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HEADQUARTERS
3d Antitank Battalion
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
c/o FPO San Francisco, California 96601

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10 Oct65

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, FMF
(Attn. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3)

Subj: Command Chronology, September 1965; submission of

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) DO 5750.1

Encl: (1) Journals
(2) Sitreps x *weekly Ops Summaries 3. "A" "B" "C"*
known as "C", (at AT BN)

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b) the Command Chronology and enclosure (1) and (2) are submitted.

Bruce A. Hefflin
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3d Antitank BN

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PART I

1. Reporting Unit 3d antitank Battalion (-)
2. Period Covered 1 September - 30 September 1965.
3. Date of Submission 10 October 1965.
4. Commanding Officer 1 September - 30 September 1965,
Lieutenant Colonel BRUCE A. HEFLIN.
5. Command Post Republic of South Vietnam, AT987711 - Map SVN Series
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PART II

1. Organizational Data, including attachments:

a. Designation/Locations

- (1) Headquarters and Service Company (-) (Command Group) (DaNang TAOR)
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| (a) Company "A" (-) (Rein) | (DaNang TAOR) |
| Third Platoon, Company "A" | (Hue Phu Bai TAOR) |
| (b) Company "B" (Rein) | (Chu Lai TAOR) |
| (c) Company "C" (Rein) | (DaNang TAOR) |
| (d) Company "C" (-) (Rein) 1st AT Bn. | (Chu Lai TAOR) |
| Second Platoon, Co. "C", 1st AT Bn. | (Qui Nhon Headquarters
Field Forces, Vietnam) |

b. Period covered by report: 1 Sep - 30 Sep65

c. Name/Rank of Commanding Officer and Staff or principle subordinates, including T/O billet assignments.

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

Commanding Officer	LtCol. Bruce A. HEFLIN
Executive Officer	Capt. Orville R. EDMONSON
S-1/Adj	WO-1 Gunther DOHSE
S-2	Capt. V. A. VERNAY
S-3	Capt. V. A. VERNAY
S-3A	Unassigned
S-4	Capt. Stanley R. STEWART
Liaison Officer	Unassigned
Supply Officer	1stLt. Avelino ANDAZOLA
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt. Daniel L. TAYLOR
Ordnance Officer	1stLt. Brian H. MATHEWS
Communications Officer	MGySgt. Robert J. DUNN
Medical Officer	Unassigned

Headquarters and Service Company

Commandant	1stLt. Christopher J. ROONEY
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Company "A"

Commanding Officer	Capt. Karl E. SHARF
Executive Officer	Unassigned
1st Platoon Commander	2ndLt. P. F. McALEER
2nd Platoon Commander	1stLt. D. B. HOUSE
3d Platoon Commander	2ndLt. R. H. JAROCH

Company "B"

Commanding Officer	1stLt. M. H. CHANG
Executive Officer	Unassigned
1st Platoon Commander	1stLt. J. T. MATHEWS
2nd Platoon Commander	1stLt. W. J. MAHER, Jr.
3d Platoon Commander	1stLt. J. J. McCOY

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Company "C"

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Commanding Officer
 Executive Officer
 1st Platoon Commander
 2nd Platoon Commander
 3d Platoon Commander

1stLt. Andrew G. ANDERSON II
 Unassigned
 SSgt. W. G. GOUTHRO
 2ndLt. E. M. MILLER
 Sgt. L. D. WERRE

Company "C", 1st AT Bn.

Commanding Officer
 Executive Officer
 1st Platoon Commander
 2nd Platoon Commander
 3d Platoon Commander

1stLt. William F. SNYDER
 Unassigned
 1stLt. H. J. CONNOLLY
 2ndLt. H. T. SCHMIT
 2ndLt. M. M. WOOD

d. Average Monthly Strength during the Period

(1) 3d Antitank Battalion (Rein)	452
(a) Headquarters and Service Company	120
(b) Company "A"	81
(c) Company "B"	86
(d) Company "C"	80
(e) Company "C", 1st AT Bn.	85

2. Sequential listing of significant events

a. Personnel During this month 16 men were promoted, two men reenlisted, one man died as a result of a plane crash, 16 men went on R & R, five men were MIA, one man was convicted by a Summary Court Martial, one man was convicted by a Special Court Martial, five men received Article 15 punishment and one man was sent to Okinawa awaiting determination of his sole surviving son status.

b. Administration All Companies were on Company administration during this period. Service Record Book audits were commenced.

