in any Civic Action program are those provided by the initiation and completion of meaningful self-help projects by the village people. During July, the people of Phong Bac Hamlet completed three new cement wells. Each of these was built with material obtained through Vietnamese governmental agencies and with labor provided by hamlet leadership. An additional two wells are now under construction and the only U. S. contribution thus far has been the use of transportation facilities of the 3d Tank Battalion to provide the requisite sand and gravel.

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In a greater commitment to the defense of their homes against incursion of hostile elements, the residents of Phong Bac and Thon Phong Bac are also building four sentry boxes in strategic locations within the hamlets. Scheduled for completion during early August, these posts will be manned by locally recruited men. Once again, no American labor or materials have been expended on these projects but the Vietnamese have been careful to draw them to the attention of the Civil Affairs Officer in an attempt to show their accord with Marine activities in related spheres.

An increasing awareness of their responsibility within the Vietnamese American pacification effort is being displayed by local officials. During the past thirty days, contacts between the Civil Affairs Officer and Village/Hamlet officials have more than tripled. Local leaders have become markedly more friendly and this increased rapport has elicited a growing flow of raw intelligence material concerning Viet Cong activity in the Hoa Tho and Hoa Cuong Village areas. Operating in close contact with the Battalion Intelligence Officer, the Civic Action team has received information relating to individual natives currently serving with insurgent forces. A program to win these dissidents to the government is already in progress through the application of psychological techniques among the relatives who continue to reside within the hamlets. In addition to these measures, local Marine forces have been notified of the locations suspect's homes for use as a guidance factor in establishing meaningful patrol routes and laying effective ambushes.

During the month, Tank Battalion Marines continued to provide security for the Phong Bac School and to patrol the Phong Bac Hamlet area. They were partially assisted in these duties by the Popular Forces soldiers who are stationed at the Hoa Tho Village office which adjoins the school. Discussions with local officials reveal that these patrols disrupt Viet Cong attempts to move freely in the Binh Thai-Phong Bac area; and constant Marine active participation in anti-government operations by local sympathizers. New population control measures for this area are currently under study by the Intelligence and Civil Affairs Officers.

While it is unrealistic to term any of the hamlets in Hoa Tho village 'pacified' (these include Thon Phong Bac, Phong Bac, Yen Bac, Binh Thai, and the Cam Hoa's), significant progress is being made toward this end. Rather than deluding itself with the superficial and deceptive calm of everyday rural Viet-Nam, the Tank Battalion Civic Action Team remains alert to every hint of Viet Cong activity in its area. At the same time, relations with all strata of hamlet society continue to improve and the past month has seen a Vietnamese woman point out a booby-trapped M-26 grenade to the Civil Affairs Officer. The grenade was lying atop the spoon in order to hold it in the depressed position; the pin had been withdrawn. Placed in a mound of earth about two feet above ground level, the grenade was camouflaged with dirt but could easily be detected upon close inspection. It is suspected that the booby-trap was designed for use against Marine/Popular Forces units which provide security for the nearby Phong Bac school or as a terror device to inflict casualties on inquisitive hamlet children. The knowledge that this woman was regarded for her action had spread throughout the hamlet and will undoubtedly have a salutary effect on future discoverers of such ordnance.

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The battalion has displayed a vigorous approach to community problems and encourages hamlet leadership to work through normal Vietnamese government channels. A corollary to this cooperation is the ever-growing bond between members of the Civil Affairs staff and the officials and advisors of Hoa Vang district. A close liason with U. S. Army representatives attached to the District Chief's military staff has provided the Battalion with invaluable information concerning dealings with the Vietnamese bureaucracy. Additional intelligence information regarding insurgent operations in neighboring hamlets has been provided both by Hoa Van and by Army advisors from the ARVN Training facility at Hoa Cam. When coupled with a series of preliminary visits with USOM representatives in Da Nang, these improved relations have paved the way for increased cooperation between the Tank Battalion and other U. S. agencies.

The MEDCAP program continues to be one of our most effective contact points with the Vietnamese people. During July, the MEDCAP team spent more than 1400 man-hours in treating local people. In visits to various "aid centers" which have been established throughout the Battalion's area for Civic Action Responsibility, the Corpamen held sick call for 523 adults and 2133 children. Significantly the number of adult patients continues to rise each month. This increase is a heartening one since it mirrors a growing trustfulness on the part of the usually reticent Vietnamese older generation. In addition to the mobile MEDCAP units, the Battalion Aid Station welcomes all of the hamlet people who approach the Command Post for treatment. During the past month, 101 children and a further 24 adults availed themselves of this opportunity. The MEDCAP activities are however not confined to merely ministering to ailments already apparent. The Corpsmen provide sanitary and health instruction as part of their normal treatment procedure and frequently distribute soap to their patients.

Cases of a nature whose seriousness demands more specialized attention are evacuated to USOM hospital facilities for further diagnosis and care. Three instances this month were deemed sufficiently grave to warrant this evacuation assistance. Finally, the Aid Station maintains its program of training rural health workers and has three full-time "nurses" working with MEDCAP team. These girls have been extremely well received by the hamlet populations.

As an overall indication of the outstanding accomplishments of the Battalion's medical support to the Civil Affairs effort, during July a 24% increase in the number of treatments within the Phong Bac - Khue Truong area was effected.

Despite our obvious goal to help the people help themselves, a certain amount of selective relief assistance is still required each month. During July for example, the Tank Battalion distributed more than five tons of splintered lumber to the hamlet population of Phong Bac for use as cooking fuel. About 60,000 lbs. of edible garbage from the mess hall was given away for use as pig food and a large amount of soap was distributed to reinforce a continuing personal hygiene campaign. Villagers working with Marines on local civil affairs projects were invariably the recipients of appropriate amounts of rice, bulgar wheat, cooking oil, or canned goods.

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1600		01	011600H	Co A: A24 fired H&I at grid squares 8374, 8576, 8677, from 302000H to 302300H from (AT 880770). Expended 15 rounds 90 mm HE.	F
2039		02	011930H	Co C 1st Tank Bn: Tks B23 and B25 with B/1/1. EC 32, 33, 34, 35, 51 with A/1/1. EC 52 and 13 at 1/1 CP.	F
2134		03	012118H	Co B: B21 and B24 supporting B/1/9. A32 and 34 supporting D/1/9. B41 and B42 assist eng on road. Other tanks in G/5 1/9 from CP. B3 supports E & G 2/9.	F
0112		04	012330H	Co B: B32 and G/2/9 received 150 small arms and 20 mortar rounds at 012130H. B32 fired 2 cannister and 300 cal 30. 1 infantry KIA. 6 infantry MIA. 1 tank crewman WIA.	F

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1435		01	021325H	Co B: At 021200H tks B32 and B33 located at (AT 020560) observed 4 VC with weapons in a boat moving south on the river. at (BT 020566). Tks fired 4 9C M. HL, 400 cal 30 and 100 cal 50. VC abandoned boat on south shore. 1 VC KIA (CONF), 1 VC KIA (PRCB).	F
1500		02	020940H	Co C 1st Tk Bn: At 020940H tk CL4 hit mine at (AT 078638). Moderate damage right suspension. Crater 3' deep 5' wide.	F
1700		03	021700H	Co A: From 020800H to 021600H tks AL2 and AL4 on sweep with F/2/3. At (8657) bridge had been destroyed. Tanks forded stream. At (AT 859567) found barb wire gate across road. Fired 2 90 MM HL, two secondary explosions. At (AT 848567) found similar gate. Fired 2 90 MM HL, On2 secondary explosion. At (AT 838566) inf saw 2 VC run into woods. Fired 3 cannister rounds. 2 VC KIA (CONF). At (AT 838572) 2 VC ran behind hill. Fired 3 90 MM HL and 1 90 MM WP. 2 VC KIA (PRCB).	F
2300		04	022205H	Co A: At 022205H a Sid device detected movement of 8 to 10 personnel in a woodline at (AT 885552). Tank located at (AT 877574) fired 7 rounds 90 MM HL, 3 rounds 90 MM WP, 250 rounds cal 30 and 50 rounds cal 50. Observed secondary explosions. Area searched with tank searchlight and counted 7 bodies. 7 VC KIA (CONF).	F

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1000		01	030820H	Co B: At 022355H tks B34 and B35 located at (AT 982552) received 25 rounds mortar fire. Tanks fired 10 90 MM and 2100 Cal 30. 1 tank crewman WIA.	F
1005		02	030919H	Co B: At 030845H tks B31 and B32 spotted 15 to 25 VC in elephant grass. Tks fired 9 90 MM and 1000 cal 30. Friendly: (BT 030560) Enemy: (BT 035560). Fire appeared to hit ten VC. 10 VC KIA (PROB).	F
1305		03	030810H	Co B: At 030750H tks B13 and B32 located at (BT 019559) saw one VC with weapon drinking water at river at (BT 026555). Fired 1 round 90 MM. 1 VC KIA (CONF).	F
1310		04	031055H	Co B: At 031000H tks B31, B32 and B33 at (BT 025557) fired on 3 bunkers on river bank at (BT 025554). Also 2 boats on the bank. One secondary explosion. 1 VC with weapon ran from bunker. Observed direct hit on VC. Tks fired 19 90 MM, 1000 cal 30 and 50 cal 50, 1 VC KIA (Conf).	F
1525		05	031445H	Co B: At 031225H tks B-21 and B-24 at (AT 925536) received 10 rounds sniper fire from (AT 909529) enemy spotted in hole w/rifle tk B24 fired 2, 90mm HE direct hit on target body observed flying in air. 1 VC KIA body count.	S
1615		06	031500H	Co A: A24 and A25 fired HE from 02200H to 022200H 30 90mm HE on targets in grid squares at 8376, 8377, 8378, 8474, 8475, 8577, 8676, 8677, 8674, and 8775 A24 at 030230H observed 3 VC approx. 500 meters to their front. Tank at (AT 891772). fired 1 cann and 25 cal 50. Results 2 VC KIA (PROB). A42	
2030		07	031950H	Co Co C, 1st TRBN tk 032 fired 1 90mm cann at river crossing at (BT 122627) observed secondary explosion.	

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2145		08	032055H	Follow up from Co "C" (1st Tk Bn) on entry 07. Secondary explosion from tk fire resulted in crater 6'X4'.	
2245		09	031837H	Co B: At 031700 B22 and B33 at (MT 019558) spotted 20-30 VC. (Pt 007556) VC fled tks fired 8 mm, 1000 cal. 30, and 100 cal in trace. Also 1 arty mission 4 bodies (conf) 10 (Prob).	

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0755		01	040713H	CO Co B: At 040400H tks B32 and B33 at (BT 019559) spotted 3 VC in boat going East at (BT 025553). Fired 15 90mm HE, 500 cal 30, destroyed occupants	
1630		02	041630H	Co A: tks 422 and 423 at (AT 904717) at 041100H fired 35 90mm HE in H&I fire at (AT 8771 to 8772). Two secondary explosions resulted. No VC KIA or KIA.	F
1850		03	141752H	Co C: 3d tks 4 tks evacuated. 3d platoon in direct support of impressive. 2nd platoon remaining at Co "C" C.F. 1st platoon on 4 hour standby Operation Jay, phase 2.	F
2050		04	040227H	Co C: 1st Tks 52 and 13 with Co B 1/1 tks 15 and BL3 with Co C 1/1 tks 32-35 and 51 with Co A 1/1 no enemy contact.	
2135		05	042118H	Co B: BL1 and H52 with A1/9. BL2 and BL4 with B 1/9. 3rd plt Co A with D 1/9 B41,42,21, and 24 in general support of 1/9. 3d plt Co B with 2/9 forward. CL1 and 12 support 2/9 rear.	
2230		06	042200H	Co A: At 042045H tks A41 42 supporting E 2/3 at 935660 got heavy small arms fire. tks expended 3 90mm WP and 2 90mm HE. Results unknown.	F
2230		07	042205H	At 042100H Co A: 1st plt tks at 877573 fired H&I on coordinates 866555. expended 220 cal 30, 5 90mm WP and 1 90mm HE Neg results.	F

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0900		01	050810H	Co C: Phu Bai S-5 and S-3 our location 041100H. 4 tks departed from Hue 041200H.	
1120		02	051110H	Co B: forward at 050920H tks 011, C12 on mine sweep found cave at (AT 996633) fired 2 90mm HE.	F
1330		03	051130H	Co B: at 051130H B2 at 073608 saw VCS run into treeeling. Fired 30 45 cal over head of VCS. Results unknown	
1800		04	051735H	Co D: at 051645H tks B12 B42 at (929537) rec'd sniper fire from (AT 928528) observed VC running tks fired 2 90mm cannister rounds, 2 90mm WP, 500 30 cal arty also called in. Results 1 UMAC WLA, 1VC WLA (FACB).	
1800		05	051739H	Co C: Phu Bai 3d plt direct support of impressive, 2nd plt and 1st plt remain at C.P. on 4 hrs standby Operation "Jay"	
2055		06	052031H	Co B: B32,33,34, 35 and 51 all with A 1/1, B13,15,52 and 25 are with B 1/1 no contact.	
2155		07	052045H	Co B: tks at 067614 rec'd 400-500 small arms rounds at 052045H. Fired 12 WP, 2 HE, 2300 cal 30 results unk.	

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1830		01	061650H	CO Co A: Reported flame tk with thrown rod and one with thrown track. Time of repair 200H	
1830		02	061730H	CO Co A: Going to leave flame tk at present position. Coordinating with infantry sqd. local security. Present position 933866.	
1845		03	061627H	Co B: Forward at 061200H while at 019559 saw 20 VC at 034557 fired 3 rounds HE 500 rounds 30 cal in area of VC 6 VC KIA (PROB).	
1845		04	061633H	CO Co B: Forward at 061245H while at 019559 saw 7 VC with weapons going North at coord 030552 fired 9 HE, 500 cal 30. 4 VC KIA (CONF) body count 3 VC WIA (PROB).	
2235		05	062000H	CO Co B: Forward saw 3 VC with automatic weapons fired 2 90mm HE, 200 cal 30 3 VC KIA (CONF).	S/F
2235		06	062005H	CO Co B: Forward saw 5 VC with weapons moving near their position fired 2 rds 90mm HE, 300 cal 30 rounds 5 VC KIA (CONF)	S/F
2235		07	062130H	CO Co B: Forward was 20 VC with weapons fired 10 rds 90mm HE, 200 rds cal 30 50 rds cal 50. Observed direct hit among enemy line of march. 9VC KIA (PROB)	S/F
2235		08	062030H	Co A: 1st Plt saw a man in a boat, fired one 90mm HE, 90mm WP. Illuminated target but could not find occupant. 1 VC KIA (PROB)	

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0755		01	070020H	Co B: At 156605 received 30 rounds small arms fire from 200 yds to the East. Fired 1 round 90mm cannister. Results unknown.	
1137		02	071110H	Co A: Flame tk A22 has feet back on. Tk 21 with VTR tow bar is at flame tk. LCU standing by to take flame tk & tk back to my C.P.	
1430		03	071445H	Co A: flame tk A22 has both track on estimated time of leaving present position is 071600H.	
1730		04	071730H	Co A: A24 and A25 fired H&I at 8447, 8577, 8377, 8678, 8675, 8677, 8476, 8376, 8474, and 2 HE, 12 WP, 062000H to 062300H Friendly (AT 880770).	
1755		05	071750H	Co B: Forward, at 071700H tks operating with "D" 1/9 at (AT 923554) saw VC crossing river in boats at (AT 964557) Infantry called in mortars, tks fired 4 rounds 90mm HE. Results 7 VC KIA (CONF) body count.	
1850		06	071750H	CO Co B: Forward A32 (AT 9223554) fired 4 90mm HE 3 VC KIA (CONF)	
071000		07	062050H	LATE MATHY Co C: at 062050H tks located at (AT 075600) were alerted that infantry units in area were receiving enemy fire from (BT 077602). Tks fired 10 rounds 90mm HE 14 90mm WP, 1 90mm cannister and 300 rounds 30 cal. Area not searched because of darkness.	

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1025		01	081025H	Co B: at 080932 5 tks, 3 flame tks, 4 LVTs, 2 LVTs crossed Seng Thu Ben at (AT 957552) crossing was made after Arty prep. Fire was received by vehicles as they crossed.	
1400		02	081000H	Co B: Forward at 081000H rec'd small arms while at (946542) fired WP 2 cannister, 14 seconds desel in supan village.	
1400		03	081040H	Co B: at 081040H BL3 while at (980552) saw 1 VC (AT 977555) wearing black pajamas with pith helmet changing into civilian clothes. 1 WP direct hit 1 VC KIA (CONF)	
1400		04	081330H	Co C: 1stTnBn C11 & C12 at 081330H positioned at 003634 rec'd small arms fire. Fired 3 HE 1500 cal 30 neg results.	
1640		05	081421H	Co C: B: at 081430H B2 observed 4 VCS at (967528). captured same.	
1645		06	081416H	Co C: B: Small arms fire received from 3 automatic weapons at 003633. Fired 6 cannister & 300 rounds 30 cal. Infantry search & found bleed one VC KIA (PROB).	
1650		07	081615H	Co B: at 081515H two men were injured by being crushed between tks being retrieved.	
1815		08	081730H	Co C: B: at 081520H tk B34 at (AT 985544) saw 2 VC at (AT 977538) running across field fired 1 rd 90mm HE direct hit body's observed and varified, by H-2/9 CO, 2VC KIA (CONF).	

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0824		01	090700H	CO C: A: at 090700H Tk on mine sweep, (890569) mine detonated slight damage to tk one (1) man med evac.	F
0940		02	081500H	LATE MURPHY Co A: A24, A25 fired H&I fires on grid squares 8577, 8377, 7867, 8867, 5867, 8876, & 8376 expended 24 HE, fire unobserved.	
1040		03	090945H	A15 detonated mine moderate damage one (1) crewman WIA.	
1045		04	090955H	CO B-2: at 090905H saw 1 male walking thru paddies, ran upon sighting tk coord: 966556, B25 captured VCS.	
1953		05	091930H	Co C 1st Tks, at 091720H a t (BT 143607) LVT tripped malayan whip. TC C32 bruised; infantryman arm broken. TC has minor bruises fir for duty.	

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1520		01	101400H	Co B: Forward at 1330H tks B-13 conducted a recon by fire into a minefield (970599) located by infantrymen of A Co 1st Bn 9th Marines. Tks fired 3 rd 90mm cannister into minefield, no secondary explosions.	
1520		02	101445H	Co B at 1330H 5 Co B tks went on a sweep with elements of "M" Co 3/9. Tks conducted a recon by fire in advance of infantry. Expended 2 Rounds 90mm cannister, 5 rds 90mm HE, 13 rds 90mm WP & 3100 rds 30 cal. Results 40 buildings, small arms ammunition dump destroyed also 8 VCS apprehended.	
1525		03	101500H	Co B Forward: From 0800-1300 tks B41 & B42 went with Co "A" 3/9 on a sweep at coord (AT 976533) to (AT 987534). Tks expended 11 rds 90mm WP, and 1 rd 90mm cannister while conducting a recon by fire negative results.	
1900		04	101800H	Co A: at coord 7186 fired 19 HE, LWP, one large secondary explosion	

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1410		01	111300H	Co B: 3 tks went to aid infantry who fell upon VC, during sweep. Fired 9 canister, 8 HE, 2 WP, in VC village 3 secondary explosions 4 WIA infantry, 1 VCC.	
1430		02	112004H	CO TKBn vehicles recovered, all vehicles (tks) at Co C CP no vehical damage and under own power bridge will require engineer work VC have built bypass all traffic can move. Flame Tk collapsed bridge request BIV VTR be sent to Co A CP.	
1555		03	111455H	CO Co B: at 111345H tk B15 at (BT 021534) saw one male in river bed at (BT 025525) B15 fired 30 rds cal 30 and 1 rd 90mm HE. Saw man fall infantry did not search area 1 VC KLa (PhOB).	
1805		04	111650H	CO Co B: at 111645H tk B12 saw two (2) VC in trenchline fired 25 rds cal 30 at VC stepped fire due to infantry, 1 VCS captured.	
2040		05	112015H	Co B: at 112015H at 980564 tks saw 2 VC trying to cross river. Fired at VC results 2 VC KLa (PhOB).	

