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3d Tank Battalion  
3d Marine Division (-) (Rein), FMF  
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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (-) (Rein), FMF  
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 October 1969 to 31 December  
1969

Ref: (a) FMFPacO 5750.8A  
(b) DivO 5750.1C

Encl: ✓(1) 3d Tank Battalion Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b),  
enclosure (1) is submitted.

2. Unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 October 1969 - 31 December 1969

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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDERS

## HEADQUARTERS

3d Tank Battalion

3d Marine Division (-) (Rein), FMF

LtCol W. S. RUMP

1 Oct 69-14 Dec 69

LtCol ROBERT W. MARTIN JR

15-31 Dec 69

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&amp;S Company

Capt M. H. COLLIER

1-31 Oct 69

1stLt G. L. RIVERA

1 Nov 69-31 Dec 69

Company A

Capt C. E. HOBBS

1 Oct 69-31 Dec 69

Company B

Capt W. N. CRAFTON

1 Oct 69-17 Nov 69

Capt L. V. YANDA

18 Nov 69-31 Dec 69

Company C

Capt F. T. KLABOUGH

27-31 Oct 69

1stLt T. A. VOTH

1 Nov 69-31 Dec 69

2. LOCATION

H&amp;S Company

1 - 19 Oct 69

Vinh Dai

20 - 24 Oct 69

En route to Okinawa

25 Oct 69 - 31 Dec 69

Camp Hansen, Okinawa

Company A

1 - 5 Oct 69

VCB

6 - 19 Oct 69

Quang Tri

20 - 24 Oct 69

En route to Okinawa

25 Oct 69 - 31 Dec 69

Camp Hansen, Okinawa

Company B

1 Oct 69 - 2 Nov 69

Vinh Dai

3 Nov 69

Dong Ha

4 - 5 Nov 69

Cua Viet

6 - 13 Nov 69

En route to Okinawa

14 Nov 69 - 31 Dec 69

Camp Hansen, Okinawa

Company C

27 Oct 69 - 31 Dec 69

Camp Hansen, Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Battalion Executive Officer

Major J. R. BATHIS

1 Oct 69 - 21 Dec 69

Major A. E. LEE

22 - 31 Dec 69

S-1/Adjutant

2ndLt D. F. JONES

1 Oct 69 - 31 Dec 69

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1stLt J. A. JACKSON  
1stLt D. W. RISER1 - 5 Oct 69  
6 Oct 69 - 31 Dec 69

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Capt L. V. YANDA  
Capt F. T. KLABOUGH1 - 31 Oct 69  
1 Nov 69 - 31 Dec 69

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Capt M. H. COLLIER  
Major J. R. BALTHIS1 Oct 69 - 26 Dec 69  
27 - 31 Dec 694. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC OFF</u>	<u>USMC ENL</u>	<u>USN OFF</u>	<u>USN ENL</u>	<u>OTHER OFF</u>	<u>OTHER ENL</u>
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## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. General Overview of All Activities

The Third Tank Battalion (-) was in general support of the 3rd Marine Division (-) (Rein). During the period 1 October through 19 October Company "A" was maintained in a ready reaction status and during the period 1 October through 5 November Company "B" was maintained in a ready reaction status. The Battalion minus Companies "B" and "C" redeployed to Okinawa on 20 October. On 27 October, the Battalion assumed administrative and operational control of Company "C" from 1st AMTRAC Battalion (ref CG 9th MAB Msg P230050Z Oct69). Company "B" redeployed to Okinawa during the period 5 - 6 November. The remainder of the quarter was spent in the rehabilitation of equipment and transitioning from a combat posture to a garrison posture. In addition to the above, the Battalion supplied two platoons for deployment; 1st Plt Company C deployed with 1st Battalion 9th Marines (ref CTF 79 Msg P230440Z Oct69 (s)), 1st Plt Company A deployed with 2nd Battalion 9th Marines (ref CTF 79 Msg P230440A Oct69(s)).