c. Intelligence Information is gained directly from Division Intelligence section (Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2) concerning Antimechanized capabilities of enemy forces, i.e. mines, AT weapons, road and bridge conditions. Local TAOR Intelligence is obtained from the 9th Marine Regiment (S-2). Intelligence items published by INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY peculiar to the AT Battalion are further disseminated to the Ontos Companies located in the DaNang TAOR. The organic intelligence section of the Battalion Headquarters is capable of limited intelligence processing.

d. Training Emphasis on increased 50 caliber machinegun and our Anti-Aircraft posture, conducted classes on the 50 caliber machinegun, i.e. introduction, description, mechanical training, technique of fire, Antiaircraft gunnery marksmanship training, organizational maintenance. Company "A" established an Ontos firing range near hill 41, AT934663, for test firing and zeroing. All sections conducted on the job training during the month, emphasis on driver training and Ontos vehicle maintenance.

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Newly arrived troops were given a briefing on where they were located, why they were here and what they can expect during their tour. Safety regulations and rules of engagement were also covered.

e. Operations On One September the Battalion was deployed as follows:

- (1) 3d Antitank Battalion (-) (Rein) in general support of the Third Marine Division.
 - (a) H&S Co. (-) (Command Group) located DaNang TAOR AT987711
 - (b) Company "A" (-) (Rein) in direct support of the 3d Marine Regiment.
 - 1st Platoon Co. "A" in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.
 - 2nd Platoon Co. "A" in direct support of the 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines.
 - 3d Platoon Co. "A" attached to the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines.
 - (c) Company "B" (Rein) attached to the 4th Marine Regiment.
 - 1st platoon Co. "B" in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.
 - 2nd platoon Co. "B" in direct support of the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines.
 - 3d platoon Co. "B" in direct support of the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.
 - (d) Company "C" (Rein) in direct support of the 9th Marine Regiment.
 - 1st platoon Co. "C" in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.
 - 2nd platoon Co. "C" in direct support of the 9th Marines (-).
 - 3d platoon Co. "C" in direct support of the 9th Marines (-).
 - (e) Company "C" (-) (Rein) 1st Antitank Battalion attached to the 7th Marine Regiment, (-).
 - 1st platoon Co. "C" in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines.
 - 2nd platoon Co. "C" attached to the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines.
 - 3d platoon Co. "C" in direct support of the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines.

(2) Background. During this reporting period there was a noted increase in Ontos activity especially in the 9th Marines TAOR. The Ontos was used as an evacuation vehicle for wounded Marines, taking them from the front line positions to an evacuation point (usually a helo pad). All companies normally employed their Ontos in the same fashion with emphasis on the particular situation they were in.

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The Ontos supported the infantry on patrols, reconnaissance missions, search and clear operations, as night time perimeter security/ reaction forces. Because of the particular characteristics of the Ontos (narrow, light weight, low silhouette, speed and rapid engagement of targets) it proved to be an extremely effective direct fire support weapon for the front line infantry man.

On 14 Sep65 an Ontos hit a mine and overturned while in support of the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines. The type of mine was never determined. The vehicle was subsequently destroyed on the battle field by EOD personnel. On 15 Sep65 a second Ontos was hit by a mine in the same general area as the above, again type undetermined. The vehicle was evacuated to FLSG, damage was extensive.

(3) DaNang Enclave. H&S Company (-) AT987711 improved defensive positions and started construction of camp cantonment. The company conducted a search and clear operation in the village of Yen Bac AT989701 on 9 September and again on 21 September. On 25 September H&S Company in conjunction with H&S Company 1st Am Trac Battalion conducted an amphibious river reconnaissance of the Song Cau Do river. On 28 September members of H&S Company supported by a blocking force from 3d Tank Battalion, two LVTP-5's from 1st AM Trac Battalion and 13 RF/PF Vietnamese from the Hoa Cam Training Center conducted a search and clear operation through the villages of Cam Hoa and Yen Bac. Eight VCS were turned over to the Security Officer at Hoa Cam Training Center, 7 were released, one VCS was detained for further questioning. It is significant to note that cooperation between US Marines, US Army Advisors and Vietnamese were excellent, each agreeing that continued work along these lines was necessary.

Company "A" (-) (Rein). 1st platoon conducted road reconnaissance South of 1st Battalion, 1st Marines C.P. and supported the 1st Marines move South to hill 41 AT934663 and hill 22 AT953667. The 1st platoon also provided Battalion C.P. and perimeter security during the reporting period. The second platoon remained in a static position with one light section supporting Company "E" 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines at Le My and a heavy section at the Battalion C.P. as night perimeter security/reaction force. The light section at Le My supported operation Harvest Moon (rice harvest protection at Le My). The 3d platoon remained attached to the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at Hue Phu Bai they were assigned night perimeter security, and expended 89 major caliber rounds H&I fire on 12 September in GS8708.