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0816		01	120330H	Co B: Received at 0250H 20 rds, 60mm mortar 10 rds 82mm (chicom) type. 100 rds small arms, tks could not fire masked by infantry.	
0900		02	120730H	Co Co C: from 0930H to 1400H three 3rd plt. tks with squad of D 1/4 patrolled from vital area to 880085, no contact.	
1840		03	121725H	Co A: 2nd plt. At 120830H tks A22 & A23 at 901718 fired 40 rds 90mm HE & 20 rds 90mm WP. area fire, on coord (AT 8670 and 8771) Saw 3 secondary explosions.	
1850		04	121730H	Co Co C (Phu Bai) Went on helo recon for route from vital area to Dong Ha. Engineers accompanied to check possible area where assistance could be used. This is 2nd recon made in past 2 days. River crossing was found at (334538 sheet 6461-3) and physically checked.	
2155		05	122119H	Co B: Forward command group with 1/3 command group at (BT 042549) Co Co B will recon new fording site possible fording site at (BT 033557) BL5 & F32 at (BT 057528). Other tks remain the same.	

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0905		01	130850H	Co A: Tks A41, 42, 12, 13, and 14 held mine sweep at 130600H to 130845H from coord 877544 to 943663 neg contact.	
0940		02	130830H	Co C, 1st Tks at 122115H LP of 141 CP saw 6 VC tk C11 moved to appropriate position and fired 7 rds 90mm cannister, lrd 90mm HE 300 rds cal 30 area not searched results unknown.	
1250		03	131150H	Co C, 1st Tks: Tks 8-52 and C-15 at 1150H with infantry at coord 062625 received fire. Tks and infantry returned fire. Expended 61X(6) 90mm cannister rds, 2 VC KIA (COAF) one house destroyed.	
1605		04	131502H	Co B: At 1130H tk B-34 threw track at (037553). Three VC armed were saw in the brush, VC open fire, tk crew returned fire with six(6) rds 45 cal from sub-machine gun Infantry searched area with neg results. Note one (1) 12 yr old Vietnamese boy was killed by rds fired by VC.	
1705		05	131530H	Co B: tks at 131415H observed 3 VC at (AT 955535) going into treeline. Tks fired 3 rds 90mm HE, 2rds 90mm WF & 15 30 cal. neg results. Tks position 955545.	
1730		06	131530H	Co B: Tk B-31 hit mine at 1545H, at 993577 with moderate to heavy damage	
1735		07	131535H	Co B: Tk B-35 at 953547 saw one (1) VC going across river at 942538 tk expended tow (2) 90mm HE rds, one (1) 90mm WF rd and fifty (50) cal 30 rds. one (1) VC KIA (COAF) by 3/9.	

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1935		08	091300H	<p>1st Lt. ENTRY: CO Co A: D-21 Tank found 221 chicom grenades and 18 claymore mines in Buddhist Temple at coord 915548.</p>	
1945		09	131930H	<p>Co A: Plt leader fired H&amp;I fires at 131835H into coord F 877574 and E 873555, fired 2 WP rds and 4 HE rds, destroyed one house.</p>	
2115		10	132015H	<p>Tank Cndr B-13 at 131515H fired recon fire for infantry into coord 982662, 2 rd 90mm WP and 4 rd 90mm HE destroyed 6 houses with negative results.</p>	

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0930		01	140843H	Tk Commander B-24 hit mine at 0830H at coord 911549 with extensive damage to right front suspension.	
0940		02	140850H	CO Co A: Mine sweep held from 0600H to 0845H from coord 943663 to 877574.	
0940		03	140900H	CO Co A: A-11 at coord 877574 picked up movement by SLD at 132030 in coord 873555. Fired 1 rd 90mm HE and 1 rd 90mm WP. negative results.	
0940		04	140905H	Co B: 2nd Plt leader at 0825H at coord 940534 saw 1 VC in green uniform at coord 939533. Tk B-23 expended 2 rd 90mm cannister. results unknown infantry from Co M 3/9 searching area.	
1130		05	141102H	Co B: 3d Plt leader reports B-34 hit mine at 141045H at coord 985584, extensive damage to front right suspension. No casualties.	
1245		06	141210H	CO Co A: plt 1d 2d plt at 141030H at coord 943524 observed one (1) VC with weapon at coord 945523 running into treeline, expended 100 rds cal 30 with negative results. Infantry did not search area.	
2045		07	141175H	At coord 928527 Co B forward saw 6 VC in green uniforms at 922505, B-25 fired 5 90mm HE, 2 90mm WP 3 VC KIA (PROB) 3VC KIA (CONF).	
2045		08	141802H	At coord 928527 B-2 saw 4 VC in house, 3 VC at side in black uniforms B-23 fired 2 90mm HE, 2 90mm WP saw direct hit 5 VC KIA (CONF), 2 VC KIA (PROB).	
2045		09	141810H	At coord 928527 B-2 saw 5 VC at 921505 in khaki uniforms B-25 fired 4 90mm HE results UNK	
2045		10	141935H	A-32 at coord 953552 saw 1 VC at 964557, fired 100 30 cal rds 2 VC KIA (PROB)	
0800		11	141500H	NOTE: CO Co A: plane tk A-21 fired burst of cal 30 into rail road tunnel at 936866 from 132300H to 140600H. Expending 3,000 rds. Tunnel was used in last VC attack on Esso Plant.	

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0830		01	150715H	CO Co B: B-33 at 141800H at 981551 fired 2 rds 90mm HE and destroyed house at 975549 at request of 1st plt "H" Co 2/9.	
0835		02	150717H	CO Co B: B-33 at 142200H at coord 981551 fired recon mission into suspected area at coord 981555 expending 1 rd 90mm canister and 250 rds cal 30. At request of "H" Co 2/9. Infantry did not search area. Results unknown.	
1135		03	151045H	CO Co A: Mine sweep of road from coords 943663 to 877574 uncovered a mine at 925606. Mine was home made approximately 10 lbs. Dimensions 4"X8"X10". Also discovered a decoy mine. Mines were dug up and taken by eng plt cmdr.	
1815		04	151750H	Co C: Patrolled coord 812120, 721156, 825150, 815148, with infantry and engineers. Negative contact.	

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0720		01	160530H	C Co B: Forward at 151900H a C Co B tk in support of "M" 3/9 saw 1 VC in a green uniform carrying binoculars at (AT 913494). Tk expended 1 rd 90mm HE direct hit saw by Tk and verified by infantry. Resulting in 1 VC KIA (CONF).	
0850		02	160809H	CO Co A: H&I fired from 152000H to 160600H into coord 8577, 8378, 8676, 8677, 8470, 8674 as requested by "I" Co 3/3.	
1240		03	161220H	CO Co A: A-13 and A-14 from 160630 to 161145 went on road mine sweep from coord 943663 to 877574. No incidents.	
1535		04	161510H	CO Co A: A-11 and A-12 at coord 869574 get sniper fire from a house at coord 839567. Tks fired 12 rds 90mm WP and 4 rds 90mm HE. Levelled village, no more sniper fire. Infantry did not search area results unknown.	S/F
1832		05	161641H	CO Co G, 3d Tks: Made patrol into grid coors 815166, 799178, 782178, 796150 no contact.	

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1015		01	170945H	CO Co A: A-11 and A12 made read mine sweep from coords 94366, 877574 at 170630H, sweep completed. No contact		
1700		02	171545H	At 913514 B-2 saw 30 VC at 885533 running into tree line B-25 & B-23 fired 17 90mm HE, 5 90mm WP direct hits saw 16 VC KIA (CONF) 5 WIA, 5 houses destroyed		
1900		03	171714H	Co C: 2nd plt patrolled at (YD 809159) (YD 810150), (YD 823133), (YD 810130) with infantry & 3d Tks. 3rd plt in direct support of 1/4.		
2305		04	172215H	Co B: at 172210H 1/9 positions on hill 55 at (AT 982624) received approximately 30 rds small arms fire from vicinity (AT 985618). 2 rd WP 81mm (or larger) mortar impacted on ESK 200 to 250 meters in front Tk B-41 position. Position of mortars unk tks could not return fire as infantry believed to be in area. No casualties.		

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0705			01 180945H	Co "C", 1st Tkn: Tk C-13 supporting C-11 at (BT 083642) saw unidentified person running from Tk position. Tk fired 10 rds 30 cal neg results.	S/F
1045			02 181025H	<u>Latex mine</u> : While on patrol with 2d plt Co "B" 1/9 B-13 detonated a mine at 937555, no casualties or damage.	
1220			03 181026H	Co Co "L", B-33 at coord 966584 received sniper fire at 180800H from a house fired 4 rds 90mm HE, destroyed house, area not searched by infantry one (1) VC KIA (PHOB).	S/F
1230			04 181045H	Co Co "A": Road sweep held from coord 943663 to 877574, no incidents	S/F
1235			05 181059H	Co Co "A": Tks A-23 and A-24 fired HEI fire from coord. 901718 to target area coord 8871 and 8770 expended 20 rds 90mm WP and 10 rds 90mm HE. Two (2) secondary explosions.	S/F
1530			06 181230H	Co Co "C", 1st Tks. VC attacked a PF position at coord 168577 in platoon strength. From coords 169574 and 1715767 C-11 and C-13 were dispatched. to coords 168577 and received small arms fire. Tks expended (10) rds 90mm HE (6) rds 90mm WP and (1) rd 90mm cannister. 8 VC KIA (COAT), 10 (PHOB) based on fire no search made because of river.	S/F
1825			07 181041H	Co "A" CO, 2d plt patrolled area coord (YD 8116, 8316, 8313, 8113) from 181000H to 181200H with two tks. Three tks 2d plt with infantry patrolled coord (YD 7818, 8018, 8016, 7816) from 181400H to 181600H. CC Co "C" received negative on move north Cobi Thuan Tan area.	
2030			08 181935H	Co Co "B" 2d plt Co "B" 1/9 found 1 60mm type shape charge and two 105mm rd thus cashed in a treeline at 913549 at 180830H, items were in vicinity of where B-24 hit mine.	S/F
2115			09 181522H	Co Co "A" at 181445H received one rd of sniper fire at coord 937635 striking right front tire of L-54 truck, searched immediate area neg results.	S/F

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1000		01	190909H	CO Co "A": at 190630H four (4) tanks of Co "A", 1st plt made a road sweep from coord 943663 to 877574 with no incidents.	
1840		02	191725H	2nd plt Co "C" patrolled 8016, 7818, 8016, from 1000 to 1200 with infantry and 2 tks. 2nd plt with 3 tks patrolled 8116, 8316, 8213, 8113 from 1400 to 1600 neg results.	
2110		03	192010H	Co "D" forward, B-2 at (AT 911518) received small arms fire from (AT 915508) B-25 fired (1) 90mm HL (1) 90mm HP unable to see results.	

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0745		01	200719H	Tk Cndr. B-23 at 200700H enroute to "G" Co 2/9 contacted a M-16 bounding mine at coord 003565. No damage or casualties.	
1500		02	201400H	Co Co "B" Tks with 3/9 received 20 rds sniper fire, tks B-22, B-23 and B-25 saw ten (10) to fifteen (15) VC running from village dressed in green and black uniforms. Tks fired 12 rds 90mm HE, 5 rds WP, 100 rds cal 50 and 500 rds cal 30. Observed direct hit on one (1) VC, four (4) VC KIA (FROB).	B/F
1505		03	201407H	Co Co "L" 2nd Lt tks, B-22, B-23 and B-25 leaving CP fwd for "K" Co 3/3 at 201335H while enroute B-22 hit booby trap, pressure type 30 cal type. No action taken no casualties or damage.	B/F
1920		04	201720H	Co "B" at 201520H 2nd plt units received 100 rds sniper fire from 4 or 5 VC in tree line at (AT 950527) and (AT 945520). Tks B-22, B-23 and B-25 fired 3 rounds 90mm HE, 3 rds 90mm WP and 100 rds 30 caliber. Unable to determine results, infantry did not search.	
2000		05	202000H	Co "B", at 201855H B-2 units saw 4 VC, 1 with weapon running on beach at (AT 904526). B-23 expended 2 HE and 1 WP rds. Observed direct hit and 3 bodies on the beach. Results 3 VC KIA (CONF).	
2330		06	201130H	Co "A" at 201130H Co "A" tks in support of infantry at (AT 839508) fired 18 rds of 90mm WP, 9 rds 90mm HE, 3000 rds 30 caliber and 450 rds 50 caliber at VC who had taken supporting infantry under fire. Infantry withdraw while tks fired at VC at (AT 842502).	
2330		07	201145H	Co "A", at 201145H Tk Cndr tk M-12 was hit by splitter scr p in the arm by a artillery short r und (friendly) man was not med evacuated.	

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2330		08	201940H	Co "B" at 201800H Flame Tks F-34 and F-32 fired fuel (deisel) at treeing, hedge row, and bamboo grove. Mission was to clear field of mine for 1/9 D-6 to improve fields of fire and entry of defense for OP.
2330		09	202045H	Co "A", at 202045H a company "A" tank (239568) fired 3 nos 90mm WP to mark enemy position at (AT 849558) for air strikes.

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0950	01 210800H	Co "B" at 210800H a Co "B" tk at (AT 925527) saw 20 VC running across rice paddy at (AT 942518). VC were wearing green and black uniforms Tk B-25 fired 25 rds 90mm HB, 4 direct hits seen, unable to determine results.
0950	02 210818H	Co "B" at 210815H Co "B" tk at (AT 925527) observed 4 VC running across paddy at (AT 942518). Tk B-25 fired 3 rds 90mm HB, B-22 fired 1 round 90mm WP. Observed direct hit. 4 VC KIA (CONF)
1400	03 211047H	Co Co "A" at 210630H to 210900H made road mine sweep from coords 827574 to 918598. No incidents.
1500	04 211350H	Co Co "B" at 211350H B-25 at (952527) observed two (2) VC working their way toward their position (941523). Tk fired two (2) 90mm HE rounds, observed direct hit on VC. No search by infantry due to high concentration of VC hit area one (1) VC KIA (FUEL), one (1) VC KIA (CONF).

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0945		01	220915H	CO Co "B", Tk B-24 at 220905H at (AT 909514) received 20 rds sniper fire from (AT 904514). Tk fired 400 rds cal 30 and was unable to determine results as was in process returning to "K" 3/9.
1125		02	221100H	CO Co "A" Road mine sweep conducted from coord 918598 to 877574 at 220630 to 221000, one tk contacted 1 lb mine at 220930H at 886574, with no damage to vehicle, during physical sweep of area a bouncing betty mine was found at 895569.
1220		03	221130H	Co "A" at 212100H to 212200H tk A-25 at (AT 880770) in support of 1/3 fired H&I fire into (AT 869775) (AT 863783) (AT 865793). expended 4 90mm HE.
1430		04	221427H	CO Co "D" at 221330H, B-33 hit a AF type mine no damage to tk or personnel.
1503		05	221500H	CO Co "G": at 221408H G-24 hit mine at coord 790117 causing moderate damage, no casualties.
2100		06	221845H	Co "B": at 221720H B-14 at (AT 903541) returned fire at 6 to 10 VC who had fired across river at infantry. VC at (AT 901539). Observed 4 VC fall area not searched. expended 10 90mm cannister and 200 cal 30 rds. 1 USAF KIA 4 VC KIA (F10b).
2100		07	221910H	CO Co "B": at 221400H at (AT 961569) while probing for detonator of mine hit by A-22, Tk Cndr of B-41 discovered another mine in same area. B-14 expended 1 rd 90mm HE at mine blowing, it in place and leaving crater 6 ft wide, 3 ft deep.
2230		08	222004H	Co "L": At 221930H tks B-14 and B-15 at (AT 903547) in support of "D" 1/9 spotted 3 VC with weapons at (AT 901534). B-15 fired 2 rds 90mm WP resulting with 2 VC KIA (Conf).

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0955		01	230920H	CO Co "A": Road Sweep held from 230630H to 230900H from coord 875574 to 918598 no incidents.	
2115		02	232045H	Co "B": At 231830H F-31 and A-42 in support of B 1/9 observed 19 VC at (AT 929549). Fired 400 rounds 30 caliber machine gun. Searched area neg results	S/F
2235		03	232210H	Co "C", 1st Tks: Fired into friendly artillery impact area at (BT 061713). Fired 2 cannister, 4 #4 and 1 H& in support of mortar attack in vicinity of Da Nang East complex.	S/F

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1300		01	2411225H	CO Co "B": at 241100H, A-51 in a channelized area came upon a bamboo covering over old tk tracks and a stick with a cardboard sign in the middle of the trail. Fired 1 rd 90mm cannon, no results fired 1 rd 90mm Hb secondary explosion about 20 pounds TNT. No damage or casualties.	
1700		02	2411631H	Co "B": at 241545 an ARVN PF was receiving harassing fire from treeline. H-51 expended 9 WP, 2 HB. enemy fire ceased area not searched.	B/F
2020		03	2411936H	Tank Commander B-14 at 1425 received 15 rd sniper fire at his position at 906551 from 901550, B-14 and B-15 fired 5 rds 90mm WP, 50 caliber 30 rds. area not searched due to terrain features.	

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0830		01	250738H	CO Co "A": Alfa-25 from 242100H to 242200H in position at 885772 fired HEI into grid areas 863774, 862776, and 861781 expending six (6) rds 90mm HE. results unknown.		
1435		02	251201H	Tk Cmdr B-14 at 906551 received 15 rds automatic fire at 1110H. Tk B-14 and B-15 returned fire with 4 rds 90mm WP and 200 rds caliber 30 into enemy position at 901550, area not searched because of terrain.		
1515		03	251431H	CO Co "B": Infantry patrol at 975648 received 300 rds cal 30 automatic weapon fire at 251100H, point man KIA. Patrol broke contact and called artillery fire; B-14 and B-42 sweep in the village in grid sq. 9765 expended 2 rds 90mm HE, 2 rds 90mm cannister, 1 rd 90mm Heat and 200 cal 30 rds in recon fire. Destroyed one fortified building. Many fortifications noted in village.		
1650		04	251544H	Co "B": Mine report on 25July66 at 1510H tk B-35 hit mine at (AT 996567) damage 4 left shoes 2nd track, no casualties.		
1905		05	251730H	Co B: At 251600H two Co "B" tks at (AT 996567) received 30 rds of small arms fire from enemy at (AT 994565). Tks expended 200 rds of 30 caliber and 30 rds of 50 caliber into enemy position. Area not searched due to repair work on tk B-35.		
2050		06	201930H	Co "B" at 251925H while proceeding to 2nd plt Co "C" 1/9 tk B-42 was struck by a rifle grenade. Received about 30 rds small arms fire from 20 to 30 VC at (AT 968590) which was only 250 to 300 meters from C-2 position B-42 was penetrated on left side through sponson box and through turret ring, 1 cannister had top torn off. 1 crewman minor non-medevac. B-42 continued to C-2 position, could not return fire because of fouled turret, will return this CP. 1 friendly MIA.		

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1010		01	260955H	CO Co "A": Road sweep held by A-11, A-12, A-13 and A-14 from coord. 877574 to 924606 at 260630H to 260930H with negative results.	
1045		02	261035H	CO Co "A": At 252115H A-25 fired H & I fire into target areas located at 862782 863784, 864670. Expending 6 rds 90mm HE results unknown	
1940		03	261700H	CO Co "G": One squad of infantry and 3 tanks conducted a patrol in grid sqs. (YD 8117, 7878, 7816, 8016)	
1950		04	261745H	CO Co "G", 1st Tks: At 261745H while at (BT 115625) tks observed VC running across rice paddy. C-31 and supported infantry opened fire. Results 1 VC KIA (CCMF), 4 KIA PLOD.	
2010		05	261915H	CO Co "B": At 261845H B-14 at (AT 096551) received 10 rds of automatic weapon fire from treeline across river at (AT 904557) B-14, B-15 fired 2 90mm WP each. Loader of B-15 was hit by friendly artillery, medevac.	