2. COMMAND RELATIONS.

During the period 1Oct69 to 31Dec69, the Battalion was deployed as follows:

3d Tank Battalion	G/S 3d Marine Division	1-24Oct69
	G/S 9th MAB	25Oct-6Nov69
	G/S 3d Marine Division	7Nov-31Dec69
Company "A"	D/S 4th Marines	1-6Oct69
Platoon	D/S 2d Bn 9th Marines	1-31Dec69
Company "B"	G/S 3d Marine Division	10Oct6Nov69
Platoon	D/S 2d Bn 4th Marines	1-7Oct69
Platoon	D/S 1st Bn 4th Marines	5-31Dec69
Company "C"		
Platoon	D/S 1st Bn 9th Marines	27Oct-31Dec69

3. MISSION ASSIGNED.

Third Tank Battalion, in general support of 3d Marine Division (-) (Rein), provides combat support of operations against enemy forces in support of Infantry operations by engaging and defeating enemy armor and mechanized forces.

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4. Intelligence.a. Enemy Activity. None

(1) From 1 October 1969 until the units redeployment, the enemy propaganda indicated that they would try to hinder our redeployment. However, during the last weeks of duty in RVN, no enemy initiated actions were encountered by this unit.

b. Mining Incidents. Nonec. Weather.

Weather and terrain did not affect the ability of the Battalion to perform its assigned tasks. Obstacles and barriers were not encountered.

d. List of Projects Completed.

1. Intelligence Annex to the Operation Order for redeployment.
2. Procurement of required maps available to this unit.
3. Listing of Battalion Personnel holding clearances.
4. Listing of Battalion Personnel with a foreign language capability.
5. The reviewing and updating of the Intelligence Directives and SOP's.

e. Clearances Issued.

1. Top Secret -2
2. Secret -3

There were four reviews of Investigative Files for clearances requested.

f. A routine for the submission of Incident Reports and Subversive Action was initiated.

g. Briefs and Lectures prepared.

1. Current Intelligence briefs.
2. Subversive Action Lectures.
3. Classes on Combat Intelligence, Handling of POW's, and Security.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~5. Operationsa. Company A (Rein)

Company A (-) remained in direct support of the 4th Marine Regiment, operating from Vandergrift Combat Base until 6 October, occupying positions on the defensive perimeter; one (1) platoon remained in direct support of 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment operating from Elliot Combat Base until 6 October. On 6 October, Company A (Rein) was placed in General Support of 3d Marine Division operating from Quang Tri. On 20 October Company "A" embarked and sailed for Okinawa. On 1 December one (1) platoon Company A sailed with SLF "A".

b. Company B (Rein)

Company B (-) remained in general support of 3d Marine Division operating from Vinh Dai until 6 November. On 6 November Company B (-) embarked and sailed for Okinawa. One (1) platoon Company B remained in direct support of Dong Ha Combat Base until 3 October. On 4 October one (1) platoon Company "B" was placed in direct support of 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, operating from Elliot Combat Base until 7 October; one (1) platoon embarked for Okinawa 9 November 1969.

c. Quang Tri Combat Base Defense

The battalion continued providing active defense of its sector until 20 October. On 20 October the 3d Tank Battalion (-) embarked and sailed for Okinawa.

d. Ammunition Expenditure

HE - 38 rds

6. Results of Operations. There were no contacts made during this period.

7. Logistics.a. Critical Shortages.

The following T/E shortages are critical to this Battalion.

FSN	NOMENCLATURE	Qty
2320-835-8713	Recovery Vehicle Full-Track M51	1
2330-017-9589	Trailer, Cargo M416B1	4
2330-141-8050	Trailer M105A2	5
2330-542-2039	Trailer Tank Water M149	6
2350-892-5562	Tank Combat Full-Track Flame M67A2	3
2350-895-9154	Tank Combat Full-Track M48A3 W/90mm Gun	5
2350-965-0324	Tank Bulldozer M48A3 W/M48A2 Blade	1
5805-238-9873	Telegraph Terminal Grp AN/TCC-14	2
5815-078-5480	Teletypewriter Set	2
5820-930-3724	Radio Set AN/PRC 77	16

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FSN	DESCRIPTION	Qty
6105-798-0350	Motor 400 CPS PD-83/U	1
6115-228-5815	Gen Set PE 75	3
6115-230-4002	Gen Set Gas PE 214	1
6115-295-2389	Gen Set Tr1 Mtd 7.5 KW	2
	Gen Set DE PU-4 82M Tr1 Mtd	1

b. Cargo and Motor Transport.