Company "C" (Rein). 1st platoon in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines operated in the Tra Khe complex (2000 meters South West of Marble Mountain) while in support of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines operation. They expended 1400 rounds of 30 caliber machinegun ammunition and 225 rounds of sub caliber machinegun ammunition. On 9 September the 1st platoon supported the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines in a search and clear operation South of Marble Mountain with negative results. The platoon was assigned an additional mission of night perimeter security. On 23 September they supported a sweep and clear operation in the vicinity of Man Quan BTO45685 with negative results. The 2nd platoon supported the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines. They acted as a covering force for resupply columns and participated in Ontos/infantry patrols. They provided night time perimeter security/reaction force.

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The 3d platoon, near the end of the month relieved the 2nd platoon then in support of the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines. The platoon set up defensive position with Company "E" in the Qua Giang complex GS BT0266.

f. Communications and Electronics. During the month of September maintained normal communications, which consisted of Division Tactical Net #2 and a twice a day radio check with companies "A" and "C". Wire communications consisted of Internal Command Post telephones and one external trunk to Division, 9th Marines, 3d Tank Battalion and 1st Am Trac Battalion. Furnished radio communications for local security patrols. Due to extreme dust alternating with excessive precipitation, preventive maintenance is the largest problem area. Continuous application is a major requirement.

g. Logistics. During the month of September the logistical support given this battalion by Division showed improvement from the previous month. First of all the receipt of strong backing from Engineer Battalion gave us a start on our permanent cantonment program. Of the strong backing received approximately 30% was completed during the month of September. A small quantity of jungle boots and utilities were received and issued to Company "C". The Ordnance/Maintenance platoon deadlined, repaired and returned to service, 16 M50A1. Due to a lack of organizational spare parts no quarterly PM's were accomplished during this month. This same lack of spare parts, both at second and third echelon, lengthened the deadline period for many vehicles. Contact team support was rendered to Company "B" and Company "C" 1st Antitank Battalion in the Chu Lai Enclave, their maintenance problem being similar to the ones being experienced at DaNang. On 14 September a M50A1 hit a land mine and was overturned. This vehicle was declared a safety hazard by EOD personnel due to the fact live rounds were lodged in the vehicle. All salvable parts were removed from the vehicle and EOD personnel destroyed the vehicle by use of explosives. On 15 September a second M50A1 was hit by a mine. Due to the fact that our wrecker could not operate in the terrain where the vehicle was, assistance was received from the 1st Am Trac Battalion and FLSG Ordnance personnel. The assistance rendered was a 100% effort and indicative of Marine Corps team work. The vehicle was retrieved and taken to FLSG. A condition code "X" was assigned the vehicle. In the supply area 1200 requisitions were submitted with an overall fill ratio of 5½%. 40 priority O2 were submitted and two were completed, 178 priority O5 were submitted and 13 were completed. Three M50A1's were requisitioned and replaced two code "X" vehicles and one with excessive minor damages. A PU-482 generator, authorized by special allowance from the Assistant Chief of Staff G-4 was received. Also received was one jeep ambulance M-170 which had been on requisition since January of this year. The Motor Transport section processed 87 work orders, which included Annual and Quarterly PM's. One M-37 truck belonging to Company "A" was ambushed by grenades and small arms fire, the vehicle sustained 27 hits. The only major part damaged was the radiator, which was put on priority O2 requisition. Division Motor Transport held a detailed motor transport inspection, results satisfactory with minor discrepancies. Corrective action was taken on all discrepancies.

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h. Civil Affairs. The battalion started out the month of September with emphasis on programing more Dental help within our Medical Aid visits. Eight hundred and thirty four patients were medically treated during the month, 63 Dental patients were treated with 32 extractions leading the list. This was the first Dental work incorporated in the battalion's Medical Aid program. The villagers were initially hesitant to receive Dental care, however, most of the villagers grouped around the Dentist (Lt. J. C. LUFKIN(DC) USN) during his first examination and extraction, after which they willingly accepted Dental assistance. Thereafter when we visited the village of Yen Bac AT985708 prospective Dental patients would come up pointing to their aching teeth. As most of the adults chew Beetle nuts, causing a permanent jet black discoloration of their teeth, it causes some unique problems to the Dental Section. Any small cavity or discoloration is almost invisible. The Medical Team discovered that a marked improvement was noted during the month in the villagers, mostly in the areas of sores and minor infections. The addition of vitamins and sanitary indoctrination as well as penicillon have helped to bring about this improvement.