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1305		01	271155H	Co "B": At coord 879510 observed 35 VC three with green uniforms, 3 with white uniforms rest with gray and black uniforms going into high grass, B-24 and B-25 expended 21 rds 90mm HE, 1rd 90mm WP and 800 rds Caliber 30 observed direct hit. 7 VC KIA confirmed, 5 VC KIA probable, 4 VC WIA confirmed 1 VC WIA probable.	3/P
1320		02	271227H	Co Co "B": At 271130H B-41, F-31, F-33 and A-31 proceeded to coord 968590 to conduct clearing operation of ambush site: F-31 dropped entire load with good area coverage. Destroyed treeline.	3/P
1415		03	271300H	Co Co "B" B-13 at 271210H received heavy automatic weapons fire into their position at coord 906551 from coord 901537. Tk fired 400 rd caliber 30 with unknown results.	3/P
1815		04	271700H	Co Co "C": 2nd plt patrolled (YD 8216), (YD 8213), (YD 7913), (YD 8015) from 0900 to 1100H with infantry and 2 tks. neg contact. 2 3rd plt tks acting as road block; 1 3d plt tank supports infantry on line. 1st plt. on stand-by.	S/P
1905		05	271735H	Co "B", 2nd plt: In support of 3/9 at coord (AT 879509) observed 1 VC at 271355H. VC was observing friendly positions from coord (AT 882515). B-24 fired 1 90mm WP observed direct hit. 1 VC KIA confirmed by 3/9.	
1915		06	271751H	Co "B": At 271420H 2nd plt at (879509) observed 2 VC wearing black shirts and white shorts running into house at (865508) B-24 fired 1 rd 90mm HE, 1 90mm WP, observed direct hit secondary explosion possibly due to immediate heavy fire with surrounding houses catching fire. 2 VC KIA probable.	
1920		07	271740H	Co "B" 2d plt: At 271430H at (AT 879509) observed 4 VC 2 wearing green uniforms running along treeline (AT 865508). B-24 fired 5 rd 90mm HE direct hit on targets. Air burst in treeline observed on 2 rd 90mm HE set on delay. unable to determine results.	

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1925		08	271744H	Co "B": At 271440H 2d plt (AT 879509) received 200 rds Small arms fire from treeline (AT 869501), (AT 867505) and (AT 865503). Estimated 1 plt of VC One squad wearing green uniforms B-22 and B-24 and B-25 expended 12 rds 90mm WP, 1 round 90mm cannister 32 rds 90mm HE, 3000 rds 30 caliber, unable to determine results.	
2245		09	272105H	Co "C" 1st Tk Bn: At 271915H B-32 (AT 054654) assisted "L" Co 1/1 which was hit by VC when B-32 approached the VC ran. Tk fired 8 90mm HE 1 USMC infantry KIA, 5 VC KIA confirmed, 3 VC WIA confirmed.	
2255		10	272145H	Co "B": At 271730H B-12 and B-13 (AT 904543) received automatic weapons fire from (AT 901537). Estimated 75 to 100 rounds from 3 to 4 VC in treeline. B-13 fired 1 cannister 2 WP and 300 30 caliber, 3 VC KIA probable.	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	S E	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	A C F
1040			01 280953H	CO Co "B": B-12 at 0930H in position at 908553 observed 2 VC with weapons at 902552, B-12 and B-13 fired 100 rds caliber .30 direct hit. 2 VC KBGF confirmed	F
1045			02 280955H	CO Co "B": B-12 at 0935 in position 908553 received 12 rds small arms fire from 901559, B-12 fired 300 rds caliber .50 and 130 rds .30 caliber 2 direct hits observed, 2 VC KBGF confirmed.	
1050			03 280855H	CO Co "A" 1st plt: Conducted road mine sweep at 0630 to 0750 from coord 877574 to 924606. Negative contact.	
1445			04 281315H	CO Co "B": Flame tks F-31 and F-33 dropped their load into a village and tree-line at 1230H. Action was requested by "D" Co 1/9 to clear area.	
1910			05 281600H	CO "C" 2nd plt: Patrol grid squares 8316, 8312, 8012, 8016 from 0900 to 1100 with infantry and 3 tanks. Negative contact.	
1915			06 281835H	CO "B": A-2 from 271500H to 281800H in (AT 9457 and 9458) sweep with 1/9 leveled village expended 50 caliber .50 rds, 1 90mm HE rd.	
2145			07 282019H	CO "C", 1st Tks: C-35 F - 083589 E - 089592 received sniper fire. Expended 1 canister, results undetermined.	

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1105		01	290951H	CO Co "B": At 0945 B-35 hit a anti-personnel mine at 987577 with no damage to vehicle or personnel.
1108		02	290944H	CO Co "B": at 0930 2nd platoon units at 868500 observed 7 males in 3 sampans crossing river at 865497, warning shots fired over bow, boats failed to stop warning shots fired 3 more times, and boats failed to stop, B-22, B-24 expended 100 rds caliber .30 and 4 rds 90mm HE observed direct hits 6 VC KBGF confirmed (7th individual escaped to friendly bank. 1 VC WBGF confirmed.)
1120		03	291025H	CO Co "B": B-21 at 1000 received 1 rd sniper fire at 927526, sniper spotted running from trench 3 rds 90mm HE fired, 1 VC KBGF probable, 1 infantryman WBGF.
1535		04	291503H	CO Co "B": 2nd plt: At 1300 from 868502 and 867505 received 200 rds small arms fire at 868497. B-22 B-24, and B-25 expended 13 rds 90mm HE and 400 rds .30 caliber unable to determine results.
1820		05	291615H	CO Co "C": 2 tks from 2nd plt patrolled grid squares 8018, 7818, 7815, 8015 from 0900 to 1100 with infantry, negative results.
1900		06	291835H	CO Co "B": 2nd plt, tks on sweep with 1st plt Co "D" 1/9 from 0930 to 1810 found raft at 949578, raft was destroyed, captured 1000 rds caliber .30, 2 M-1 clips, uniform clothing and 1 camouflaged raft.
2130		07	292025H	CO Co "B": At 1915 at 927526 infantry spotted 1 VC with weapon behind small bush observing infantry positions, B-21 fired 1 rd 90mm HE at VC at 939525, 1 VC KBGF confirmed.
2230		08	292048H	CO Co "B": at 2005 B-33 at 981563 observed 10 individuals in 2 boats in river B-33 fired 1000 rd 30 caliber observed 2 bodies on bank 3 bodies lifeless in water, 5 VC KBGF confirmed, 3 VC KBGF probable.

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0645	01	CO Co "B": At 0515 B-13 and B-14 received 3 rds M-79 and 250 rds small arms from VC at coords 907540 and 905545. Tks returned fire with 5 rds 90mm canister 150 rds caliber 30. Tk crew had 1 KBGF, 1 WBGF med evac 2 WBGF non med evac: 8 VC KBGF, 1 infantry had 1 WBGF.	300610H
0730	02	CO Co "B": Received over land line at 0730 following info. Damage to B-13 M28c periscope, search light shattered by scrapnel, large hole in #6 road wheel.	300730H
1000	03	Co "A": From 300625H to 300800H 4 company "B" tks conducted a mine sweep from coord (AT 877574 to 924606 ). No incidents .	300835H
1000	04	Co "B": In reference to 300610H 8 VC WBGF probable, blood and equipment indicate this after search. 1 carbine, 1 45 caliber pistol, 1 M-14, 1 anti-tank weapon with 2 rounds, 1 french SMG, numerous grenades (Chicom) 60mm firing table, letters, propaganda leaflet, 1 document. Additional: 1 caliber 30 skymount destroyed. 7 of 8 VC KBGF, wearing hard corp uniforms.	300800H
1015	05	Co "B": In reference to 300610H damage to no 6 right road wheel definately attributed to anti-tank weapon.	300932H

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0836		01	310815H	CO Co "A": Road sweep conducted from 0620 to 0745 at 877574 to 924606 with no incidents.	S/F
0900		02	310805H	Co "A": A-34 fired 6 rounds 90mm on H&I mission. All fires unobserved.	S/F
1705		03	311430H	Co "C", 1st Tks: While at 084600 tks were sent as part of a reaction force to 082599 where an infantry platoon was pinned down. Tks expended a heavy volume of 90mm fire and contact was broken. Area not searched. Results unknown.	S/F
2000		04	311915H	Co "B": At 311900H while in support of "B" 1/9 at (AT 904543) received sniper fire from treeline at (AT 905538). Returned 1 round 90mm and firing ceased. Area not search results unknown.	S/F
2055		05	312055H	Co "C": 1st platoon enroute dong ha. 3d platoon participated in sweep of coordinates 875182, 2nd platoon negative.	S/F
2120		06	312030H	Co "B": At 1935H while in support of B 1/9 at (AT 904543) received small arms fire from treeline (AT 905538). One tk crewman was WIA and DOW at USNA. Tks returned 1 round 90mm WP.	S/F
2145		07	312110H	Co "B": At 2020H while in support of "B" 1/9 at (904543) B-14 received what appeared to be 57mm recoilless fire from (AT 905546) 3 rounds received. No damage to tks. Tks returned 5 rounds 90mm cannister into treeline. Artillery mission also called in. Area to be searched tomorrow.	S/F
2225		08	312208H	Co "B": At 2045 to 2115H while in support of B 1/9 at 906551 received 10 rounds of a large caliber. All were off target. Returned 2 rounds 90mm WP, 3 rounds HE and 100 rounds .50 caliber. Area not searched.	S/F
2245		09	312215H	CO Co "B": B-14 received two more rounds of 57mm fire, both missed. Returned 3 cannister at muzzle flashes and firing ceased.	S/F

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			010001-012400H July 66	
0900	01	300600Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM # 181	s-m-f
1600	02	011000H	9th Marines INTSUM # 181	s-m-f
1700	03	302400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 181	s-m-f
			012400-022400H July 66	
0900	04	010630Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM # 182	s-m-f
0940	05	020940H	Tank detonated mine (BT 078638)	s-m-f
1600	06	021000H	9th Marines INTSUM # 182	s-m-f
1700	07	012400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 182	s-m-f
			022400-032400H July 66	
			NO ENTRIES	
			032400-042400H July 66	
0900	08	020420Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 183	s-m-f
0900	09	030315Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 184	s-m-f
1600	10	031000H	9th Marines INTSUM # 183	s-m-f
1600	11	041000H	9th Marines INTSUM # 184	s-m-f
1700	12	032400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 184	s-m-f
			042400-052400H July 66	
0900	13	030315Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 184 Sest. II	s-m-f
0900	14	040430Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 185 Sest. I & II	s-m-f
1600	15	051000H	9th Marines INTSUM # 185	s-m-f
1700	16	042400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 185	s-m-f
			052400-062400H July 66	
1600	17	061000H	9th Marines INTSUM # 186	s-m-f
1700	18	052400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 186	s-m-f
			062400-072400H July 66	
0615	19	070615H	Tank detonated mine (BT 148614)	s-m-f
0900	20	050450Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 186	s-m-f
0900	21	060500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 187	s-m-f
1600	22	071000H	9th Marines INTSUM # 187	s-m-f
1700	23	062400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 187	s-m-f

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072400-082400H July 66				
0850	24	080850H	Tank detonated mine (BT 003634)	s-m-f
0900	25	070500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 188 Sect I	s-m-f
1600	26	081000H	9th Marines INTSUM # 188	s-m-f
1700	27	072400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 188	s-m-f
082400-092400H July 66				
0700	28	090700H	Tank detonated mine (AT 890569)	s-m-f
0900	29	080500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 189 Sect. I	s-m-f
1600	30	091000H	9th Marines INTSUM # 189	s-m-f
1700	31	082400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 189	s-m-f
092400-102400H July 66				
0900	32	090500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 190	s-m-f
1700	33	092400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 190	s-m-f
102400-112400H July 66				
1600	34	101200H	9th Marines INTSUM # 190	s-m-f
1600	35	111200H	9th Marines INTSUM # 191	s-m-f
1700	36	102400H	3d Marines INSTUM # 191	s-m-f
112400-122400H July 66				
0900	37	110500Z	3d Mar Div INSUM # 192 Sect. II & III	s-m-f
1600	38	121200H	9th Marines INTSUM # 192	s-m-f
1700	39	112400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 192	s-m-f
122400-132400H July 66				
0900	40	120500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 193	s-m-f
1545	41	131545H	Tank detonated mine (AT 993577)	s-m-f
1600	42	131200H	9th Marines INTSUM # 193	s-m-f
1700	43	122400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 193	s-m-f
132400-142400H July 66				
0830	44	140830H	Tank detonated mine (AT 911549)	s-m-f
0900	45	130500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 194 Sect. I	s-m-f
1045	46	141045H	Tank detonated mine (AT 985584)	s-m-f
1600	47	141200H	9th Marines INTSUM # 194	s-m-f
1700	48	132400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 194	s-m-f

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			142400H-152400H July 66	
1600	49	151200H	9th Marines INTSUM # 195	s-m-f
1700	50	142400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 195	s-m-f
			152400H-162400H July 66	
0615	51	160615H	V.C. propaganda leaflets found in Phong Bac Hamlet (AT 989708). Spot Rep sent to G-2.	s-m-f
0900	52	151200Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 196 Sect I & III	s-m-f
1000	53	161000H	Phong Bac Hamlet searched and villagers questioned regarding leaflets. Neg. results.	
1200	54	161200H	Report from Hoa Cam Trg Ctr regarding appearance of V.C. squad in Yen Bac (AT 985702) at 152200H.	s-m-f
1600	55	161200H	9th Marines INTSUM # 196	s-m-f
1700	56	152400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 196	s-m-f
			162400H-172400H July 66	
0630	57	170630H	VC propaganda leaflets found same location as yesterday. Spot rep sent to G-2. Village searched & villagers questioned. Negative results.	s-m-f
0900	58	150500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 196 Sect II	s-m-f
0900	59	160500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 197 Sect I	s-m-f
1300	60	171300H	More VC propaganda leaflets found at same location during search of Phong Bac. Spot rep. sent to G-2.	s-m-f
1400	61	171400H	VCS with expired I.D. apprehended in Phong Bac during 3d TkBn sweep. VCS taken to Hoa Vang Dist.Hq. for interrogation.	
1600	62	171200H	9th Marines INTSUM # 197	s-m-f
1700	63	162400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 196	s-m-f
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			172400H-182400H July 66	
0630	64	180630H	VC propaganda leaflets found in Phong Bac. Spot Rep. sent to G-2	s-m-f
0830	65	180830H	Hea Cam Trg Ctr. reported that VC are organizing observation net in Yen Bac composed of women & children.	s-m-f
0930	66	180930H	Phong Bac villager (woman) reported and led Marines to location of M-26 grenade boobytrap at Phong Bac School. Woman was rewarded 200 Piastres.	s-m-f
1300	67	181300H	PF Platoon leader at Phong Bac School questioned regarding recent VC acts. Plt. Ldr. furnished info re VC movements and names of local VC guerrillas.	s-m-f
1600	68	181200H	9th Marines INTSUM # 198.	s-m-f
			182400-192400H July 66	
0900	69	170500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 198 Sect I & III	s-m-f
0900	70	180500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 199 Sect I & III	s-m-f
1400	71	191400H	3d Tk BN. Special Intelligence Report summarizing local VC activities since 16 July sent to G-2 and Rear Area Defense Subsector 1 units.	s-m-f
1600	72	181200H	9th Marines INTSUM # 198	s-m-f
1600	73	191200H	9th Marines INTSUM # 199	s-m-f
1700	74	172400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 198	s-m-f
1700	75	182400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 199	s-m-f
			192400-202400H July 66	
1600	76	201200H	9th Marines INTSUM # 200	s-m-f
1700	77	192400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 200	s-m-f
			202400-212400H July 66	
0900	78	190500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 200 Sect I	s-m-f
0900	79	200500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 201 Sect I - III	s-m-f
1510	80	211510H	Tank detonated mine (AT 961569)	s-m-f
1700	81	202400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 201	s-m-f
			212400-222400H July 66	
0900	82	190500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 200 Sect II & III	s-m-f
0930	83	220930H	Tank detonated mine (AT 806573)	s-m-f
1408	84	221408H	Tank detonated mine (YD 790117)	s-m-f
1600	85	211200H	9th Marines INTSUM # 201	s-m-f
1600	86	221200H	9th Marines INTSUM # 202	s-m-f
1700	87	212400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 202	s-m-f

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			222400-232400H July 66	
0900	88	210500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 202	s-m-f
1100	89	231100H	Report from Hoa The Village official regarding recent movements of VC mortar teams through local hamlets. Special intelligence report sent to G-2. Village Official mentioned home of villager in Yen Bac as VC meeting place. Home searched but owner, Nguyen Kinh, not there. One-half hour later, 1300H, Kinh was apprehended by AT Bn patrol. Kinh taken to Hoa Vang Dist. Hq. by 3d TkBn for interrogation.	s-m-f
1600	90	222400H	9th Marines INTSUM # 203	s-m-f
			232400-242400H July 66	
0900	91	220500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 203	s-m-f
0900	92	230500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 204 Sect I, III, IV	s-m-f
1600	93	241200	9th Marines INTSUM # 204	s-m-f
			242400-252400H July 66	
1544	94	251544H	Tank detonated M-16A1 mine; Track broken, 4 track blocks damaged. No casualties. (AT 996567).	s-m-f
1600	95	251600H	9th Marines INTSUM # 205	s-m-f
1700	96	232400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 204	s-m-f
1700	97	242400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 205	s-m-f
1925	98	251925H	Tank penetrated by RPG-2 rocket. (AT 968589). Light damage. One tank crewman WIA (non-medevac). G-2 notified.	s-m-f
			252400-262400H July 66	
0900	99	230500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 204 Sect II	S-m-f
0900	100	240500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 205	s-m-f
0900	101	250500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 206	s-m-f
1200	102	261200H	Report from Hoa The Village official that a VC Squad Ldr and a VC Plt Ldr visited local hamlets yesterday. Also, 4 VC visited Dong Be Hamlet near the Naval Support Activity POL (AT 993919). This information was furnished to Subsector 1 units and to the NSA POL.	s-m-f

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			252400-262400H July 66 (Cont.)	
1700	103	252400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 206	s-m-f
			262400-271400H July 66	
1200	104	271200H	Hea Cam Trg Ctr reports that the Chief of Dong Be Hamlet (vic AT 993718) will be apprehended today for suspicion of holding VC meetings (see entry 102). Also, a VCS captured by a Hea Cam Ambu. several nights ago by Cam Hea Hamlet, was confirmed to be VC yesterday by Hea Vang Dist Hq.. Finally, A VC captured in "Dog Patch" (AT 994747) by Hea Cam on the afternoon of the 23rd, stated that after a two years absence he was sent back to this area to obtain info regarding U.S. units.	s-m-f
1600	105	261600H	9th Marines INTSUM # 206	s-m-f
1700	106	262400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 207	s-m-f
			272400-282400H July 66	
0900	107	230500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 204	s-m-f
1200	108	281200H	3d Tk Bn patrol of Phong Bac Hamlet apprehended 3 VCS, for improper IDs. After interrogation by S-2, 2 VCS were released with warning to obtain new IDs within two days. The third VCS, who was recently released from prison where he had been placed 14 mos. ago by ARVNs as a VCS, was taken to Hea Vang Dist. Hq. for further questioning.	s-m-f
1600	109	271200H	9th Marines INTSUM # 207	s-m-f
1600	110	281200H	9th Marines INTSUM # 208	s-m-f
1700	111	272400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 208	s-m-f
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			282400-292400H July 66	
0900	112	270500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 208	s-m-f
1600	113	291200H	9th Marines INTSUM # 209	s-m-f
1700	114	282400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 209	s-m-s
			292400-302400H July 66	
0900	115	280500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 209	s-m-f
0900	116	290500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 210	s-m-f
1600	117	301200H	9th Marines INTSUM # 210	s-m-f
1700	118	292400H	3d Marines INTSUM # 210	s-m-f
2100	119	302100H	3d Tk Bn patrol apprehended 3 VCS with improper ID's in Phong Bac. S-2 questioned them and released 2. Third VCS was taken to Hoa Vang Dist. Hq. for further interrogation as his father one of the VCS released, had temporary ID, issued by Village Chief, which stated that his son was a VC.	s-m-f
			302400-312400H July 66	
0900	120	300500Z	3d Mar Div INTSUM # 211	s-m-f
1900	121	311900H	3d Tk Bn patrol enroute to Phong Bac school apprehended VCS with improper ID in Phong Bac. Patrol continued to the School with the VCS. S-2 went to the School and interrogated VCS. He had temporary ID (issued by Hoa The Village Chief) which stated that his son is a VC. Subject stated that he has not seen his son in 12 yrs and does not know where he is. This was verified by the Phong Bac School PF Plt Leader, who knows the family. Subject was released.	s-m-f
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IN	OUT		M-MAP S-STAFF T-TRPS F-FILE
1 July 1966			
1515		Do Not Paint interior of any Tank. Also bearing surfaces of drivers Hatch will be cleaned of all foreign matter and GAA grease applied. The above was sent to all Companies.	
1600		Deadline reports in from Companies	
2 July 1966			
0940		Co"C" 1stTanks, C-14 USMC 201865 struck a mine at 1900 on 1July causing damage to right side of vehicle (1) set road wheels (2) shocks and (7) track blocks a hole 3ft deep and 5ft wide was left at DT 078638 No injuries.	
1245		Bennington Charlie request VTR and steam jenny with 200 gal of water, shirts & Trousers (28-32) waist for (7) men. Mail and 5 gal of 50wt. oil. Same was sent	
1600		Deadline reports in from companies.	
3 July 1966			
1600		Co"C" 1stTks request gas truck tomorrow. Deadline reports in from companies.	
4 July 1966			
Nothing of significant to report this date			
5 July 1966			
1600		Co"C" 1stTks has (1) Tank with inner seals on (2) roadwheels damaged would like to bring to Bn CP for repair	
1700		Being tank in for repair. Deadline reports in from Co.	