The Battalion Motor Transport platoon logged 17,635 miles, carried 1797 passengers, and transported 2255 S/T during this period.

(1) A total of 59 items were sent to FSR as part of the rehabilitation program. To date 44 have been completed and returned.

(2) A total of 10 items were LTI'd during this period.

(3) During December, PSB closed their Direct Exchange. Items are now obtained at FSR, Camp Foster.

c. Services.

Services were satisfactory during this reporting period.

d. Maintenance.

The overall posture of the maintenance platoon during this period has been satisfactory, despite an extreme shortage of parts and POL. All documents that were cancelled in Viet-Nam have been reviewed and resubmitted. Very few parts have been received since arriving in Okinawa. POL requirements remain critical.

The current tracked vehicle deadline continued at a moderate rate according to prescribed maintenance procedures, the maintenance section no longer does quarterly services as the Companies are assigned the appropriate personnel to perform this function. 100 hour services are scheduled by the Maintenance Officer, and work on Float Plt's is taken care of as soon as notification is received. Work on FY-69 vehicles has been completed and a UER submitted, listing discrepancies through appropriate channels. Projections for the FY-71-72-73 R/E program have been submitted, of which eighteen (18) M48A3's, two (2) M48A3 w/dozer kits, and two (2) M51 Recovery Vehicles were nominated for FY-71 due to high engine hours. Of the seventeen (17) vehicles submitted for the rehabilitation program, ten (10) have been received and are in operation. One (1) is still being worked on at FSR and six (6) were coded for rebuild by higher echelon. Of the M67A2 Flame Tanks three (3) have been submitted for Condition Code due to age and condition, and three (3) have been submitted for 3d and 4th echelon maintenance at FSR.

All necessary publications have been requisitioned to build the shop library. At the present, the Maintenance SOP is being rewritten and adjusted to conform to standards authorized by current publications and regulations.

A recent Ordnance Inspection by Division Personnel found very few discrepancies; those found are now in the progress of being corrected. The manning level is fairly stabilized but the shortage of qualified turret repairman (2151) is still critical.

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Two optical repairman (2171) reported aboard during December and are currently involved in a Battalion wide limited Technical Inspection to take care of all Optics.

e. Embarkation.

The overall logistic situation during this period was satisfactory, though some problems arose which are still being corrected. Mares/Forstat reconciliation and reporting, and equipment readiness were among these problems. These areas will need continued work during January 1970. The vehicle rehabilitation program was initiated and is progressing satisfactorily.

f. During the months of October and November, 1969, 3d Tank Battalion participated in the phase II redeployment of 3d Marine Division from RVN to Okinawa. H&S and A Companies embarked from Cua Viet, RVN, aboard two ships during the period 20-25 October, as part of embarkation Unit 1/4. B Company embarked on two ships during the period 6-7 November 1969, as part of embarkation Unit 2/4. The following lists pertinent information concerning these redeployments.

H&S Company (-)

Embarked aboard LSD - 5, USS Gunston Hall  
 Vehicles 88, 4329 SqFt.  
 Personnel 11 Officers, 98 enlisted  
                   Total 109  
 Cargo 3983 CuFt. 89097 lbs           Total 395 S/T           1912 M/T

Det H&S Company.

Embarked aboard LST 1073, USS Outagamie County  
 Vehicles 39, 3500 SqFt  
 Personnel 2 Officers, 85 enlisted  
                   Total 87  
 Cargo 3200 CuFt. 103, 650 lbs   Total 149 S/T           80 M/T

A Company

Embarked aboard LSD-5, USS Gunston Hall.  
 Vehicles 36, 7894 SqFt  
 Personnel 4 Officers, 70 enlisted  
                   Total 74  
 Cargo 1657 CuFt 15, 828 lbs   Total 977 S/T           91 M/T

Det B Company

Embarked aboard LSD-7, USS Cleveland.  
 Vehicles 8, 2378 SqFt  
 Personnel 1 Officer, 24 enlisted  
                   Total 25  
 Cargo 0 CuFt   0 lbs           Total 417 S/T

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B Company (-)

Embarked aboard LST 819, USS Hampshire County.

Vehicles 36, 6827 SqFt

Personnel 3 Officer, 79 enlisted.

Total 82

Cargo 2430 CuFt 37,848 lbs Total 571 S/T 60 M/T

3d Tank Battalion Total.

Vehicles 157, 24,298 SqFt

Personnel 21 Officers, 356 enlisted.

Total 377

Cargo 11,270 CuFt 256,423 lbs Total 2509 S/T 2093 M/T

8. Communications-Electronicsa. Projects Completed

(1) All test equipment was submitted for repair and/or calibration during the period.

(2) Technical publications were inventoried and shortages requisitioned.

b. Message Center

(1) The Message Center processed 651 messages for the month of October, 295 messages for the month of November and 393 messages for the month of December 1969.

(2) A Courtesy Inspection was held by CEO, 3d Marine Division on 16 December 1969. No marking on the inspection was given.

c. Maintenance

(1) 60 work orders were processed during the period. 30 work orders were completed.

(2) Maintenance equipment was inventoried for component completeness and shortages requisitioned.

(3) Contact teams were sent out to the companies. Classes on tank communications were given.

d. Summary

The Communication Platoon continued to provide effective and reliable communications throughout the months of October, November, and December.

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9. Equipment Received. None

10. Civic Action

a. From 1 October to 15 October the Battalion's main effort in civic action was to insure a smooth transition of our area to the responsibility of the Army. The Army officially relieved 3rd Tank Battalion of its Civic Action Program on 15 October 1969.

b. Materials Supplied

(1) 10 GP tents were given to the Chieu Hoi Ville.

(2) Scrap lumber was given to the Chieu Hoi Ville.

11. Personnel and Administration

a. A critical shortage of enlisted personnel exists in the following MOS's:

0141 - Administrative Man	2151 - Turret Repairman
1811 - Tank Crewman	
2111 - Infantry Weapon Repairman	
3531 - Motor Vehicle Operator	

b. The following legal action took place:

	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Pending</u>
Special Courts-Martial	6	1
Summary Courts-Martial	7	0
Battalion Office Hours	6	0
Investigations	14	2

c. The following awards were received/recommended:

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Bronze Star Medals	0	8
Navy Commendation Medals	0	13
Navy Achievement Medals	0	6
Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry	14	23

d. The following promotions were received:

To Sgt - 9  
 To Cpl - 19  
 To 1Cpl - 49  
 To PFC - 3

e. Total Personnel joined - 116

f. Total Personnel dropped from the rolls of this Battalion - 109.

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12. Training.

a. Training conducted during this period was hampered by the rehabilitation of T/E equipment. The bulk of duty hours were spent on inventories and 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance.

b. Upon arrival on Okinawa, orientation lectures and training were conducted to ease the transition from a combat environment to a garrison situation. The orientation lectures were conducted on Battalion level and the training was conducted on Company level.

c. Predeployment training was conducted for the two platoons that went afloat during this reporting period. One platoon departed Okinawa for cold weather training during the period 8Dec-20Jan70 at Fuji Japan.

d. A GMS test was administered to the Battalion during the week of 25-30 November. The results served as a basis for GMS training 3d Quarter FY 70. Technical and MOS training are being conducted at Company level.

13. MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

a. Sick Call and Immunizations. For the month of October there were 174 patients treated through the B. A. S. There were 16 cases of diarrhea. This was a decrease of 18 for the month. Upper respiratory infections reflected by 1 cases. Dermatitis cases 22. During November, 529 out-patients were processed through the B. A. S. One case of diarrhea, a decrease of 15 during the month of October. Upper respiratory infections reflected by one case. For the month of December, 480 out-patients were processed through the B. A. S. Four cases of diarrhea, and upper respiratory infections reflected by 34 cases. A total of 500 immunizations were administered, which included the influenza vaccine.

b. KIA, WIA, and Non-Effectives

(1) Lost Duty Days: October - 26  
November - 2  
December - 12

(2) KIA's for October, November, and December: None

(3) WIA's for October, November, and December: None

(4) Hospitalized for October, November, and December:

3d Medical Battalion -	8
Camp Hansen Dispensary -	20
Camp Kue Army Hospital -	11
Atsugi Japan -	1

(5) There were a total of 27 minor to serious injury incidents reported and treated during this period.