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IN	OUT		M-MAP S-STAFF T-TRPS F-FILE
		5 July 1966	
1600		Co"C"1stTks has (1) Tank with inner seals on (2) roadwheels damaged would like to bring to BnCP for repair.	
	1700	Bring tank in for repair. Deadline reports in from Companies.	
		6 July 1966	
1129		Bravo 6 informs us that ferry has been damaged to the extent that H52 will not reach 2/9CP in time to relieve Co"C" 1stTanks today.	
1650		Alfa 6 informs us that (1) Flame Tank has thrown a rod and track. They expect to be fixed by 2000 on the track.	
1700		Co"C"3dTks needs a Tube tested TV-7 as theirs is in for repair.	
1715		Ref 1650 entry (1) Flame Tank repaired.	
1730		The (1) Flame Tank with thrown rod will remain in position. Soon as tide is right tomorrow it will return. Deadline reports in from companies.	
		7 July 1966	
0600		C-51 1stTanks USMC #201924 Hit mine no casualties. damage light 2 left road wheel arms.	
1132		"C"3dTks need a fuel cell. Cannot repair at FLSU due to no aluminum.	
1254		"C"1stTks needs the machine shop van at their CP unable to send same.	
1445		AF-22 will leave present position at approx 1600 and return to BnCP for engine repair.	
1715		Red Beach 2 will contact us where they will land for escort.	

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IN	OUT		M-MAP S-STAFF T-TRPS F-FILE
1905		A final drive is leaving Hue, Phu Bai on ICU from Co "C" we will meet in Danang Deadline reports in from Co.	
		8 July 1966	
	1400	Need to know if AN/MRC-36 Ser No 7958 and AN/GRC-3 Ser No. 7972 & X002 ARE still on deadline in "C"Co	
1405		At 0930 Co "C" 1st Tks C-12 USMC 217816 struck a mine causing damage to right front idler arm.	
1750		Ref my 1400 entry MRC-36 is deadlined also GRC-3, 7972, X002 is off Deadline reports in fr. Companies.	
		9 July 1966	
0700		A-15 USMC 202070 struck amine at 980569. 2 men hurt 1 MED Evac. Not serious damage to tank included 1 support roller assembly, 2 rd wheel arms & Rd wheels 8 track blocks and (1) support roller bearing assembly.	
1600		Deadline reports in from Companies.	
1715		Bennington Charlie 6 wants the policy of Infantry riding on tanks. Was told it is permissible. Except with 9th Marine.	
		10 July 1966	
0851		Sassy "A"6 needs compressor and gas standing by at 1100 to supply 2 Flames at Haivan pass.	
	1010	An LTI team from 3dFSR went to "C"Co 3d Tks to inspect (8) M48A3's, (1) M-51, and (2) Flame Tanks for R&E FY67.	
	1200	"A"Co 3d Tks will have 2 Flame Tanks departing DaNang by U-Boat to HoaVan pass tomorrow at 0800H.	
1600		Deadline report in from companies.	

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IN	OUT		M-MAP S-STAFF T-TRPS F-FILE
11 July 1966			
0830		"C"Co 3d Tks needs a master brake cylinder for a M38 Same was sent.	
1315		20 Drums of Diesel was Heli lifted to "B"Co, forward to Hill 55 from FLSG Heli Pad.	
1400		While Flame Tanks were crossing Bridge in the vicinity of HoaVan pass (1) Flame collapsed the bridge. No damage to tank & bridge was repaired. VTR was dispatched to retrieve same.	
2115		U-Boat will arrive HoaVan area tomorrow at approx 0730 to bring (2) Flame Tanks & (1) VTR back to this area. Deadline reports in from companies.	
12 July 1966			
1600		Deadline reports in from companies.	
1630		An inspection team for MT equipment from Bn will arrive "C"Co 3d Tks tomorrow for an informal inspection.	
1700		1st Tks request that "C"Co send there M-54's 6x6 (4) back to 1st Tks. 3d Tks request that "C"Co be allowed to keep (3) M-54's and (1) of the drivers. Also 3d Tks would like 1st Tks to send to "C"Co. (1) MRC-83 with directional antenna & (2) operator TAD.	
1702		3d Tks needs the unit code & program code part of JON structure so that we can start ordering parts for "C"Co 1st Tks.	
13 July 1966			
1030		"B"Co needs (1) left final drive with cones and nuts to be Heli Lifted to 1/3CP	
1110		The compressor truck which was sent to HoaVan pass needs a wrecker to tow same back to Bn.	
1630		The JON for repair parts for 1st Tks is (A-7051)(B6061810). All Deadline reports in from Companies.	

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IN	OUT		N-MAP S-STAFF T-TRPS F-FILE
			14 July 1966
0800		On 13 July B-31, USMC 202169 Hit a mine. No injuries to personnel. Damage to right side.	
0900		B-24 USMC 201894, & B-34 217804 also struck mines.	
			15 July 1966
1000		A Flame Tank from "A"Co was sent to "C"ColstTks for a tactical commitment.	
1600		Deadline reports in from companies.	
			16 July 1966
0653		"C"Co request a contact team for infared glasses & Xeon infrared light. Same was sent to PhuBai on Rough Rider.	
0817		"A"Co needs gasoline and compressor ASAP. Same was sent.	
1245		Flame Tank which was sent to "C"ColstTks will arrive at DaNang Ferry at approx 1330. Same will be escorted to this CP	
1600		Deadline reports in from companies.	
			17 July 1966
1600		Rough Rider returned from Phu Bai today with contact team. Deadline reports in from companies.	
			18 July 1966
0845		"C"ColstTks needs Gas & Diesel Fuel. Gas was sent and Diesel is at Fuel Dump.	
1520		On 17 July at or about 2015 a Hit & Run occurred message was sent to all companies to find out if any one had a JT truck out at that time. Neg results.	

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IN	OUT		
		19 July 1946	
1001		"C"Co3dTks needs a nipple for a flame tank will have to take, one off of R&E Tank.	
1727		"C"Co3dTks needs (1) Bottle of nitrogen also status of fuel cell.	
		20 July 1966	
1026		"C"ColstTks needs a contact team to check fuel injector pump on C-32 Same was sent this afternoon.	
1600		Deadline reports in from Companies.	
		21 July 1966	
0800		A-22 USMC 201846 Hit a mine forward of Hill 55. Moderate damage no injuries.	
		22 July 1966	
1010		FLSU-2 in Phu Bai needs an accumulator Bladder for CF-13 also fuel cell is still being worked on	
1100		Mine sweep was conducted by A Co from BT(918598 to 977574) a mine was hit but no damage to tank.	
1330		B-33 USMC 202142 hit a mine at (991559) but sustained no damage	
1500		C-24 in Phu Bai hit mine causing damage to #5 rd wh right side and a section of track Coord (790117)	
1910		"B"Co while probing for detonator of mine which A-22 struck on 21 July another mine was found 12ft away. (1) 90MM rd was fired detonating same leaving a crater 6ft wide & 3ft deep.	

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			S-STAFF T-TRPS F-FILE
23 July 1966			
1240		Fuel cell & Accumulator bladder for Phu Bai will depart Marine Air Freight Danang today.	
1400		Unable to send fuel cell & Bladder today	
1730		PhuBai needs a mixing chamber for acetylene welder also regulator guages for acetylene bottle & oxygen bottle. None in stock. Deadline reports in from companies.	
24 July 1966			
1105		Fuel cell and bladder departed DaNang for PhuBai.	
1225		A31 came upon a channelized area with bamboo sticks and a piece of cardboard over it in the middle of the road. lrd of cannister was expended with no results. lrd of HE expended and a secondary explosion resulted. about 20lbs TNT.	
1310		Charlie Co3dTks is missing fuel pump cover and mounting bracket for fuel cell. None in stock.	
1600		Deadline reports in from companies.	
25 July 1966			
0910		Bravo 6 wants to know if LTI team is still going to check B-11. Reply sent as soon as they return from ChuLai	
1000		"C"Co1stTks needs (2) Tubes Electron #5676 for PRC-8. Same was sent to them.	
1030		A radiator, oil cooler engine FSN 2930-678-4665, was sent to "C"1stTks for C-11	
1125		"C"1stTks needs a PP282, PP112 needs S1 (2) relays for AN/GRA-6. Same were sent.	
1500		A K-1 coil for PRC-8 was sent to "C"1stTks	
1530		PhuBai need a Flame Tank Turret mechanic and a VTR sling to pull engine, for Q Serv	



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1544		B-35 hit a M-16 APP mine at 1510 at Coord. 996567 4 left shoes broken no other damage.	
1703		"C"1stTks needs a contact team to replace 3 or 4 in- jectors nozzles, and VDS engine.	
1930		B-42 while proceeding to 1/90P for night road guard duty was hit in the left side with a PGR2 which penetrated the sponson box, turret ring and struck a 90MM Cannister round. 1 man was slightly injured treated and released. Turret was jammed. Deadline reports in from companies.	
		26 July 1966	
1600		Deadline reports in from companies	
1705		PhuBai needs a torsion bar anchor plug FSN 2535- 238-4879. Same was sent.	
1845		B-14 & B-15 fired 2 90MM WP in the vicinity of tree line after receiving sniper fire, PFC David O. GEHRAM 2216774 received fragmentation wounds on head when friendly arty rd fell short. Cond. good	
		27 July 1966	
1700		Deadline reports in from companies. "C"Co in PhuBai needs an engine for USMC 201950. None in stock.	
2055		PFC GEHRAM was returned to duty with 24hrs light duty	
		28 July 1966	
1030		"C"Co at PhuBai has seen 217 patients, conducted 6 physicals and 525, immunizations for July.	
1100		"C"Co needs a low pressure sending unit part no. 8713965. None in stock.	
1735		"B"Co needs a contact team for F-31 on Hill 55	

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IN	OUT		M-REF S-STATE T-TRNS F-FIE
	1743	Ref CG 3dMarDiv msg 250850Z to all companies make sure that anyone not having a cot or mattress gets a air mattress. All excess will be turned into supply. Deadline reports in from companies. Late entry 25 July PFC Myron SHAPIRO 2234146 received laceration left hand and burns on left leg caused by enemy action. Condition good.	
	1800		
		29 July 1966	
0945		B-35 Hit anti-personnel mine at (987571) no damage to tank or personnel.	
1010		"C"Co has 37 air mattress in company.	
1215		"B"Co has the following amount of Ammo in hill 55 42 WP rds, 151 rds of HE, 34 Cannister rds, 12 Boxes 30Cal, 14 Boxes 50Cal.	
	1300	To all companies: need to know the amount of adjusting bands remaining in low and reverse gauge on all tanks and inflatable turret seals.	
1930		"C"Co in Phu Bai has 7 tanks without turret seals.	
		30 July 1966	
0515		B-13 was taken under fire by VC forces at (906551) enemy forces were located at (907540) & (905545). The VC fired approx 250 rds of small arms and 2 rds of PGR2 Anti-Tank grenades. The following casualties were sustained: PFC L.G. JOHNSON, 2147610 Killed. PFC E.W. HICKS 2065171. Wounded., SGT. S.J. YANAK, 1881764 Wounded, Pvt G. B. ISIVER 2228923 wounded and 2d Lt R.A. NAGLE 092179 wounded. B-13 & B-14 returned fire w/5 rds cannister & 150 rds 30Cal. 8 VC were killed by body count. B-13 sustained M28C periscope damage, searchlight lens shattered and a	

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IN	OUT		
1050		hole in #6 right road wheel.	
1056		B-33 will come in to Bn for leaking elevating cylinder	
		"C"ColstTks needs a contact team to check C-11.	
		Same was sent and C-11 repaired.	
1351		"B"Co reports 5 Tanks with inoperable turret seals.	
1730		"C"ColstTks needs (1) bottle of Acetelene. Same was sent.	
2030		"C"ColstTks request that the 1stPlt. with "A"Co 1/1 be switched to Co C 1/1 for operation.	

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 Sheets 6659 III and 6658 IV  
 (b) 3d Mar Div OPOrd 400-66  
 (c) 3d Mar Div Ltr 5501.1 of 31 May 1966  
 (d) 3d Mar OPOrd 343-65  
 (e) 3d Mar Div Frag Order 406-66  
 (f) 3d Mar DivO 3100.1B  
 (g) 3d Mar DivO 02000.2D  
 (h) 3d Mar DivO 03300.3

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## 1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS.  
 b. Friendly Forces. Reference (b) applies.

## 2. MISSION

To establish mutually supporting defenses of all tenant units in the Southern Sector of the 3d Marine Division Rear Area and to provide sufficient forces to defeat and destroy any enemy force that should penetrate the Sector.

## 3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of operations

(1) The Southern Sector of the 3d Marine Division Rear Area is divided into five Sub-Sectors, with an appointed Sub-Sector Commander who is responsible for the coordination of defenses within the Sub-Sector.

(2) Sub-Sector Commanders will organize a reaction force from units within the Sub-Sector to block enemy penetrations and to repulse enemy attacks should the defenses be breached.

(3) In addition to Sub-Sector reaction forces, certain specified Sub-Sectors will provide forces for a Sector reserve that will be utilized by the Sector Commander to implement Annex B (Counter Attack Plan).

(4) Sector and Sub-Sector blocking positions will be established to prevent the enemy from advancing on vital areas and to contain the enemy so that he may be destroyed.

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b. Commander Sub-Sector I. (Commanding Officer, 3d Tank Battalion).

(1) Coordinate the defenses, patrols, listening post and ambushes of commands within Sub-Sector I with emphasis on areas not physically occupied by or observed by friendly forces and to ensure that all defenses are mutually supporting. Annex A (Task Organization).

(2) Organize a sector reaction force of sufficient strength to block and counter attack enemy penetrations into the sector. Annex B (Counter Attack Plan).

(3) Organize from resources available within Sub-Sector I a provisional company headquarters, one infantry platoon and 2 machine gun sections. This force will be utilized only on the order of the Southern Sector Commander as a portion of Sector reserve. This force will be supported by 2 M48A3 tanks, 2 LVTP-5's and 1 LVTC-1.

c. Commander Sub-Sector II. (Commanding Officer, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines).

(1) Coordinate the defenses, patrols, listening posts, and ambushes of all commands within Sub-Sector II with special emphasis on those areas not physically occupied by, or under the observation of friendly forces and ensure that defenses are mutually supporting. Annex A (Task Organization).

(2) Organize a Sector reaction force of sufficient strength to block and counter attack enemy penetrations into the Sector. Annex B (Counter Attack Plan).

(3) Organize one provisional infantry platoon and one machine gun section from resources within Sub-Sector II to be utilized by the Southern Sector Commander as part of the Sector reserve force.

d. Commander Sub-Sector III. (Commander, Hoa Can R. F. Training Center).

(1) Coordinate the defense, patrols, listening posts and ambushes within Sub-Sector III with emphasis on areas not physically occupied by friendly forces.

(2) Organize a reaction force of sufficient size to block and counter attack enemy penetration of the Sub-Sector III defense.

e. Commander Sub-Sector IV. (Commanding Officer, 1st 8 Inch Howitzer Battery).

(1) Coordinate the defense, patrols, listening posts and ambushes within Sub-Sector IV with emphasis on those areas not physically occupied by or under the observation of friendly units.

(2) Organize for use within Sub-Sector IV a reaction force of sufficient strength to act as a blocking force and counter attack enemy penetrations into the sector. Annex B (Counter Attack Plan).

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f. Commander Sub-Sector V. (Commanding Officer, 9th Motor Transport Battalion)

(1) Coordinate the defenses, patrols, listening posts and ambushes of commands within Sub-Sector V and to ensure mutually supporting defenses with emphasis on those areas not physically occupied by friendly forces. Annex A (Task Organization).

(2) Organize a force of one provisional infantry platoon from resources available within Sub-Sector V for use by the Commander, Southern Sector as a portion of the Sector reserve.

(3) Organize a reaction force for use within Sub-Sector V of sufficient strength to act as a blocking force and to counter attack enemy penetrations into the Sector. Annex B (Counter Attack Plan).

g. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Annex C (Southern Sector Overlay)

(2) Defense of camps, installations and the internal and perimeter security of units located within the rear area is the responsibility of each respective unit.

(3) Sub-Sector Commanders will submit proposed patrol and ambush overlays to this headquarters 24 hours prior to the time they are to be executed. In cases of conflict with patrols in adjacent Sub-Sectors the Sub-Sector Commander will be notified. Unscheduled patrols and ambushes may be sent out by Sub-Sector Commanders when deemed essential, however the Southern Sector Commander will be notified immediately of the patrol or ambush route and/or location, and time of return.

(4) Rules of engagement are contained in reference (d).

(5) Night and day patrols, ambushes and listening posts will be conducted so as to preclude a pattern in terms of time, route and mission. Patrols and ambushes may be of the type associated with reconnaissance, security or civil affairs. The requirement for wide dispersion will be emphasized to patrol leaders.

(6) Artillery support will be requested in accordance with Annex B (Fire Support Plan).

(7) Sector reserve forces will be prepared for operations on a 30 minute notice during hours of darkness and a 2 hour notice during daylight hours.

(8) Sector reserve forces will be committed on order of the Sector Commander.

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(9) Sub-Sector Commanders providing platoon size reserve forces will furnish a medical corpsman with appropriate supplies and equipment.

(10) Sub-Sector Commanders furnishing platoon size Sector Reserve Forces will provide them with appropriate radios that will not on the Reserve Force frequency. (See Annex E)

(11) Sector Defense drills will be conducted to determine the effectiveness of all participating units.

(12) A limited amount of 81mm mortar illumination will be available from the Hoa Can R. F. Training Center. Sub-Sector Commanders submit requests to the Sector Commander.

(13) Reports

(a) Sub-Sector Commanders will submit a detailed overlay of all defensive positions within their Sub-Sector. The overlay will include mine field Record DA Form 1355 if mines are incorporated into defense plans.

(b) Proposed patrol and ambush orders will be submitted to this Headquarters 24 hours before they are to be executed.

(c) Spot Reports concerning enemy contact will be immediately submitted to the Southern Sector Commander and then reported in accordance with ref (f).

(d) Sub-Sector Commanders will report significant changes in attachments, detachments and personnel figures when they occur.