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c. Venereal Disease.

- (1) October - none
- (2) November - 10
- (3) December - 16

d. Sanitation. Sanitation inspections in the Battalion CP and outlying areas during the month of October showed that sanitation of the Battalion was adequate. During the months of November and December Sanitation inspections in the Battalion area resulted in minor discrepancies, which showed mainly material deficiencies rather than personnel or hygiene discrepancies.

e. Inspections and Personnel.

(1) Medical material/monthly administrative inspections of outlying units were conducted with satisfactory results during the month of October. During the months of November and December, the Medical Material-Mount-Out Block was 50% complete with the remainder to be ordered.

(2) Hospital Corps strength continues to be adequate.

f. Training. During the month of October, training of Hospital Corpsman personnel was conducted on Physical and health record entries.

h. Med.Cars. During this period only one Med Cap was conducted at Chieu Hoi Lang on 1 October, with 9 adults and 36 children receiving treatment.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## 1. Significant Events During or in Direct Relation to Combat Operations

1 October 1969 A MEDCAP was conducted at Chieu Hoi Lang Hamlet. Treating 9 adults and 36 children.

2 October 1969 1st Platoon Company "A" relocated to ECB in DS of 2/4; 2d Platoon Company "A" relocated to VCB in DS 4th Marine Regt.; 1st Platoon, Company "B" relocated to Vinh Dai in GS of 3d Marine Division.

4 October 1969 2d Platoon Company "B" relocated to ECB in DS of 2/4; H&I fire 10rds 90mm HE.

5 October 1969 2d Platoon Company "B" fired H&I fire 10rds 90mm HE from ECB.

6 October 1969 Company "A" relocated to QTCB in GS 3d Marine Division; 2d Platoon Company "B" fired H&I fire, 18rds 90mm HE from ECB.

7 October 1969 2d Platoon, Company "B" relocated to Vinh Dai in GS of 3d Marine Division.

2 November 1969 1st Platoon and Flame Section, Company "B" relocated to Dong Ha, RVN.

3 November 1969 Company "B" (-) relocated to Dong Ha, RVN; 1st Platoon, Company "B" relocated to Cua Viet, RVN.

4 November 1969 Company "B" (-) relocated to Cua Viet, RVN.

2. Other Significant Events.

10 October 1969 Advance Party commanded by Major J. R. BALTHIS departed RVN and arrived on Okinawa to establish the Battalion Command Post.

14 October 1969 Two (2) Officers and twenty (20) enlisted from H&S Company TAD to Company "B" as support augmentation.

20 October 1969 H&S Company (-) and Company "A" embarked aboard LSD-5, USS Gunston Hall and sailed from Cua Viet, RVN; Detachment H&S Company embarked aboard LST-1073, USS Outagamie County at Cua Viet, RVN.

22 October 1969 Detachment, H&S Company aboard LST-1073 sailed from Cua Viet RVN.

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- 25 October 1969 H&S Company (-) and Company "A" disembarked at Kin Red Beach; Relocated to Camp Hansen, Okinawa; 3d Tank Battalion (-) OpCom 9th MAB
- 27 October 1969 Company "C", 3d Tank Battalion from OpCom/AdCom 1st AmTrac Battalion to OpCon/AdCon 3d Tank Battalion.
- 31 October 1969 1st Platoon, Company "A" OpCon To 2/9 for deployment with SLF"A".
- 1 November 1969 Detachment, H&S Company disembarked at Kin Red Beach and Port of Naha; Relocated to Camp Hansen, Okinawa.
- 3 November 1969 1st Platoon, Company "C" sailed with SLF"B"
- 6 November 1969 Company "B" (-) embarked aboard LST-819, USS Hampshire County and sailed from Cua Viet, RVN.
- 9 November 1969 1st Platoon, Company "B" embarked aboard LSD-7, USS Cleveland and sailed from Cua Viet, RVN.
- 13 November 1969 1st Platoon, Company "B" disembarked at Kin Red Beach; Relocated to Camp Hansen, Okinawa.
- 14 November 1969 Company "B" (-) disembarked Kin Red Beach; Relocated to Camp Hansen, Okinawa; Battalion Commander held a Personnel Inspection of Companies "A" and "C".
- 15 November 1969 Battalion Commander held a Personnel Inspection Of H&S Company.
- 1 December 1969 1st Platoon, Company "A" sailed with SLF "A".
- 5 December 1969 Battalion Commander held a Clothing and Equipment Inspection of H&S Company and Company "C"; 2d Platoon, Company "B" OpCon/AdCon to 1/4.
- 6 December 1969 Battalion Commander held a clothing and Equipment Inspection of Companies "A" and "B"; Company "B" unsatisfactory, re-inspection schedule for 8 January 1970.
- 8 December 1969 2d Platoon, Company "B" sailed with 1/4 for Camp Fuji Japan to conduct training exercise.
- 15 December 1969 Commanding General, 3d Marine Division was the guest of Honor at Change of Command Ceremony conducted in Tank Park; LtCol Robert W. MARTIN JR. assigned duties as Commanding Officer, 3d Tank Battalion vice LtCol W. S. RUMP re-assigned.
- 15-20 December 1969 Battalion Commander's Command Inspection; Courtesy Inspections were conducted by DivOrd, Div Supply, and Division CEO.
- 24 December 1969 Battalion Commander held an inspection of Battalion Area.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Situation Report

- ✓1. Situation Report 3009004 September 1969-010859H October 1969
- ✓2. Situation Report 0109004-020859H
- ✓3. Situation Report 020900H-030859H
- ✓4. Situation Report 030900H-040859H
- ✓5. Situation Report 040900H-050859H
- ✓6. Situation Report 050900H-060859H
- ✓7. Situation Report 060900H-070859H
- ✓8. Situation Report 080900H-090859H
- ✓9. Situation Report 100900H-110859H

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1 October 1969

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Situation Report 300900H SEP 69-010859H OOT 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS

3d Tk Bn CP QTCB Headquarters section at QTCB.  
A Co CP VCB Co (-) at VCB. Plt at ECB.  
B Co CP Vinh Dai Co (-) at Vinh Dai. Plt at Dong Ha.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A Co (-) in direct support of 4th Marine Regt.  
B Co (-) in general support of 3d Marine Div. Plt in direct support  
of Dong Ha Base Coordinator.

3. CONTACTS. None

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS. None

5. PLANS. None

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2 October 1969

From: Commanding Officer  
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Situation Report 010900H-020859H

1. UNIT LOCATIONS

3d Tk Bn CP	QTCB	Headquarters section at QTCB.
A Co CP	VCB	Co (-) at VCB. Plt at ECB.
B Co CP	Vinh Dai	Co (-) at Vinh Dai. Plt at Dong Ha.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A Co (-) in direct support of 4th Marine Regt.

B Co (-) in general support of 3d Marine Div. Plt in direct support of Dong Ha Base Coordinator.

3. CONTACTS. None

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS. None

5. PLANS. None

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3 October 1969

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Situation Report 020900H-030859H

1. UNIT LOCATIONS

3d Tk Bn CP	QTGB	Headquarters section at QTGB.
A Co CP	VCB	Co (-) at VCB. Plt at ECB.
B Co CP	Vinh Dai.	Co at Vinh Dai.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A Co (-) in direct support of 4th Marine Regt.

B Co (-) in general support of 3d Marine Div.

3. CONTACTS. None

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS. 3700 Platoon in direct support of Dong Ha Base Coordinator detached and relocated to Vinh Dai.

5. PLANS. None

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4 October 1969

From: Commanding Officer  
To: 3d Marine Division (-) (Rein) (OOO only)

Situation Report 030900H-040859H

1. UNIT LOCATIONS

3d Tk Bn CP	QTGB	Headquarters section at QTGB.
A Co CP	VCB	Co (-) at VCB. Plt at EGB.
B Co CP	Vinh Dai	Co at Vinh Dai.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A Co (-) in direct support of 4th Marine Regt.  
B Co (-) in general support of 3d Marine Div.