(e) Copies of Sub-Sector plans and orders prepared in support of this order will be submitted to this headquarters.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. Administration.

(1) The responsibility for administration will remain with parent organizations.

b. Logistics.

(1) Logistic support will remain with parent organizations. Resupply of the Sector reserve force once it is committed will be the responsibility of the Sector Commander.

(2) Uniform and equipment for the reserve force will be normal field uniform, helmet, upper body armor (optional), and weapons appropriate for the provisional unit concerned. A basic allowance of ammunition will be carried for all weapons.

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## 5. Command and Communications-Electronics.

a. Communications.

(1) Reference (g) and Annex E

(2) Sub-Sector Commanders will ensure positive communications with all tenant units within their Sub-Sectors. This may be accomplished by runner, telephone or radio.

(3) Sub-Sectors will be required to check in on the Southern Sector Rear Area Defense Net at 1800 daily or when required by enemy activity.

## (4) Visual

(1) Red Star Parachute- Area not secure. Do not land  
(Fire 2 Signals)

(2) Green Star Parachute- Area secure. Safe to land  
(Fire 2 Signals)

(3) Green Star Parachute\* Request for ammunition.  
(Fire 1 Signal)

(4) White Star Cluster- Request for radio communication  
(Fire 1 Signal)

(5) Violet Smoke- Objective taken;


(6) Red Star Cluster- Attacked by enemy.  
(Fire 1 Signal)

b. Command

(1) Southern Sector Commander C.P. (3d Tank Battalion) (AT 989708).

(2) Changes in C.P. locations and defensive perimeters will be reported to the Southern Sector Commander as occurring.

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3d MTBn

Sub-Sector II4th Battalion, 12th Marines

Major P. E. WILSON

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Sub-Sector V9th Motor Transport Battalion

Major F. R. HALEY

1st USMC Scout Dog Platoon

Military Police Company (-)

FLSG-A (ASPT1)

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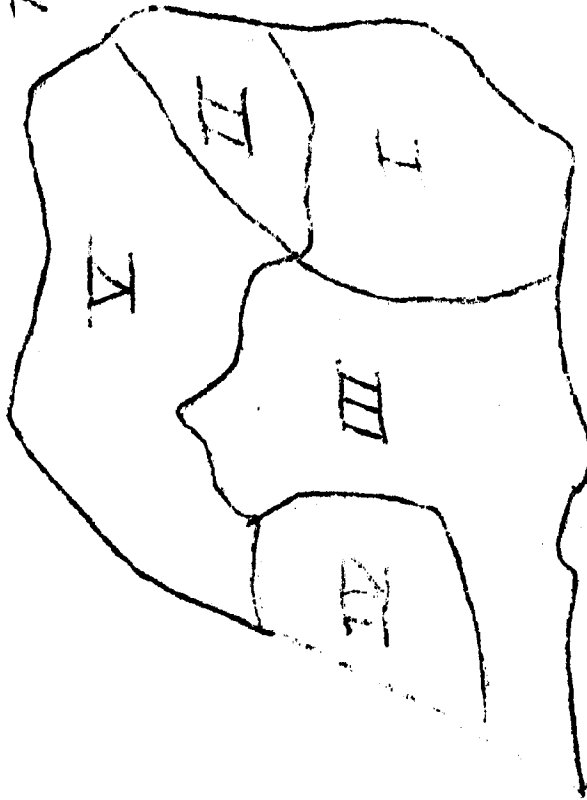
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R - As Required			
C - Net Control			
Sub Sector I	G	C*	G
Sub Sector II	G		G
Sub Sector III	G		G
Sub Sector IV	G		G
Sub Sector V	G		G
Reserve Force Unit	G		
* Reserve Force upon activation			

CALL SIGNS

UNIT

RADIO CALL SIGNS

TELEPHONE CALLS

Sub Sector I/3d Tank Bn.  
 Sub Sector II/4th Bn 12th Mar.  
 Sub Sector III/HOA CAM  
 Sub Sector IV/1st 8" How.  
 Sub Sector V/9th MT. Bn.

Sassy  
 Pretext  
 Midnight  
 Redwood  
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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 166 AS OF 012400H JULY 1966

1. **HIGHLIGHTS.** SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON ACTION REPORTED BY TELECOM BY THE 3D TK BN TO THE DIV COC AT APPROXIMATELY 302230H JUNE 1966. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF ACTION THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE 1/9 TACR ON THE EVENING OF 30 JUNE 1966. TO DATE THIS INCIDENT HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED BY THE INFANTRY UNITS INVOLVED. AT 301715H TWO "B" COMPANY TANKS LOCATED AT (AT 925536) IN SUPPORT OF "B" 1/9 FIRED 3 ROUNDS 90MM HE AND 2 ROUNDS 90MM WP AT A VC RECOILLESS RIFLE POSITION LOCATED AT (AT 925529). INFANTRY REPORTED THAT THE TANK - INFANTRY TEAM HAD RECEIVED THREE (3) 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLE ROUNDS PRIOR TO THE RECOILLESS RIFLES BEING SILENCED BY THE TANK FIRE. AN AERIAL OBSERVER ON STATION REPORTED 4 VC KIA CONFIRMED BY BODY COUNT AS A RESULT OF THE ACTION. SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE ACTION THE TWO TANKS STILL LOCATED AT (AT 925536) OBSERVED SEVERAL BOAT LOADS OF VC MOVING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION AT (AT 911531). THE VC APPARENTLY OBSERVED THE TANKS FOR THEY IMMEDIATELY MOVED TOWARD THE NORTH BANK OF THE SONG KY LAN RIVER. THE TANKS COMMENCED FIRING AT VC IN THE BOATS AND ON THE BEACH. THE TANK COMMANDERS COUNTED A TOTAL OF 15 VC KIA CONFIRMED BY BODY COUNT, 2 BOATS DESTROYED AND 10 BOATS DAMAGED. INFANTRY CREDITED TANKS WITH ONE (1) 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLE DESTROYED. 61 90 mm AND 3,500 GAL. 30 ROUNDS WERE EXPENDED IN THIS ACTION.

TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

OBS	UNOBS	H&I	TOTAL
2	0	4	6

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ROUNDS EXPENDED

HE	WP	CANNISTER	HEAT
54	19	0	3

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FROM: CO 3D TK BN  
TO: CO 3D MAR DIV

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3D TK BN CITEF NUMBER 167 AS OF 022400H JULY 1966.

1. HIGHLIGHTS.

*OK* A. AT 012130H COMPANY "B" TANK SUPPORTING G/2/9 LOCATED AT (BT 024576) SIGHTED 20 TO 30 VC 150 METERS AWAY. OBSERVATION WAS REPORTED TO CO G/2/9. PERMISSION TO ENGAGE VC NOT GRANTED BY CO G/2/9 DUE TO PROXIMITY OF FRIENDLY PATROL. TANK POSITIONS RECEIVED 150 ROUNDS SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM 150 FEET AT 022200H AT WHICH TIME APPROXIMATELY 20 ROUNDS MORTAR FIRE WAS RECEIVED IN G/2/9 LOCATION. TANKS FIRED TWO ROUNDS 90 MM CANNISTER, 300 ROUNDS CAL 30 MG, 50 ROUNDS CAL 50 MG AT VC IMMEDIATELY. RESULTS UNKNOWN AS AREA NOT SEARCHED. ONE TANK CREWMAN KIA.

*OK* B. AT 021200H TWO COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF G/2/9 LOCATED AT (BT 020560) OBSERVED 4 VC WITH WEAPONS IN BOATS GOING SOUTH IN RIVER AT (BT 020566). TANKS FIRED 4 ROUNDS 90 MM HS, 400 ROUNDS CAL 30 AND 100 ROUNDS CAL 50 UPON THE ENEMY. RESULTS 1 VC KIA (CONF) AND 1 VC KIA (PROB).

*OK* C. AT 020940H A COMPANY "C" 1ST TK BN TANK OPCON 3D TK BN WHILE IN SUPPORT OF G/2/1 DETONATED A MINE AT (BT 078658). MODERATE DAMAGE TO TANK SUSPENSION. NO CASUALTIES.

*OK* D. AT 021430H THE COMPANY COMMANDER OF COMPANY "B" CROSSED THE DONG THU BAN AT (AT 958553) AND CONFIRMED A FORDING SITE FOR TANKS AT THIS POSITION. ARTILLERY SMOKE MISSION WAS UTILIZED ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE RIVER TO OBSCURE THE CROSSING. A HELICOPTER RECONNAISSANCE OF THE SAME AREA WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE MORNING OF 3 JULY 1966.

*OK* E. FROM 020800H TO 021600H TWO TANKS FROM COMPANY "A" WHILE IN SUPPORT OF F/2/3 FIRED UPON TWO BOOMY TRAPPED GATES AT (AT 859567) AND (AT 848567). TANKS EXPENDED

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TANK BOX SCORES  
OBSERVED-5

SUPPORTING  
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ROUNDS EXPENDED  
90 MM CANNISTER- 5  
90 MM HE -11  
90 MM WP - 1

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 168 AS OF 032400H JULY 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS

*OK* A. LATE REPORT. AT 022205H A COMPANY "A" TANK WHILE IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 2/3 LOCATED AT (AT 877574) FIRED UPON VC MOVEMENT DETECTED BY TIPSU-21 AT TANKS POSITION. TANKS FIRED 7 ROUNDS 90MM HE, 3 ROUNDS 90MM WP, 250 ROUNDS 30 CALIBER AND 50 ROUNDS 50 CALIBER INTO AREA WHERE MOVEMENT WAS DETECTED AT (AT 885552). TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE OBSERVED AND THEN TANKS ILLUMINATED AREA WITH WHITE LIGHT AND OBSERVED 7 BODIES. AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED DUE TO DARKNESS. RESULTS 7 VC KIA PROBABLE.

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*OK* C. AT 030230H ONE COMPANY "A" TANK WHILE IN SUPPORT OF "B" 1/3 LOCATED AT (AT 891772) OBSERVED 3 VC 500 METERS TO THEIR FRONT. TANK FIRED 1 ROUND 90MM CANNISTER AND 25 ROUNDS 50 CALIBER. RESULTS 2 VC KIA PROBABLE. AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED DUE TO DARKNESS.

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TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

OBS	UNOBS	H&I	TOTAL
9		1	10

SUPPORTING

MAP	BVN	OTHER
10		

ROUNDS EXPENDEDHE MP CANNISTER

90MM	67	14	2
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SUPPORTING

MAP	AVN	OTHER
10		

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FROM: CO, 3D TANK BATTALION  
TO: CO 3D MARINE DIVISION

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 169 AS OF 042400H JULY 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS.

*OK* A. DATE REPORT: AT 032220H A COMPANY "C", 1ST TANK BATTALION TANK, OPCON 3D TANK BATTALION LOCATED AT (BT079612) IN SUPPORT OF 1-1, FIRED 1 ROUND 90MM CANNISTER AT A V. C. RUNNING OUTSIDE DEFENSE PERIMETER. A SEARCH WAS NOT MADE BECAUSE OF DARKNESS.

*OK* B. AT 040400H COMPANY "B" LOCATED AT (BT019559) IN SUPPORT OF 6-2-9, USING INFRARED SEARCHLIGHT OBSERVED 3 V.C. IN SANPAN MOVING EAST AT (BT025553). TANKS EXPENDED 15 ROUNDS 90MM HE AND 500 ROUNDS CAL 30. RESULTS: BOAT DESTROYED, 3 VC KIA (CONFIRMED).

*OK* C. AT 041100H COMPANY "A" TANKS LOCATED AT (AT904717) IN SUPPORT OF COMPANY "K" 3-3, OBSERVED 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS RESULTING FROM THEIR H&I FIRE IN VICINITY OF (BT8771-8772).

*OK* D. AT 042045H COMPANY "A" TANKS LOCATED AT (AT935660) IN SUPPORT OF COMPANY "K" 3-3, RECEIVED HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE. TANKS EXPENDED 3 ROUNDS OF 90MM WP AND 2 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE. ENEMY FIRE SILENCED. SEARCH OF AREA PRECLUDED BY DARKNESS. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

## TANK BOX SCORES

## NUMBER OF MISSIONS

HE	UNCS	H&I	TOTAL
3		1	4

## SUPPORTING

MAP	RVN	OTHER
1		

## ROUNDS EXPENDED

HE	WP	CANNISTER
52	3	1

90MM

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 169 AS OF 042400H JULY 1966

2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DA NANG AIR BASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 031830H TO 040700H, IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL AT (AT999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT971738).

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 170 AS OF 052400H JULY 1966

**1. HIGHLIGHTS**

A. AT 042045H COMPANY "A" TANKS LOCATED AT (AT 935660) SUPPORTING E/2/3 RECEIVED HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE. TWO TANKS FIRED 3 90 MM ROUNDS (HE) AND 2 90 MM WP. RESULTS UNKNOWN AS AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED DUE TO DARKNESS.

B. AT 050920H TWO COMPANY "C" TANKS OPCON TO COMPANY "B" CONDUCTED A MINE SWEEP ON ANDERSON TRAIL. TANKS DISCOVERED AND WITH 2 ROUNDS 90 MM HE, DESTROYED A CAVE AT (AT 996633)

C. AT 051130H THE PLATOON LEADER OF 2D PLATOON COMPANY "B" SAW 1 VC RUNNING INTO TREES. FIRED 30 ROUNDS CAL 45 AT THE VCS. VCS DID NOT STOP AND ESCAPED INTO THE TERRILINE.

D. AT 051645H TWO COMPANY "B" TANKS SUPPORTING A/1/9 AT (AT 929537) RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM (AT 928528). OBSERVED 1 VC RUNNING. TANKS FIRED 2 90 MM WP, 2 90 MM CANNISTER AND 500 CAL 30. 1 VC KIA (PROB). AREA NOT SEARCHED BECAUSE OF RIVER.

E. AT 052045H COMPANY "C" 1ST TANK BN TANKS OPCON TO COMPANY "B" SUPPORTING A/1/1 AT (AT 067614) RECEIVED 400 TO 500 ROUNDS SMALL ARMS FIRE. TANKS RETURNED 12 ROUNDS 90 MM WP, 2 ROUNDS 90 MM HE AND 2300 CAL 30. NO SEARCH CONDUCTED DUE TO DARKNESS.

TANK BOX SCORES  
NUMBER MISSIONS  
OBSERVED-5

SUPPORTING  
MAF

ROUNDS EXPENDED  
90 MM CANNISTER- 2  
90 MM HE -10  
90 MM WP 621

2. **OPERATIONS.** ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIR BASE. SQUAD POSITION: (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 041830H TO 050700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY OF 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738).

3. **PLANS SUMMARY.** CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT OF 3D MARINE DIVISION

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90 MM HE 27  
 90 MM WP 26  
 90 MM CANNISTER 2

2. OPERATIONS: ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIR BASE. SQUAD POSITION: (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 051830H TO 060700H IN SUPPORT OF PT SQUAD AT PHONG HAO SCHOOL LOCATED AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON TO 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY OF 1ST LAM BN AT (AT 971738).

3. PLANO SUMMARY: CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT OF 3D MARINE DIVISION.

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30 TX IN SITREP NUMBER 171 AS OF 062400H JULY 1966

**1. HIGHLIGHTS**

*OK* A. LATE ENTRY AT 052045H COMPANY "C" 1ST TX IN OPCON 30 TX IN LOCATED AT (BT 067614) RECEIVED 40 ROUNDS SA FIRE FROM (BT 077602). RETURNED 12 ROUNDS 90MM WP, 2 ROUNDS 90MM HE, 1 ROUND 90MM CANNISTER AND 2300 ROUNDS 30 CALIBER. RESULTS UNKNOWN AS AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED DUE TO DARKNESS.

*OK* B. LATE ENTRY AT 052355H COMPANY "A" TANKS AT (AT 077574) NOTED ENEMY MOVEMENT AT (AT 067554). FIRED 3 ROUNDS 90MM HE AND 100 ROUNDS 30 CALIBER. SEARCH OF AREA WAS NOT MADE DUE TO DARKNESS. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

*OK* C. AT 061200H WHILE AT (BT 019559) COMPANY "B" TANKS OBSERVED 20 VC AT (BT 034557). FIRED 3 ROUNDS 90MM HE AND 300 ROUNDS 30 CALIBER. ALL ROUNDS IMPACTED IN AREA OF VC. SIX (6) VC KIA PROBABLE.

*OK* D. AT 061245H WHILE AT (BT 019559) COMPANY "B" TANKS OBSERVED 7 VC WITH WEAPONS TRACKING NORTH FROM (BT 030552). FIRED 9 ROUNDS 90MM HE AND 500 ROUNDS 30 CALIBER. FOUR (4) VC KIA CONFIRMED BY BATT COORD. THREE (3) VC KIA PROBABLE.

*OK* E. AT 062040H COMPANY "C" 1ST TX IN, OPCON 30 TX IN TANKS AT (BT 075600) WERE ALERTED THAT INFANTRY UNITS IN THE AREA WERE RECEIVING ENEMY FIRE FROM (BT 077602). TANKS FIRED 10 ROUNDS 90MM HE, 14 ROUNDS 90MM WP, 1 ROUND 90MM CANNISTER AND 300 ROUNDS 30 CALIBER. RESULTS UNKNOWN, AREA NOT SEARCHED DUE TO DARKNESS.

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1. AT 070615H A COMPANY "C" 1ST TR BN TANK OPCON TO 3D TR BN SUPPORTING A/1/1 HIT A MINE IN VICINITY OF (BT 148614). ESTIMATED 30 POUND CHARGE PRODUCE CRATER 8' WIDE AND 3' DEEP. MODERATE DAMAGE TO TANK.
2. AT 071138H COMPANY "B" TANKS CROSSED SONG THU BON VICINITY OF (AT 966564). TO PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION MACON IN SUPPORT OF 9TH MARINE REGIMENT.
3. AT 071700H COMPANY "A" TANKS LOCATED AT (AT 923554) IN SUPPORT OF D/1/9 OBSERVED VC CROSSING RIVER IN BOATS IN VICINITY OF (AT 964557). TANKS FIRED 4 ROUNDS 90 MM HE. RESULTS: 7 VC KIA (CONF).
4. AT 071740H COMPANY "A" TANKS LOCATED AT (AT 923554) IN SUPPORT OF D/1/9 OBSERVED VC CROSSING RIVER IN BOATS VICINITY OF (AT 964557). TANKS FIRED 4 ROUNDS 90 MM HE. RESULTS: 3 VC KIA (CONF). RANGE TO TARGET 4000 METERS.

TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

OPS	HEI
9	1

SUPPORTING

MAP

ROUNDS EXPENDED

90 MM CANNISTER	1
90 MM HE	-65
90 MM WP	-13

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3. PLANS SUMMARY: CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT OF 3D MARINE DIVISION

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 172 AS OF 072400H JULY 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS

*OK* A. LATE ENTRY: AT 061615H COMPANY "B" TANKS LOCATED VICINITY OF (AT 981551) IN SUPPORT OF E/2/9 OBSERVED 5 VC IN BLACK UNIFORMS WITH PACKS APPROACHING TANK POSITION FROM TREELINE AT (AT 981538). UPON SEEING TANKS VC RAN BACK INTO TREES. TANKS FIRED 2 ROUNDS 90 MM HE AND 300 ROUNDS CAL 30. RESULTS: 5 VC KIA (CONF).

*OK* B. LATE ENTRY: AT 061800H COMPANY "B" TANKS LOCATED AT (AT 877574) IN SUPPORT OF E/2/9 OBSERVED 3 VC WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AT (AT 983537). TANKS FIRED 2 ROUNDS 90 MM HE AND 200 ROUNDS CAL 30. RESULTS: 3 VC KIA (CONF).

*OK* C. LATE ENTRY: AT 061930H COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF E/2/9 LOCATED AT (BT 019554) OBSERVED 20 VC IN BLACK UNIFORMS WITH WEAPONS AND PACKS PROCEEDING ALONG WOODLINE FROM EAST TO WEST AT (BT 030552). TANKS FIRED 10 ROUNDS 90 MM HE, 200 CAL 30 AND 50 ROUNDS CAL 50. RESULTS: 9 VC KIA (PROB), 5 VC WIA (PROB).