3. CONTACTS. None

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS. None

5. PLANS. None

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5 October 1969

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Situation Report 040900H-050859H

1. UNIT LOCATIONS

3d Tk Bn CP	QTCB	Headquarters section at QTCB.
A Co CP	VCB	Co (-) at VCB. Plt at ECB.
B Co CP	Vinh Dai	Co (-) at Vinh Dai. Plt at ECB.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A Co (-) in direct support of 4th Marine Regt.

B Co (-) in general support of 3d Marine Div. Plt in direct support of 4th Marine Regt.

3. CONTACTS. None

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

B Co tanks at ECB fired 10 rds of 90mm main gun fire for H&I fires.

5. PLANS. None

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APO San Francisco, 96602

3/LVY/kmd  
6 October 1969

From: Commanding Officer  
To: 3d Marine Division (-) (Rein) (COO only)

Situation Report 050900H-060859H

1. UNIT LOCATIONS

3d Tk Bn CP	QTCB	Headquarters section at QTCB.
A Co CP	QTCB	A Co at QTCB.
B Co CP	Vinh Dai	B Co (-) at Vinh Dai. Plt at ECB.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A Co in general support of 3d Marine Div.

B Co (-) in general support of 3d Marine Div. Plt in direct support of 4th Marine Regt.

3. CONTACTS. None

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A Co CP relocated to QTCB.

B Co tanks at ECB fired 10 rds HE for H&I fires.

5. PLANS. None

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HEADQUARTERS  
3d Tank Battalion  
3d Marine Division (-) (Rein), FMF  
APO San Francisco, 96602

3/LVY/kmd  
7 October 1969

From: Commanding Officer  
To: 3d Marine Division (-) (Rein) (GOC only)

Situation Report 060900H-070859H

1. UNIT LOCATIONS

3d Tk Bn CP	QTCB	Headquarters section at QTCB.
A Co CP	QTCB	A Co at QTCB.
B Co CP	Vinh Dai	B Co (-) at Vinh Dai. Plt at ECB.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A Co in general support of 3d Marine Div.

B Co (-) in general support of 3d Marine Div. Plt in direct support of 4th Marine Regt.

3. CONTACTS. None

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

B Co tanks at ECB fired 18 HE for HQ fires.

5. PLANS. None

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

3/LVY/knd  
9 October 1969

From: Commanding Officer  
To: 3d Marine Division (-) (Rein) (OO only)

Situation Report 080900H-090859H

1. UNIT LOCATIONS

3d Tk Bn CP	QTGB	Headquarters section at QTGB.
A Co CP	QTGB	A Co at QTGB.
B Co CP	Vinh Dai	B Co at Vinh Dai.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A Co in general support of 3d Marine Div.  
B Co in general support of 3d Marine Div.

3. CONTACTS. None

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS. None

5. PLANS. None

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

3/LVY/kmd  
11 October 1969

From: Commanding Officer  
To: 3d Marine Division (-) (Rein) (COC only)

Situation Report 100900H-110859H

1. UNIT LOCATIONS

3d Tk Bn CP	QTGB	Headquarters section at QTGB.
A Co CP	QTGB	A Co at QTGB.
B Co CP	Vinh Dai	B Co at Vinh Dai.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A Co in general support of 3d Marine Div.  
B Co in general support of 3d Marine Div.

3. CONTACTS. None

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS. None

5. PLANS. None

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D Company  
3rd Tank Battalion  
5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, FME  
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

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5750  
4 December 1969

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Expeditionary  
Brigade, Camp Pendleton, California 92055

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 15 October - 26 November 1969

Ref: (a) MCO 5770.2A  
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8  
(c) DivO 5750.2A

Encl: (1) D Company, 3rd Tank Battalion Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c),  
enclosure (1) is submitted.