*OK* D. LATE ENTRY: AT 062030H COMPANY "A" TANKS LOCATED AT (AT 877574) IN SUPPORT OF F/2/3 OBSERVED 1 VC IN BOAT VICINITY OF (AT 861564). TANKS FIRED 1 ROUND 90 MM HE AND 1 ROUND 90 MM WP. ILLUMINATED AREA WITH TANK MOUNTED SEARCHLIGHT. FOUND NO TRACE OF VC OR BOAT. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA (PROB).

*OK* E. AT 070020H COMPANY "C" 1ST TANK BN TANKS OPEN TO 3D TK BN WHILE LOCATED AT (AT 156605) RECEIVED 30 ROUNDS SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM VICINITY OF (AT 158605). TANKS EXPENDED 1 ROUND 90 MM CANNISTER. DARKNESS PRECLUDED SEARCH. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

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3D TR BN SUTREP MURDER 172 AS OF 072400H JULY 1966

**1. HIGHLIGHTS**

A. LATE ENTRY: AT 061615H COMPANY "B" TANKS LOCATED VICINITY OF (AT 981551) IN SUPPORT OF E/2/9 OBSERVED 5 VC IN BLACK UNIFORMS WITH PACKS APPROACHING TANK POSITION FROM TREELINE AT (AT 981538). UPON SEEING TANKS VC RAN BACK INTO TREES. TANKS FIRED 2 ROUNDS 90 MM HE AND 300 ROUNDS CAL 30. RESULTS: 5 VC KIA (CONF).

B. LATE ENTRY: AT 061800H COMPANY "B" TANKS LOCATED AT (AT 877574) IN SUPPORT OF E/2/9 OBSERVED 3 VC WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AT (AT 983537). TANKS FIRED 2 ROUNDS 90 MM HE AND 200 ROUNDS CAL 30. RESULTS: 3 VC KIA (CONF).

C. LATE ENTRY: AT 061930H COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF E/2/9 LOCATED AT (BT 019554) OBSERVED 20 VC IN BLACK UNIFORMS WITH WEAPONS AND PACKS PROCEEDING ALONG WOODLINE FROM EAST TO WEST AT (BT 030552). TANKS FIRED 10 ROUNDS 90 MM HE, 200 CAL 30 AND 50 ROUNDS CAL 50. RESULTS: 9 VC KIA (PROB), 5 VC KIA (PROB).

*OK* D. LATE ENTRY: AT 062030H COMPANY "A" TANKS LOCATED AT (AT 877574) IN SUPPORT OF F/2/3 OBSERVED 1 VC IN BOAT VICINITY OF (AT 861564). TANKS FIRED 1 ROUND 90 MM HE AND 1 ROUND 90 MM WP. ILLUMINATED AREA WITH TANK MOUNTED SEARCHLIGHT. FOUND NO TRACE OF VC OR BOAT. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA (PROB).

E. AT 070020H COMPANY "C" 1ST TANK BN TANKS UPON TO 3D TR BN WHILE LOCATED AT (AT 156605) RECEIVED 30 ROUNDS SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM VICINITY OF (AT 158605). TANKS EXPENDED 1 ROUND 90 MM CANNISTER. DARKNESS PRECLUDED SEARCH. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

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F. AT 070615H A COMPANY "C" 1ST TB IN TANK OPCON TO 3D TB BN SUPPORTING 4/1/1 HAS A HOLE IN VICINITY OF (BT 148614). ESTIMATED 30 POUND CHARGE. PRODUCE CRATER 8' WIDE AND 3' DEEP. MODERATE DAMAGE TO TANK.

G. AT 071138H COMPANY "B" TANKS CROSSED SONG THU RIVER VICINITY OF (AT 966564). TO PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION HAGON IN SUPPORT OF 9TH MARINE REGIMENT.

H. AT 071700H COMPANY "A" TANKS LOCATED AT (AT 923554) IN SUPPORT OF D/1/9 OBSERVED VC CROSSING RIVER IN BOATS IN VICINITY OF (AT 964557). TANKS FIRED 4 ROUNDS 90 MM HE. RESULTS: 7 VC KIA (CONF).

I. AT 071740H COMPANY "A" TANKS LOCATED AT (AT 923554) IN SUPPORT OF D/1/9 OBSERVED VC CROSSING RIVER IN BOATS VICINITY OF (AT 964557). TANKS FIRED 4 ROUNDS 90 MM HE. RESULTS: 3 VC KIA (CONF). RANGE TO TARGET 4000 METERS.

TANK BOM SCORESWATER MISSIONS

9	1
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SUPPORTING

MAP

ROUNDS EXPENDED

90 MM CANNISTER	1
90 MM HE	-65
90 MM WP	-13

2. OPERATIONS: ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIR BASE. SQUAD POSITION: (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 061830H TO 070700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL LOCATED AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON TO 3D MARINE FOR SECURITY OF 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971736).

3. PLANS SUMMARY: CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT OF 3D MARINE DIVISION

4. MISCELLANEOUS: NEGATIVE.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 173 AS OF 082400H JULY 1966

**1. HIGHLIGHTS**

*OK* A. AT 080850H A TANK FROM COMPANY "C" 1ST TANK BN OPCOM 3D TANK BN DETONATED A MINE AT (BT 003634). NO CASUALTIES. MODERATE DAMAGE TO SUSPENSION SYSTEM.

*OK* B. AT 080932H 5 GUN TANKS AND 3 FLAME TANKS FROM COMPANY "B" CROSSED THE SONG THU DAM AT (AT 957552) TO SUPPORT ELEMENTS OF 3/9 ON OPERATION MACON.

*OK* C. AT 081040H A TANK FROM COMPANY "B" IN SUPPORT OF 2/9 AT (AT 980552) SAW 1 VC AT (AT 977555). FIRED 1 ROUND 90MM WP. RESULTS 1 VC KIA CONFIRMED.

*OK* D. AT 081430H TANKS FROM COMPANY "B" IN SUPPORT OF "I" 3/9 OBSERVED 4 VCS RUNNING FROM VILLAGE AT (AT 867528). TANKS OVERTOOK AND CAPTURED 4 VCS. VCS TURNED OVER TO CO, "I" 3/9.

*OK* E. AT 081300H TANKS FROM COMPANY "C" 1ST TANK BN OPCOM 3D TANK BN IN SUPPORT OF 2/9 AT (BT 003633) RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM (BT 003630). TANKS EXPENDED 6 ROUNDS 90MM CANNISTER AND 300 ROUNDS 30 CALIBER. AREA SEARCHED, MUCH BLOOD AND GORE, 1 VC KIA PROBABLE.

*OK* F. AT 081520H A COMPANY "B" TANK AT (AT 985544) IN SUPPORT OF "E" 2/9 OBSERVED 2 VC AT (AT 977538). TANK EXPENDED 1 ROUND 90MM HE. ONE (1) VC KIA CONFIRMED.

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TO: CG, 3D MARDIV

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3D TB BN SITREP NUMBER 174 AS OF 092400H JULY 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS.

- A. AT 090905H A COMPANY "B" TANK CAPTURED ONE MALE VCS AT (AT966556) WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO BLIND THE TANK. TANKS IN SUPPORT OF 3-9.
- B. AT 090700H A COMPANY "A" TANK DETONATED A MINE AT (AT890569) WHILE IN MINE SWEEPING OPERATIONS. INCIDENT RESULTED IN ONE TANK CREWMAN KIA. TANKS SUPPORTING 2-3.

TANK BTL SCORES  
NUMBER MINESTONS  
DES UNOPS HTI  
8

SUPPORTING  
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ROUNDS EXPENDED  
50MM HE 24

2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 081830H TO 090700H, IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHUNG BAC SCHOOL AT (AT999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OF 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT971736).

3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE 3D TANK BATTALION WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR OPERATION HATCON.

4. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE.

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AT 102110H COMPANY "C" 1ST TANK BN (OPCON 3D TANK BN) IN SUPPORT OF 1/1 AT (BT160605) RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE. TANKS RETURNED 3 ROUNDS 90MM WP, 1 ROUND 90MM HEAT, AND 3 ROUNDS 90MM CONNISTER AND 250 ROUNDS CALIBER 30. RESULTS 1 VC KIA (PROB).

2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 091830H TO 100700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738).

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT OF 3D MARDIV

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 175 AS OF 102400H JULY 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS

A. AT 101330H COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF "A" 1ST BN 9TH MARINES AT COORD (AT 970599) FIRED INTO A SUSPECTED MINEFIELD, NO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE OBSERVED. TANKS FIRED 3 ROUNDS OF 90MM CANNISTER.

B. AT 101330H COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF "M" COMPANY 3RD BN 9TH MARINES AT COORD (AT 978536) TO (988536) PARTICIPATED IN A SWEEP, TANKS FIRED 5 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE, 13 ROUNDS OF 90MM WP AND 3100 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER INTO A BUILT UP AREA IN FRONT OF ADVANCING INFANTRY ELEMENTS. RESULTS WERE 40 BUILDINGS AND 1 SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION DUMP. THERE WERE 8 VCS APPREHENDED.

C. AT 100800H TO 101300H COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF "A" COMPANY 3D BN 9TH MARINES BEGAN A SWEEP AT COORDINATES (AT 976533) TO (AT 987534). TANKS FIRED 11 ROUNDS OF 90MM CANNISTER IN A RECONNAISSANCE BY FIRE. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

D. AT 101800H COMPANY "A" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF 1ST BN 3D MARINES IN GRID SQUARES (7186) FIRED INTO A SUSPECTED MINEFIELD. TANKS FIRED 19 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE AND 1 ROUND 90MM WP. TWO LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE OBSERVED.

TANK BOX SCORES  
NUMBER MISSIONS

OBS	UNOBS	H&I	TOTAL
4			4

SUPPORTING  
MAF RVN OTHER

4

ROUNDS EXPENDED

	HE	WP	CANNISTER	HEAT
90MM	24	28	9	1

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 176 AS OF 112400H JULY 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS

A. AT 102110H COMPANY "C" 1ST TANK BN, OPCON 3D TANK BN IN SUPPORT OF "A" 1/1 AT (BT 160605) RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE AND IMMEDIATELY RETURNED 3 ROUNDS OF 90MM WP, 1 ROUND 90MM HEAT, 3 ROUNDS 90MM CANNISTER AND 250 ROUNDS OF CALIBER 30 MG. RESULTS ONE (1) VC KIA PROBABLE.

B. BETWEEN 110700H AND 111200H COMPANY "C" 1ST TANK BN, OPCON 3D TANK BN IN SUPPORT OF "C" 1/1 WHILE ON A SWEEP FIRED 9 ROUNDS OF 90MM CANNISTER, 8 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE AND 2 ROUNDS OF 90MM WP IN A VILLAGE AT (BT 105628). THREE (3) SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE HEARD.

C. AT 111345H COMPANY "B" TANK IN SUPPORT OF "M" 3/9 WHILE ON OPERATION MACON AT (BT 021534) OBSERVED ONE MALE VC WALKING IN THE RIVER BED AT (BT 025525). VC WAS CARRYING UNIDENTIFIED EQUIPMENT. TANK FIRED 1 ROUND 90MM HE AND 30 ROUNDS OF CALIBER 30 MG. OBSERVED MAN FALL. INFANTRY DID NOT SEARCH AREA. RESULTS 1 VC KIA PROBABLE.

D. AT 111645H WHILE IN SUPPORT OF "M" 3/9 WHILE ON OPERATION MACON, "B" COMPANY TANKS SPOTTED 2 VC WITH WEAPONS RUNNING IN TRENCHLINE AT (BT 031541). TANKS FIRED 25 ROUNDS OF CALIBER 30 MG AT VC. RESULTS 1 VC KIA PROBABLE.

E. AT 112015H A COMPANY "B" TANK IN SUPPORT OF "K" 2/9 LOCATED AT (AT 980564) OBSERVED 2 VC ATTEMPTING TO CROSS THE RIVER IN A BOAT AT (AT 975565). TANK FIRED 300 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER AT VC. AFTER FIRING VC COULD NOT BE OBSERVED, SO TANK FIRED 50 MORE ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER INTO THE BOAT. RESULTS 2 VC KIA POSSIBLE.

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TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER HITS/TONS

<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H&amp;I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2			2

SUPPORTING

<u>MAP</u>	<u>RVN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
2		

ROUNDS EXPENDED

<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>HEAT</u>	<u>CANNISTER</u>
8	5	1	12

90MM

2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITION AT (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 101830H TO 110700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL LOCATED AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OFCOM 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738). 3D TK BN CONDUCTED A FIRETEAM AMBUSH AT (AT 991708) FROM 102200H TO 110200H. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MAR DIV

4. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 177 AS OF 122400H JULY 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 120830H COMPANY "A" TANKS LOCATED AT (AT 901718) IN SUPPORT OF "K" 3/3 FIRED H&I FIRE IN GRID SQUARES (AT 8670) AND (AT 8771). EXPENDED 40 ROUNDS 90MM HE AND 20 ROUNDS 90MM WP. OBSERVED 3 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

TANK BOX SCORES

NUMBER MISSIONS

OBS	UNOBS	H&I	TOTAL
		1	1

SUPPORTING

MAF	RVN	OTHER
1		

ROUNDS EXPENDED

HE	WP	CANNISTER
40	20	

90MM 40 20

2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITION AT (HT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 111830H TO 120700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL LOCATED AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738). 3D TK BN CONDUCTED A FIRETEAM AMBUSH AT (AT 992708) FROM 112300H TO 120300H. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV

4. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE

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3D TA BN SITREP NUMBER 178 AS OF 132400H JULY 1966

**1. HIGHLIGHTS.**

A. LATE REPORT. AT 122115H COMPANY "C" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF 1-1 IN CG (BT1257) FIRED 7 ROUNDS 90MM CANNISTER, 1 ROUND 90MM HE AND 300 ROUNDS CALIBER 30 AT 6 VC. RESULTS UNKNOWN AS AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED DUE TO DARKNESS.

B. AT 131550H COMPANY "C" 1ST TANK BATTALION TANKS OF CG 3D TANK BATTALION IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 1-1 AT (BT062625) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE. TANKS RETURNED 6 ROUNDS OF 90MM CANNISTER, TWO (2) VC KIS CONFIRMED AND ONE (1) BUILDING DESTROYED.

C. AT 131415H COMPANY "B" TANK OBSERVED 3 VC AT (AT955535) RUNNING INTO A TREE LINE. TANKS AT POSITION (AT955545) FIRED 3 ROUNDS 90MM HE, 2 ROUNDS 90MM WP. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED NEGATIVE RESULTS.

D. COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF 3-9 AT 131510H LOCATED AT (AT953547) OBSERVED 1 VC AT (AT942538) TANKS FIRED 2 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE, 1 ROUND 90MM WP AND 50 ROUNDS CALIBER 50 AT VC. 1 VC KIA (CONFIRMED)

**TANK BOX SCORES**

**NUMBER MISSIONS**

QDS	ONCS	H&I
4		1

TOTAL
5

**SUPPORTING**

RAF	RVN
5	

**ROUNDS EXPENDED**

90MM HE	10
90MM WP	5
90MM CANNISTER	13

2. OPERATIONS. AT 131545H A COMPANY "B" TANK DETONATED A MINE AT (AT993577) WHILE IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 2-9 MODERATE DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED BY THE TANK TO THE SUSPENSION SYSTEM. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITIONED (BT051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 121830H TO 130700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHUNG BAS

LOCATION LOCATED AT (AT999713).

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3D TA BN SITREP NUMBER 178 AS OF 130000H JULY 1966

ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY 1ST LAAN BN AT (AT971738).

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MAR DIV.
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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 179 AS OF 142400H JULY 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS

OK A. LATE ENTRY AT 132030H A COMPANY "A" TANK IN SUPPORT OF "C" 1/3 AT (AT 877574) OBSERVED MOVEMENT ON THE SID AT (AT 873555). TANKS FIRED 1 ROUND 90MM HE, 1 ROUND 90MM WP. RESULTS UNKNOWN. AREA NOT SEARCHED DUE TO DARKNESS.

OK B. AT 140825H A COMPANY "B" TANK IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 3/9 AT (AT 939533) OBSERVED 1 VC IN A GREEN UNIFORM. TANK FIRED 2 ROUNDS 90MM CANNISTER. AREA SEARCHED RESULTS NEGATIVE.

OK C. AT 141030H A COMPANY "A" TANK IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 3/9 AT (AT 943524) OBSERVED 1 VC IN TREELINE AT (AT 945523). TANK FIRED 100 ROUNDS 30 CALIBER. RESULTS UNKNOWN AS INFANTRY DID NOT SEARCH THE AREA.

OK D. AT 141410H A COMPANY "B" TANK IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 3/9 OBSERVED 6 VC IN GREEN UNIFORMS AT (AT 922505). TANK FIRED 5 ROUNDS 90MM HE AND 2 ROUNDS OF 90MM WP. 3 VC KIA CONFIRMED, 3 VC KIA PROBABLE.

OK E. AT 141420H A COMPANY "B" TANK IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 3/9 AT (AT 928533) OBSERVED 7 VC IN BLACK AND KHAKI UNIFORMS IN AND AROUND A BUILDING AT (AT 915533). TANK FIRED 2 ROUNDS 90MM HE AND 2 ROUNDS 90MM WP. FIVE (5) VC KIA CONFIRMED 2 VC KIA PROBABLE, AND 1 BUILDING DESTROYED.

OK F. AT 141430H A COMPANY "B" TANK IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 3/9 AT (AT 928527) OBSERVED 5 VC AT (AT 921505). TANK FIRED 4 ROUNDS 90MM HE. RESULTS UNKNOWN. AREA NOT SEARCHED

TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

<u>QBS</u>	<u>UNQBS</u>	<u>H&amp;I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
6			6

SUPPORTING

<u>NAF</u>	<u>RVN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
6		

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ROUNDS EXPENDED

<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>CANNISTER</u>
90MM	11	5
		2

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3D TA BN SITREP NUMBER 179 AS OF 142400H JULY 1966 CONTINUED

2. OPERATIONS.

AT 140830H A COMPANY "B" TANK DETONATED A MINE AT (AT 911549). DAMAGE WAS EXTENSIVE TO THE RIGHT FRONT SUSPENSION OF THE TANK. NO CASUALTIES.

AT 141045H A COMPANY "B" TANK DETONATED A MINE AT (AT 985584). DAMAGE WAS EXTENSIVE TO THE RIGHT SUSPENSION OF THE TANK. NO CASUALTIES.

C. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 131830H TO 140700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG HAC SCHOOL LOCATED AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738).

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV4. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 180 AS OF 152400H JULY 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS

*OK* A. LATE ENTRY AT 141925H A COMPANY "A" TANK IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 3/9 AT (AT 953552) OBSERVED VC CARRYING WEAPONS CROSSING THE BEACH AT (AT 964557). TANK OPENED FIRE WITH 30 CALIBER AND VC STARTED RUNNING UP THE BEACH. TANK EXPENDED 100 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER. RESULTS 2 VC KIA CONFIRMED.

*OK* B. LATE ENTRY A COMPANY "B" TANK IN SUPPORT OF "H" 2/9 RECEIVED A REQUEST TO FIRE AT A BUILDING BELIEVED USED BY VC AT (AT 975549). TANK EXPENDED 2 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE. BUILDING DESTROYED, NO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS NOTED. TIME OF INCIDENT 141800H.

*OK* C. AT 142200H A COMPANY "B" TANK IN SUPPORT OF "H" 2/9 AT (AT 981551) CONDUCTED A RECON BY FIRE MISSION INTO SUSPECTED ENEMY AREA AT (AT 981555). TANK EXPENDED 1 ROUND 90MM CANNISTER AND 250 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER. RESULTS UNKNOWN AS INFANTRY DID NOT SEARCH THE AREA.

TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

OBS	UNOBS	H&I	TOTAL
2			2

SUPPORTING

MAF	RVN	OTHER
2		

ROUNDS EXPENDED

HE	WP	CANNISTER
2	0	1

90MM

2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 141830H TO 150700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG HAC SCHOOL LOCATED AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS, OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738). 3D TK BN CONDUCTED A FIRETEAM AMBUSH AT (AT 997716) FROM 142300H TO 150300H. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

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3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV4. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 181 AS OF 162400H JULY 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS

A. IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 3/3 ONE COMPANY "A" TANK FIRED H&I FIRES FROM 152000H TO 160500H INTO GRID SQUARES AT8577, AT8378, AT8676, AT8677, AT8470, AT8674. ALL FIRES WERE UNOBSERVED. EXPENDED 30 ROUNDS 90MM HE.

B. AT 161510H WHILE IN SUPPORT OF G 2/3 COMPANY "A" TANKS RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM A HAMLET LOCATED AT (AT 839567) TANKS RETURNED 12 ROUNDS 90MM WP AND 4 ROUNDS HE WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. RESULTS UNKNOWN, AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED.

C. IN SUPPORT OF M 3/9 WHILE ON OPERATION MACON, A COMPANY "B" TANK AT (AT 913514) OBSERVED A VC IN A GREEN UNIFORM CARRYING BINOCULARS. AT (AT 913494) TANK FIRED ONE ROUND OF 90MM HE SCORING A DIRECT HIT. ONE VC KIA CONFIRMED.

TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

OPS	UNOPS	H&I	TOTAL
1	1	1	2

SUPPORTINGMAF

2.

ROUNDS EXPENDEDHE WP

90MM	HE	WP
	35	12

2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 151830H TO 160700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL LOCATED AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738). 3D TANK BN CONDUCTED A PATROL IN PHONG BAC VILLAGE GRID SQUAR (AT 9971) FROM 152300H TO 160300H. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 182 AS OF 172400H JULY 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 171250H COMPANY "B" TANKS ON OPERATION MAGON IN SUPPORT OF 3/9 LOCATED IN VIC. (AT 913514) OBSERVED 30 V.C. RUNNING OUT OF A TREELINE VIC. (AT 885533). SOME OF THE V.C. RAN INSIDE OF BUILDINGS. TANKS EXPENDED 17 ROUNDS 90MM H.E., AND 5 ROUNDS 90MM W.P.. RESULTS: 16 V.C. KIA (CONF), 5 V.C. MIA (CONF) AND 5 BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

OES TOTAL

1 1

SUPPORTING

MAF RVN OTHER

1

ROUNDS EXPENDED: 90MM

HE MP

17 5

2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIR BASE, SQUAD POSITION (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 161830H TO 170700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHUNG BAC SCHOOL LOCATED AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OF 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY 1ST LAAM BN (AT 971738). 3D TK BN CONDUCTED TWO FIRETEAM AMBUSHES AT (AT 996709) AND (AT 987707). NO ENEMY CONTACT. BOTH AMBUSHES IN PLACE FROM 162130H TO 170600H.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 183 AS OF 182400H JULY 1966 CONTINUED

2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 181830 H TO 180700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG HAC SCHOOL LOCATED AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738).

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 183 AS OF 182400H JULY 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS

A. AT 181025H WHILE ON PATROL WITH "B" 1/9 A COMPANY "B" TANK DETONATED A M16A1 MINE AT (AT 937553). THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE.

B. AT 181026H WHILE IN SUPPORT OF "H" 2/9 A COMPANY "B" TANK RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM A HOUSE NEAR (AT 986584). TANK FIRED 4 ROUNDS 90MM HE AND DESTROYED HOUSE. AREA NOT SEARCHED BY SUPPORTING INFANTRY, 1 VC KIA PROBABLE.

C. AT 181059H A COMPANY "A" TANK IN SUPPORT OF 3/3 FIRED H&I FIRE FROM (AT 901718) INTO GRID SQUARES (AT 8871) AND (AT 8770). TANKS FIRED 20 ROUNDS 90MM WP AND 10 ROUNDS 90MM HE. TWO (2) SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE OBSERVED.

D. AT 181230H COMPANY "C" 1ST TANK BN OPCON 3D TANK BN AT (BT 168577) DISPATCHED TWO TANKS IN SUPPORT OF 1/1 AND LOCAL POPULAR FORCES WHO WERE UNDER ATTACK BY AN ESTIMATED VC PLATOON AT (BT 169574) AND (BT 171576). TANKS FIRED 6 ROUNDS 90MM WP, 10 ROUNDS 90MM HE AND 1 ROUND 90MM CANNISTER. RESULTS 8 VC KIA CONFIRMED, 10 VC KIA PROBABLE.

E. AT 181445H A COMPANY "A" 5 TON TRUCK AT (AT 937635) WAS STRUCK WITH 1 ROUND OF SNIPER FIRE IN THE RIGHT FRONT TIRE. A SEARCH OF THE VICINITY FAILED TO REVEAL ANY ENEMY FORCES. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

OBS	UNOBS	H&I	TOTAL
2		1	3

SUPPORTING

KAF	HVN	OTHER
3		

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ROUNDS EXPENDED

HE	WP	CANNISTER
24	26	1

90MM

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 184 AS OF 192400H JULY 1966

1. **HIGHLIGHTS.** AT 191945H A COMPANY "B" TANK AT (AT 911518) IN SUPPORT OF "K" 3/9 RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM (AT 915508). TANK FIRED 1 ROUND 90MM HE AND 1 ROUND 90MM WP. RESULTS UNKNOWN, UNABLE TO SEARCH AREA DUE TO DARKNESS.

**TANK BOX SCORES**

**NUMBER MISSIONS**

OPS	UNOPS	HE	TOTAL
1			1

**SUPPORTING**

MAP	EYN	OTHER
1		

**ROUNDS EXPENDED**

HE	WP	CANNISTER
1	1	0

90MM

**2. OPERATIONS**

A. ON 191900H A SWEEP WAS CONDUCTED WITH A PROVISIONAL PLATOON MADE UP OF 1 SQUAD FROM 3D TK BN, 1 SQUAD 3D AT BN AND 1 SQUAD OF PF'S FROM HOA VANG DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS FROM (AT 984710) TO (AT 997710). RESULTS 1 VN NATIONAL EVACUATED TO HOA VANG DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS FOR LACK OF PROPER IDENTIFICATION.

B. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY PLATOON PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 181830H TO 190700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL LOCATED AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS GPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738).

**3. PLANS SUMMARY.** CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 185 AS OF 202400H JULY 1966

**1. HIGHLIGHTS**

A. AT 200700H A COMPANY "B" TANK ENROUTE TO "G" 2/9 CP CONTACTED A M-16 BOUNDING MINE AT (BT 003565). NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES REPORTED.

B. AT 201200H COMPANY "B" TANKS OPERATING WITH ELEMENTS OF 3/9 AT (AT 925527) AND (AT 934529) OBSERVED 10 TO 15 VC'S RUNNING FROM VILLAGE AT (AT 934524) AND (AT 943524). VC WERE WEARING GREEN, KHAKI AND BLACK UNIFORMS. TANKS EXPENDED 12 ROUNDS 90MM HE, 5 ROUNDS 90MM WP, 100 ROUNDS 50 CALIBER AND 500 ROUNDS 30 CALIBER. OBSERVED DIRECT HIT ON VC. RESULTS 1 VC KIA CONFIRMED, 4 VC KIA PROBABLE.

C. AT 201520H COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 3/9 LOCATED AT (AT 939525) RECEIVED 100 ROUNDS SNIPER FIRE FROM 4 OR 5 VC LOCATED IN TREE LINE AT (AT 950527) AND (AT 945520). TANKS EXPENDED 3 ROUNDS 90MM HE, 3 ROUNDS 90MM WP AND 100 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER. RESULTS UNKNOWN AS INFANTRY DID NOT SEARCH THE AREA.

D. AT 201855H COMPANY "B" TANK IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 3/9 LOCATED AT (AT 913514) OBSERVED 4 VC, 1 WITH WEAPON RUNNING ALONG BEACH AT (AT 904526). TANK EXPENDED 2 ROUNDS 90MM HE AND 1 ROUND 90MM WP. OBSERVED A DIRECT HIT AND BODIES ON THE BEACH. RESULTS 3 VC KIA CONFIRMED.

**TANK BOX SCORES**  
**NUMBER MISSIONS**

OBS	UNCLS	H&I	TOTAL
3			3

**SUPPORTING**

MAP	EVE	OTHER
3		

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**ROUNDS EXPENDED**

HE	WP	CANNISTER
17	9	0

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3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 186 AS OF 212400H JULY 1966

**1. HIGHLIGHTS**

A TOTAL OF 19 TANKS WERE ENGAGED IN 13 ACTIVE SUPPORT MISSIONS FOR THE 3D MARINE DIVISION AND ACCOUNTED FOR 9 VC KIA, CONFIRMED AND 1 VC KIA PROBABLE.

**TANK BCK SCORES****AMMUNITION EXPENDED**

90MM HE	45 ROUNDS
90MM WP	20 ROUNDS
90MM CANNISTER	5 ROUNDS
CALIBER 30 MACHINE GUN	3000 ROUNDS
CALIBER 50 MACHINE GUN	450 ROUNDS

A. LATE REPORT: AT 211047H TWO TANKS OF COMPANY "A", IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 2/3 MADE A ROAD SWEEP, FOR MINES, FROM (AT 827574 TO AT 918598). NO INCIDENTS WERE NOTED.

B. LATE REPORT: AT 201130H TWO TANKS OF COMPANY "A", IN SUPPORT OF 2/3 PROVIDED SUPPORTING FIRES AT (AT 839508). TANKS FIRED 18 ROUNDS OF 90MM WP, 9 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE, 3000 ROUNDS OF CALIBER 30 AND 450 ROUNDS OF CALIBER 50 AT VC WHO WERE AT (AT 842502). A SEARCH OF THE AREA WAS NOT CONDUCTED DUE TO THE ENEMY ACTIVITY.

C. AT 210808H TWO TANKS OF COMPANY "B" IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 1/9, OBSERVED 24 VC AT (AT 942518). TANKS FIRED 28 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE AND 1 ROUND OF 90MM WP AND OBSERVED 8 DIRECT HITS. VC KIA CONFIRMED 8.

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D. AT 211150H COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 3/9 AT (AT 952527) OBSERVED 2 VC AT (AT 941523). TANKS FIRED TWO (2) ROUNDS 90MM HE WITH GOOD COVERAGE. ONE VC KIA CONFIRMED, 1 VC KIA PROBABLE.

E. AT 211510H A COMPANY "A" TANK AT (AT 961569) DETONATED A MINE. MODERATE DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED TO THE TANKS SUSPENSION SYSTEM. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

F. AT 211735H, TWO TANKS OF COMPANY "C", 1st TANK BATTALION, OPCON TO 3D TANK BATTALION, IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 1/1, FIRED 6 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE, 1 ROUND OF 90MM WP AND 5 ROUNDS OF 90MM CANNISTER AT VC SNIPERS AT (AT 070628). A SEARCH PROVED NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 187 AB OF 222400H JULY 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS

A TOTAL OF 13 TANKS WERE ENGAGED IN 9 COMBAT SUPPORT MISSIONS FOR THE 3D MARINE DIVISION WITH A TOTAL OF 2 V.C. KIA (CONF), 4 V.C. KIA (PROB), 2 A.P. MINES DETONATED, 1 A.T. MINE DETONATED CAUSING MODERATE DAMAGE TO THE TANK AND, 1 A.T. MINE DETONATED BY 90MM FIRE.

TANK BOX SCORESAMMUNITION EXPENDED

90MM HE	11 ROUNDS
90MM WP	2 ROUNDS
90MM CANNISTER	16 ROUNDS
CALIBER .30 MACHINE GUN	100 ROUNDS
CALIBER .50 MACHINE GUN	1100 ROUNDS

610 A. LATE REPORT: AT 211730H COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF "H" 2/9, WENT TO ASSISTANCE OF A MINE-DISABLED LVT (AT 994575) WHICH WAS RECEIVING SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED 6 TO 8 V.C. (AT 983577). TANKS RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 50 ROUNDS SMALL ARMS FIRE. TANKS EXPENDED 6 ROUNDS 90MM HE, 6 ROUNDS 90MM CANNISTER, 100 ROUNDS .50 CALIBER AND 500 ROUNDS .30 CALIBER. ENEMY WITHDREW UNDER FIRE.

810 B. LATE REPORT: FROM 212100H TO 212200H, COMPANY "A" TANKS LOCATED (AT 880770) IN SUPPORT "E" 1/3, FIRED UNSERVED H&I ON TARGETS (AT 869775) (AT 863783) AND (AT 865793). TANKS EXPENDED 4 ROUNDS 90MM HE.

OK C. AT 220905H, COMPANY "B" TANKS ON OPERATION MACON IN SUPPORT OF "A" 3/9, RECEIVED 20 ROUNDS SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM (AT 904514). TANKS EXPENDED 400 ROUNDS CALIBER .30. NO SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED AS TANKS WERE RETURNING TO "A" 3/9 C.P.

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OK. AT 220930H, COMPANY "A" TANKS CONDUCTING A MINE SWEEP IN SUPPORT OF "G" 2/3, DETONATED AN A.P. MINE (AT 886574) CONSISTING OF AN ESTIMATED  $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. OF TNT. NO CASUALTIES AND NO DAMAGE TO THE TANK.

OK. AT 221330H COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF "H" 2/9, DETONATED AN A.P. MINE IN VICINITY (AT 991559). NO CASUALTIES AND NO DAMAGE TO THE TANK.

OK. AT 221400H, A COMPANY "C" TANK ON A PATROL WITH ELEMENTS OF 4TH MARINES (REAR), DETONATED AN A.T. MINE VIC. (ID 790117) CAUSING MODERATE DAMAGE TO THE TANK, NO CASUALTIES.

OK. AT 221720H COMPANY "B" TANKS LOCATED AT (AT 901534) IN SUPPORT OF 1/9, RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED 6 TO 10 V.C. (AT 901539). 1 USMC INFANTRIMAN KIA. TANKS EXPENDED 10 ROUNDS 90MM CANNISTER AND 200 ROUNDS .30 CALIBER. OBSERVED 4 V.C. FALL. SEARCH NOT CONDUCTED BECAUSE OF INTERVENING RIVER. 4 V.C. KIA (PROB).

OK. AT 221400H, COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF "D" 1/9, EXPENDED 1 ROUND 90MM H.E. TO DESTROY A BOX TYPE A.T. MINE FOUND AT (AT 961569).

OK. AT 221930H COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF "B" 1/9, LOCATED AT (AT 901547) W.P.. OBSERVED 3 V.C. WITH WEAPONS IN VICINITY (AT 901534). TANKS EXPENDED 2 ROUNDS 90MM W.P.. RESULTS: 2 V.C. KIA (CONF).

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 188 AS OF 232400H JULY 1966

**1. HIGHLIGHTS**

A TOTAL OF 6 TANKS WERE ENGAGED IN 3 COMBAT SUPPORT MISSIONS FOR THE 3D MARINE DIVISION.

TANK BOM SCORES  
ARTILLERY EXPENDED

CALIBER .30 MACHINE GUN 400 ROUNDS

*OK* A. AT 230900H COMPANY "C" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 4TH MARINES (HEAR) CONDUCTED A PATROL IN GRID SQUARES (YD 8116), (YD 8119), (YD 8113), AND (YD 8113).  
NEGATIVE CONTACT.

*OK* B. AT 230920H COMPANY "A" TANKS CONDUCTED LINE SWEEPING OPERATION FROM (AT 877574) to (AT 918598). NO INCIDENTS.

*OK* C. AT 231830H COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUP. CRT OF B 1/9 AT (AT 920547) OBSERVED 19 VC AT (AT 929549). FIRED 400 ROUNDS OF CALIBER .30 MACHINE GUN. SEARCHED AREA, NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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**3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 189 AS OF 242400H JULY 1966**

**1. HIGHLIGHTS**

FOURTY SIX M-48A3 90MM GUN TANKS AND 4 M-67A2 FLAME TANKS WERE ENGAGED IN 5 ACTIVE MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE 3D MARINE DIVISION.

TANK BOX SCORES  
AMMUNITION EXPENDED

90MM HE	WP	CANNISTER	TOTAL
4	18	3	25

**CALIBER 30 MACHINE GUN 50 ROUNDS**

*611* A. AT 232210H COMPANY "C", 1ST TANK BATTALION TANKS OFCON 3D TANK BATTALION WHILE LOCATED AT (BT 068713) FIRED 2 ROUNDS OF 90MM CANNISTER, 4 ROUNDS OF 90MM WP AND 1 ROUND OF 90MM HE AT SUSPECTED ENEMY MORTAR POSITIONS LOCATED AT (BT 061713). TANKS LOCATED AT THEIR CP.

*105* B. AT 241100H A COMPANY "A" TANK IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 1/9 DISCOVERED AN OLD TANK TRACK THAT WAS COVERED WITH STACKS OF BAMBOO AND CARDBOARD. THE TANK CREW SUSPECTING A POSSIBLE MINE FIRED 1 ROUND 90MM CANNISTER AND 1 ROUND OF 90MM HE AND OBSERVED A SECONDARY EXPLOSION OF APPROXIMATELY TWENTY POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVE.

*116* C. AT 241125H A COMPANY "B" TANK IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 1/9 AT (AT 906551) RECEIVED 15 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM A POSITION AT (AT 901550). TANKS RETURNED 5 ROUNDS 90MM WP AND 50 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER MACHINE GUN. SNIPING CEASED, AREA NOT SEARCHED AS ENEMY POSITION WAS ACROSS THE SONG VU GLA.

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1. AT 241545H A COMPANY "B" TANK AT (BT 018636) IN SUPPORT OF 2/9 FIRED ON A TREKLINE AT (BT 019632) FROM WHICH SNIPER FIRE WAS BEING DELIVERED ON ARVN UNITS. THE TANK FIRED 9 ROUNDS OF 90MM WP AND 2 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE. SNIPER FIRE CEASED. AREA NOT SEARCHED AS ARVN LEFT THE AREA.

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3D TB BN SITREP NUMBER 190 AS OF 252400H JULY 1966

## 1. HIGHLIGHTS

A. FORTY EIGHT M109s, 90MM GUN TANKS AND 4 FLAME TANKS PARTICIPATED IN SEVEN COMBAT SUPPORT MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE 3D MARDIV. TANKS DESTROYED 1 FORTIFIED BLDG AND DETONATED AN M-160 AP MINE THAT INFLECTED SLIGHT DAMAGE TO THE TANK TRACK. ONE TANK WAS HIT WITH AN ANTI-TANK WEAPON AND SUSTAINED SLIGHT DAMAGE. ONE USMC KIA, NON-MED EVAC.

TANK BOX SCORESAMMUNITION EXPENDED

	HE	HE	CANISTER	HEAT
90MM	9	4	2	1

30 CALIBER MACHINEGUN 400 ROUNDS  
50 CALIBER MACHINEGUN 30 ROUNDS

614 B. FROM 242100H TO 242200H A COMPANY "A" TANK IN SUPPORT OF 1/3 AT (AT 885772) FIRED HAI FIRE INTO COORDINATES (AT 863774), (AT 863776) AND (AT 861781). TANK EXPENDED 6 ROUNDS 90MM HE.

611 C. AT 251100H A COMPANY "B" TANK IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 1/9 AT (AT 906551) RECEIVED 15 ROUNDS OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM COMBAT (AT 901550). TWO COMPANY "B" TANKS RETURNED FIRE WITH 4 ROUNDS 90MM HE AND 200 ROUNDS 30 CALIBER. AREA NOT SEARCHED AS ENEMY WAS THE FAR SIDE OF THE BONG VU CIA.

611 D. AT 251100H TWO COMPANY "B" TANKS AT (AT 975648) WERE COMBATED WITH A REACTION ELEMENT IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF "B" 1/9 WHO WERE ENLARGED BY AUTOMATIC AND SMALL ARMS WEAPONS FIRE FROM ENEMY AT (AT 973652). TANKS EXPENDED 2 ROUNDS 90MM HE, 2 ROUNDS 90MM CANISTER, 1 ROUND 90MM HEAT AND 200 ROUNDS 30 CALIBER IN A RECON BY FIRE. RESULTING IN

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1. PORTAFIELD BLDG BEING DESTROYED. NO ENEMY CASUALTIES REPORTED.