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*D Co, 3rd Tank Bn*

*15 Oct - 26 Nov 1969*

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ENCLOSURE (2)  
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D Company  
3rd Tank Battalion  
5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, EMF  
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
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ENCLOSURE (2)

Enclosure (1)

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation	<u>Commander</u>
Delta Company 3rd Tank Battalion	WILLIAM J. DIBELLO, Capt 09 24 04/1802/1803 USMC 15 October - 26 November 1969
Executive Officer	W. P. MACKENZIE, 1st Lt 01 06 312/1802 USMC 15 October - 26 November
Personnel Officer	M. G. QUALLS, 1st Lt 01 06 861/1802 USMC 15 October - 26 November 1969
1st Sergeant	J. D. WILDER, 1stSgt 13 00 251/9999 15 October - 26 November 1969
Tank Leader	J. C. SMITH, MSgt 11 71 733/1811 15 October - 26 November 1969
1st Platoon Leader	R. L. HALTER, 1stLt 01 07 810/1802 15 October - 26 November 1969
2nd Platoon Leader	J. R. SIEGEL, 2ndLt 01 10 022/1802 15 October - 26 November 1969
3rd Platoon Leader	R. D. EMBESI, W.O. 1 01 10 824/1802 15 October - 26 November 1969
Headquarters Platoon	J. L. LEWIS, 2ndLt 01 08 417/1802 15 October - 26 November 1969

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2. Average Monthly Strength.

	USMC		USN		Other	
	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
October	30	457	2	10	N/A	N/A
November	28	345	2	7	N/A	N/A

Part II

Narrative Summary

Delta Company, 3rd Tank Battalion has been primarily occupied with the training of tank crewmen in the operations of tank platoons and tank companies in the field. Emphasis has been placed, whenever possible, on live fire and driving exercises. In addition, various types of regulatory training such as rifle and pistol requalification, Driver Improvement, drown proofing, PFT have been stressed and with a high degree of success.

Part III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
16 October 1969	Company in the field for driving exercises of a tactical nature including infra-red night driving, field expedients, and tactical formations. Flame section at White Beach for shoot.
22 October 1969	Night and day compass march in the field at Papa 2, Oscar 2 and Uniform areas.
23 October 1969	Conditioning hike, squad tactics in the field at Papa 2, Oscar 2, and Uniform areas.
1 November 1969	Area gas chamber exercise - all hands.
12-13 November 1969	Company FIREX at Range 407 where all weapons were fired. Concurrent exercise for Flame section at White Beach.
18 November 1969	Headquarters, Flame section, and first platoon have field exercise at Romeo 2, 3, Alpha 2, and Papa 2. Second and third platoons participated in same field exercise.

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17-20 November 1969

Company given Driver Improvement class.

20-24 November 1969

GMSP Test, PFT, Civil Disturbance  
Training administered. Mechanized Road  
March - column driving, dispersion of  
tanks, convoy formations were prac-  
ticed.

Part IV

Supporting Documents

None

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ENCLOSURE (2)

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COMPANY D  
3rd Tank Battalion  
5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, FMF  
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

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5750  
6 Jan 1970

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD), Headquarters,  
U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. 20380  
Via: (1) Commanding General, 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, FMF,  
Camp Pendleton, California 92055  
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, FTO  
San Francisco, California 96602

Subj: Command Chronology for period 27 November 1969 to 31 December  
1969.

Ref: (a) MCO 5770.2A  
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(c) Brigo 5750.2

Encl: (1) Delta Company, 3rd Tank Battalion Command Chronology

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enclosure (1) is submitted.

*W. J. DIBELLO*  
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*47 Nov 69*

*27 Nov - Dec 1969*

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COMPANY "D"  
3rd Tank Battalion  
5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, FMF  
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation Commander  
 Company "D", 3rd Tank Battalion W. J. DIBELLO, Capt  
 09 24 04/1802 USMC

Subordinate Units

Not Applicable.

ATTACHED UNITS

Not Applicable.

2. Location. Camp Las Flores (41 Area) Camp Pendleton, California  
 3. Staff Officers. None  
 4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>Month</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>Other</u>	
	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
November	28	331	2	7	N/A	N/A
December	21	267	2	7	N/A	N/A

## PART II

Narrative Summary

Delta Company, Third Tank Battalion was concerned during this period primarily with accomplishing its remaining regulatory training. The continued ebb and flow of personnel was a constant complication. However, some field, live firing exercises were possible, and the end of 1969 saw the Company in good shape as far as tank training went as well as a high percentage of personnel completing the regulatory training.

## PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
8-12 December 1969	All gun platoons participated in FIREX, which involved crew proficiency tests at Range 407A, boresighting and zeroing of 120mm guns at Range 407, and table firing of .30 cal machine guns at Range 129.

## PART IV

Supporting Documents

None