6/10 E. AT 251510H A COMPANY "B" TANK AT (AT 996567) STRUCK A MINE. NO PERSONNEL INJURIES, TANK RECEIVED SLIGHT DAMAGE TO THE TRACK. NO USMC CASUALTIES REPORTED.

6/10 F. AT 251600H TWO COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF 2/9 LOCATED AT (AT 996567) RECEIVED 30 ROUNDS OF SA FIRE FROM ENEMY AT (AT 996565). TANKS EXPENDED 200 ROUNDS OF 50 CALIBER AND 30 ROUNDS OF 50 CALIBER INTO ENEMY POSITION, FIRING CEASED. AREA NOT SEARCHED DUE TO REPAIR WORK IN PROGRESS ON DAMAGED TANK THAT HIT MINE (SEE PARA E).

6/10 G. AT 251925H A COMPANY "B" TANK IN SUPPORT OF C/1/9 AT (AT 968589) RECEIVED 30 ROUNDS OF SA FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED 20 - 30 VC AT (AT 968590). THE VC FIRED 1 ROUND FROM AN ANTI-TANK WEAPON THAT PENETRATED THE LEFT SIDE OF THE TURRET RING JAMMING IT SO THE TURRET COULD NOT TRAVERSE. TANK COULD NOT FIRE BECAUSE OF POOLED TURRET. ONE (1) CREWMAN KIA BUN NED EVAC.

2. FUTURE PLANS. A RIVER RECONNAISSANCE HAS BEEN CONDUCTED OF THE SONG TRACH HAN VIC (ID 3170) AND PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE TO MOVE A PLATOON OF TANKS FROM PHU NAI TO DONG HA FOR SUPPORT OF FORCES IN OPERATION HASTINGS.

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**C O N F I D E N T I A L**

3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 192 AS OF 262400H JULY 1966

## 1. HIGHLIGHTS

A. FORTY SIX M48A3, 90MM GUN TANKS AND FOUR M67A2 FLAME TANKS PARTICIPATED IN THREE COMBAT SUPPORT MISSIONS, RESULTING IN ONE VC KIA CONFIRMED AND FOUR VC KIA PROBABLE. TANKS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN MINE SWEEP OPERATION WITH ENGINEER ELEMENTS.

REFER 30 TANK BATTALION SITREP NUMBER 190, PARAGRAPH 1G. IT HAS BEEN POSITIVELY ESTABLISHED THAT THE ANTITANK WEAPON USED WAS A RPG-2 ANTITANK WEAPON. IDENTITY WAS ESTABLISHED AFTER FINDING THE TAIL FIN ASSEMBLY OF THE ROCKET.

### TANK BOY SCORES

**ADMINISTRATION EXPENDED**

HE ... P. CANNISTER.

90MM 10 5 3 .....

B. LATE ENTRY. AT 252115H A COMPANY "A" TANK FIRED HET FIRE INTO TARGET AREAS (AT 862782), (AT 864670) AND (AT 863784). ALL FIRES WERE UNOBSERVED. EXPENDED 6 ROUNDS 90MM HE.

C. AT 260955H COMPANY "A" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 2/3 CONDUCTED A MINE SWEEP FROM (AT 877574) TO (AT 924606). NO INCIDENTS.

D. AT 261735H COMPANY "C" 1ST TANK BATTALION, OPCON 3D TANK BATTALION IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 1/1 REAR OBSERVED 8 TO 10 VC RUNNING ACROSS A RICE PADDY AT (BT 115625). TANKS FIRED 4 ROUNDS 90MM HE 2 ROUNDS 90MM CANNISTER AND 1 ROUND 90MM WP. RESULTS 1 VC KEM 48A3TF (CONFIRMED) AND 4 VC KEM 48A3TF (PROBABLE). \*

11. AT 261845H A COMPANY "B" TANK AT (AT906551) RECEIVED 10 ROUNDS OF AUTOMATIC

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WEAPON FIRE FROM A TREELINE ACROSS A RIVER AT (AT 904557). TANKS RETURNED 4 ROUNDS OF 90MM WP AND FIRING CEASED. ONE TANK CREWMAN WAS WOUNDED BY FRIENDLY ARTILLERY, MED EVAC.

\* KILLED BY M48A3 TANK FIRE.

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1. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~: 46 H48A3, 90th Tank Troop and 4 H67A2 Flame Troop, 1st Cavalry Division in  
 contact with elements of the 1st Airborne Division. On 21st of March  
 1968, the 1st Airborne Division was contacted by the 1st Cavalry Division. 13 VC KIA (CONF), 27 VC KIA  
 (PUB), 2 VC KIA (CONF) and 1 VC POW (PUB), near of Binh Dinh.

1. 1990-1991  
 2. 1991-1992  
 3. 1992-1993

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On 27/11/30, observed "B" Tandu located at (lat 879510) on Orientation track in  
 East of 3/9. Observed 35 VC (3 medium, 1 small, 1 large), 3 medium white, 1 small  
 and 1 large white, 1 small black, 1 small black, 1 small black, 1 small black, 1 small black,  
 1 small black (lat 882515) and (lat 886514). The Tandu observed 21 Nov 9000 H, 1  
 Nov 9000 H, 1 Nov 9000 H, 30 Caliber. Tandu with 1000 observed on the Tandu.  
 observed 7 VC (1000), 5 VC (1000), 4 VC (1000), and 1 VC (1000).  
 observed 1000 H, 3/9.

10. At 271130H, COURAGE "B" FLEW TANKS LOCATED AT (AT 948590) 11-25-47 AND AT "A" 1/9, DURING TIME AND WERE ABANDONED ON SOUTH SIDE ROAD AT 16 1/2 MILES FROM TANKS 11-25-47. LOCATED AT A TANK (ON 30 1/4 IN. VERTICAL NUMBER 192).

6R. At 271200H, Contact "A" Towed Master at (at 906551) in support of "A" 1/9.  
 1000 hours of 30 minutes. 1000 hours of 30 minutes. 1000 hours of 30 minutes.

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3D YA HE BATTLE 193 AD ON 272400H JUNE 1966 (CONTINUED)

D. AT 271355H, COMPANY "B" TANKS ON OPERATION MACON IN SUPPORT OF 3/9 LOCATED AT (AT 879509) OBSERVED ONE VC WHO WAS OBSERVING FRIENDLY POSITIONS FROM VICINITY (AT 862514). A TANK FIRED 1 ROUND 90MM WP AND OBSERVED A DIRECT HIT ON THE TARGET. NO FURTHER MOVEMENT IN THE AREA. 1 VC KNOF (CONF. BY 3/9).

E. AT 271420H, COMPANY "B" TANKS LOCATED AT (AT 879509) ON OPERATION MACON IN SUPPORT OF 3/9, OBSERVED 2 VC WEARING BLACK SHIRTS AND WHITE SHORTS, RUNNING INTO A HOUSE (AT 865508). A TANK FIRED 1 ROUND 90MM HE AND 1 ROUND 90MM WP. OBSERVED DIRECT HITS ON TARGET AND 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION. 2 VC ABOP (PROB).

F. AT 271430H, COMPANY "B" TANKS ON OPERATION MACON IN SUPPORT OF 3/9, OBSERVED 1 VC, (2 WEARING GREEN UNIFORMS) RUNNING ALONG A TREELINE (AT 865508). A TANK FIRED 5 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE AND OBSERVED DIRECT HITS ON THE TARGETS. 2 VC KNOF (CONF).

G. AT 271440H, COMPANY "B" TANKS ON OPERATION MACON IN SUPPORT OF 3/9, RECEIVED 200 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM A TREELINE ON THE OPPOSITE BANK OF THE SONG THU RIVER (AT 867505) AND (AT 865503). THE TANKS RETURNED FIRE WITH 32 ROUNDS 90MM HE, 12 ROUNDS OF 90MM WP, 1 ROUND 90MM CANNISTER AND, 3000 ROUNDS .30 CALIBER. AN AIR OBSERVER ON STATION REPORTED ALL ROUNDS ON TARGET. 17 VC KNOF (PROB).

H. AT 271730H, COMPANY "B" TANKS LOCATED AT (AT 904543) IN SUPPORT OF "B" 1/9, RECEIVED 75 TO 100 ROUNDS OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED 3 TO 4 VC LOCATED IN A TREELINE AT (AT 901537). A TANK FIRED 1 ROUND 90MM CANNISTER AND 2 ROUNDS 90MM WP, AND 300 ROUNDS .30 CALIBER. 3 VC KNOF (PROB).

I. LATE REPORT: AT 271915H, COMPANY "C", 1st TANK BN. TANKS LOCATED AT (BT 054654) IN SUPPORT OF "L" 1/1, WENT TO ASSISTANCE OF A COMPANY "L" PLATOON WHICH WAS RECEIVING SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM (BT 050655) AND (BT 045656). VC STARTED RUNNING WHEN TANKS APPROACHED. TANKS FIRED 8 ROUNDS 90MM HE. 5 VC KNOF (CONF) AND 3 VC KIA (CONF).

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 194 AS OF 282400H JULY 1966

**1. HIGHLIGHTS**

A. OF THE FORTY SIX M48A3 GUN TANKS AND FOUR M67A2 FLAME TANKS SUPPORTING ELEMENTS OF THE 3D MARINE DIVISION, TWELVE GUN TANKS AND TWO FLAME TANKS MADE NOTEWORTHY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 3D MARINE DIVISIONS MISSIONS, RESULTING IN FOUR VC KEGF CONFIRMED AND ONE VCC CAPTURED.

TANK BOX SCORES  
AMMUNITION EXPENDED  
HE MP CANNISTER

90MM

1 1

30 CALIBER MACHINEGUN - 230  
50 CALIBER MACHINEGUN - 350

B. LATE ENTRY. AT 271500H TANKS FROM COMPANY "A" OPCOM TO COMPANY "B" OPERATING WITH 1/9, LEVELLED STRUCTURE IN GRID SQUARES (AT 9457) AND (AT 9458). EXPENDED 50 ROUNDS OF 50 CALIBER AMMUNITION AND 1 ROUND 90MM HE, RESULTING IN 1 VCC CAPTURED.

C. FROM 280630H TO 280750H, TANKS FROM 1ST PLATOON COMPANY "A" MADE A ROAD SWEEP FROM (AT 877574) TO (AT 924606) SUPPORTED BY INFANTRY FROM 2/3 AND ENGINEERS. NEGATIVE RESULTS

D. AT 280930H, A COMPANY "B" TANK (B-12), IN SUPPORT OF COMPANY "B" 1/9 OBTAINED DIRECT HITS ON 2 VC AT (AT 902552) WITH 100 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER AMMUNITION. RESULTS 2 VC KEGF CONFIRMED.

E. AT 280935H, B-12 OF COMPANY "B" DREW SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM (AT 901559). RETURNED  
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FIRE WITH 300 ROUNDS OF 50 CALIBER AND 130 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER RESULTING IN 2 VC KEGF CONFIRMED.

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F. FROM 280900H TO 281100H, TANKS OF COMPANY "C", IN SUPPORT OF 2/4 MADE A PATROL WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

G. FLAME TANKS FROM COMPANY "B", SUPPORTING D/1/9 BURNED OUT A GROUP OF STRUCTURES AND UNDERGROWTH. RESULTS UNDETERMINED.

H. AT 282019, A TANK FROM COMPANY "C", 1ST TANK BATTALION, OPCON TO 3D TANK BATTALION IN SUPPORT OF 3/1 RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE. EXPENDED 1 ROUND OF 90MM CANNISTER. RESULTS UNDETERMINED.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 195 AS OF 292400H JULY 1966

**1. HIGHLIGHTS**

A. OF THE FORTY TWO (42) M48A3 GUN TANKS AND THE FOUR (4) M67A2 FLAME TANKS SUPPORTING ELEMENTS OF THE 3D MARDIV, SEVENTEEN (17) TANKS MADE NOTEWORTHY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 3D MARDIV MISSION RESULTING IN 7 VC KEGF CONFIRMED AND 2 VC KEGF PROBABLE. ONE AP MINE AND ONE RAFT DESTROYED.

TANK BOK SCORES  
AMMUNITION EXPENDED  
HE WP CANNISTER

90MM

21

30 CALIBER MACHINEGUN 400 ROUNDS

OK B. AT 290945H A COMPANY "B" TANK IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 2/9 DETONATED AN M16A1 MINE AT (AT 987577) WITH NO DAMAGE TO THE TANK AND NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

OK C. AT 290930H COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 3/9 AT (AT 868500) OBSERVED 7 VC IN 3 BOATS AT (AT 865497). WARNING SHOTS WERE FIRED BUT BOATS FAILED TO STOP. TANKS FIRED 4 ROUNDS 90MM HE AND 100 ROUNDS 30 CALIBER AT THE BOATS WITH DIRECT HITS. RESULTS 6 VC KEGF CONFIRMED AND 1 VC WEGF CONFIRMED

OK D. AT 291000H A COMPANY "B" TANK WHILE IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 3/9 AT (AT 927526) RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM THE VICINITY (AT 934525). TANKS RETURNED 3 ROUNDS 90MM HE WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE. RESULTS 1 VC KEGF PROBABLE.

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18. AT 291300H COMPANY "B" TANKS AT (AT 868502) RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 200 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM A POSITION AT (AT 868497). TANKS RETURNED 13 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE AND 400 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER MACHINEGUN FIRE. AREA NOT SEARCHED, UNABLE TO DETERMINE ENEMY CASUALTIES.

16. AT 291835H COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 1/9 FOUND A RAFT AT (AT 949578) AND CAPTURED 1000 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER AMMUNITION, TWO (2) M1 CARBINE CLIPS AND ARTICLES OF UNIFORM CLOTHING. TANKS DESTROYED THE RAFT.

17. AT 291915H COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 3/9 AT (AT 927526) OBSERVED ONE (1) VC WITH A WEAPON AT (AT 939525). TANKS FIRED 1 ROUND OF 90MM HE. RESULTS ONE (1) VC KNOW CONFIRMED.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 196 AS OF 302400H JULY 1966

1. **HIGHLIGHTS.** THE (44) M48A3 GUN TANKS AND (4) M67A2 FLAME TANKS SUPPORTING ELEMENTS OF THE 3D MARDIV ACCOUNTED FOR 18 VC KEGF CONFIRMED AND 1 VC KEGF PROBABLE, EIGHT (8) VC WEGF PROBABLE. TANK ACTIVITY ALSO ACCOUNTED FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF TWO BOATS. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD TANK CREW MEMBERS SUFFERED 1 KIA AND 4 WIA DUE TO HOSTILE FIRE.

TANK BOX SCORESROUNDS EXPENDED

	90MM	16	7	6

30 CALIBER MACHINEGUN 1,750 ROUNDS

2. SUMMARY OF HIGHLIGHTS

A. **LATE REPORT** AT 292005H A COMPANY "B" TANK AT (AT 981563) OBSERVED 10 VC IN BOATS AT (AT 974566). TANKS FIRED 1000 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER. TWO BODIES WERE OBSERVED ON THE RIVER BANK AND 3 BODIES IN THE WATER. FIVE (5) VC KEGF AND TWO BOATS DESTROYED.

B. AT 300515H 2 COMPANY "B" TANKS AT (AT 906551) WITH SUPPORTING INFANTRY FROM B 1/9 WERE ATTACKED BY AN ESTIMATED 20 TO 25 VC FROM POSITIONS AT (AT 907540) AND (AT 905545). VC FIRED AN ESTIMATED 250 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS AND TWO RPG-2 ANTI-TANK ROCKETS. TANKS RETURNED 5 ROUNDS OF 90MM CANNISTER AND 150 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER. TANKS ACCOUNTED FOR 8 VC KEGF CONFIRMED AND 8 VC WEGF PROBABLE. TANKS RECEIVED MINOR DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLES WHICH INCLUDED A HOLE IN A ROAD WHEEL. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED INCLUDED 1 CARBINE, A 45 CALIBER AUTOMATIC PISTOL, ONE M-14, ONE RPG-2 WITH 3 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION, ONE FRENCH SUBMACHINE GUN, NUMEROUS CHICOM GRENADES AND ASSORTED LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS. ONE MARINE KIA AND 4 WIA. TWO (2) WIA MED EVACUATED.

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C. AT 301430H A COMPANY "B" TANK AT (AT 927526) WHILE IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 3/9 RECEIVED 6 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM A SNIPER AT (AT 934525). TANK RETURNED 1 ROUND OF 90MM HE AND 400 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER. ONE VC KEGF PROBABLE.

D. AT 301900H A COMPANY "B" TANK IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 3/9 OBSERVED 40 VC WHO WERE ATTACKING FRIENDLY INFANTRY AT (AT 953528). TANKS FIRED 6 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE. FIVE VC KEGF CONFIRMED AND ONE VC WEGF PROBABLE.

E. AT 302015H COMPANY "C" 1ST TANK BN TANKS OPCON 3D TANK BN WHILE IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 1/1 AT (BT 084590) DISPATCHED A TANK TO A POSITION AT (BT 075608) TO ASSIST A PLATOON THAT WAS PINNED DOWN BY ENEMY FIRE. TANKS EXPENDED 6 ROUNDS OF 90MM WP, 1 ROUND 90MM CANNISTER, 4 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE AND 200 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER. RESULTS OF THE ACTION ARE UNKNOWN AS THE AREA COULD NOT BE SEARCHED DUE TO DARKNESS.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 197 AS OF 312400H JULY 1966

1. **HIGHLIGHTS.** A TOTAL OF FIFTY ONE M48A3 GUN TANKS AND FOUR M67A2 FLAME TANKS IN SUPPORT OF THE 3D MARINE DIVISION ACCOUNTED FOR 5 VC KBGF CONFIRMED AND 1 VC KBGF PROBABLE. IN ADDITION, ELEMENTS OF 3D TANK BATTALION FIRED H&I FIRE AND CONDUCTED A MINE SWEEP WITH ENGINEER ELEMENTS.

TANK BOX SCORE  
AMMUNITION EXPENDED  
HE MP CANNISTER

90MM 17 2

CALIBER .50 MACHINE GUN 50 ROUNDS  
CALIBER .30 MACHINE GUN 150 ROUNDS

2. SUMMARY OF HIGHLIGHTS

A. AT 310815H COMPANY "A" TANKS CONDUCTED A MINE SWEEPING OPERATION WITH ENGINEER ELEMENTS FROM (AT 877574) TO (AT 924686). THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS.

B. AT 310800 AN "A" COMPANY TANK FIRED H&I FIRES INTO (AT 858777), (AT 857774), (AT 857768), AND (AT 862772). A TOTAL OF 6 ROUNDS 90MM HE WERE FIRED. ALL FIRES WERE UNOBSERVED.

C. AT 311420 WHILE IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 1/1 "C" COMPANY 1ST TANK BATTALION, OPCON 3D TANK BATTALION DISPATCHED TWO TANKS AS A REACTION FORCE TO (BT 082599) WHERE AN INFANTRY PLATOON WAS PINNED DOWN BY ENEMY FIRE. TANKS EXPENDED 10 ROUNDS 90MM HE AND CONTACT WAS BROKEN. AREA NOT SEARCHED, RESULTS UNKNOWN.

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**D. AT 311900 AT (AT 904543) COMPANY "B" TANKS RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM TREELINE AT (AT 905538). TANK RETURNED 1 ROUND OF 90MM HE AND FIRING CEASED. AREA NOT SEARCHED RESULTS UNKNOWN.**

**E. AT 311935 WHILE IN SUPPORT OF "B" 1/9 AT (AT 904543) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM TREELINE AT (AT 905538). ONE TANK CREWMAN WAS WBGF AND LATER DOW. TANKS RETURNED 1 ROUND 90MM WP. NO SEARCH CONDUCTED BECAUSE OF DARKNESS.**

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