On 2 September two swings, constructed by the members of this battalion, were presented to the children of Yen Bac AT985708 by the Battalion Commander. The children were overjoyed and the swings were an immediate success. On the 4th of September in conjunction with our scheduled sick call visit the children of Yen Bac were presented with two see-saws, constructed by the members of this battalion. The children took immediate possession. The village adults helped with placing and setting up the see-saws in the village. On 10 September the Battalion Commander along with the village Chief, Mr. Tran HAU and the adults of the village helped the children celebrate "Vietnamese Children's Tet" (children's annual holiday). Paper children's lanterns, Vietnamese cookies, Mid-Autumn cakes as well as other children's favorites were distributed to the children of the village. The cost was defrayed by 50 dollars donated by the Officers and men of the battalion. Clothing, soap and candy were distributed to the villagers during the month. The supply was received from the people of the United States under "Operation Handclasp".

On 14 September initial contact was made with the Headmaster of THAN PHO DANANG, TRANG PIEU Hoc An-Hoi (Elementary school) and plans to hold sick call there were formulated. This expanded our People to People Program with two locations to cover. The battalion expanded its program of aid and friendship to visit and Medically treat at least one location daily, Monday through Friday and when the occassion deemed necessary on Saturday. To graphically illustrate the image held by the people of Yen Bac of our battalion, a note worthy incident took place on 23 September. At noon on the 23d a young Vietnamese boy age 16, approached the battalion perimeter and indicated to one of the security guards that he needed medical treatment. He had been severely beaten about the head and neck. He was brought into the battalion C.P. area where he received medical attention and a Doctor from the adjacent 3d Tank Battalion was called for. After being put under medical observation and treatment for six hours he was released back to the village with instructions to attend the next sick call. An interpreter from Hoa Cam Training Center was called while the boy was still here, and it was discovered that the boy was beaten by a farmer for allowing his water buffalo to wander into the farmer's sweet potato patch.

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The boy knowing that when he needed help could turn to us, then he made his way to our perimeter for assistance. Although the coming months, with their rainy season is upon us, the battalion will continue its active role in the People - to - People Program.

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PLACE

DaNang, South Vietnam

FROM (Date and hour)

050001 Sep65

TO (Date and hour)

052400 Sep65

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0630		1		From 2400-0630 50% Security, no enemy contact Normal C.P. operations continue.		F
1600		2		Maintenance Section continues repairs on ONTOS vehicle C-21 from Company "C".		F
1630		3		Company "A" Operational Summary, 1st platoon remains in direct support of 1st Battalion 1st Marines AT9572. A platoon (-) operation conducted with negative results. 2nd platoon remained in direct support of 2nd Battalion 3d Marines with two ONTOS deployed at LIE MY AT8982 with "E" Company 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines and three ONTOS at 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines C.P. The 3d platoon remains attached to 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE PHU BAI with two ONTOS taking up blocking positions every night. Plans include moving three ONTOS of 1st platoon forward with Company "B" 1st Battalion 1st Marines. The 3d platoon will conduct live fire exercise on 5 Sep65 and 2nd platoon will fire major caliber during the following week.		F
1700		4		Company "C" Operational Summary, 1st platoon remains in direct support of Company "C", 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. On 26 Aug65 one attempted to reach other elements of Company "C" 1st Battalion, 1st Marines BT016685, but were only able to reach Company "B" C.P. AT852694. Section returned to Company C.P. on 26 Aug65. 2nd platoon from Company "C" 3d Antitank Battalion in sweep with ARVN in vicinity of salt flats, GS9867 from 0500 to 1300. No V.C. contact. On 21 Aug65 3d platoon Company "C" provided one ONTOS section to Company "H" 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines on a day recon to DUONG SON (3). One section as reaction force a sweep of YEN NY (4).		F

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IN	OUT				
0630		1		From 2400-0630 50% Security, no enemy contact. Normal C.P. operations continue.	F
0900		2		Conducted a three hour class on .50 cal. Machine Gun.	F
1530		3		H&S Company constructed one .50 cal. Machine Gun position. (One .50 cal. Machine Gun with M63 mount serviceable.)	F
1600		4		Maintenance section turned into FLSG ONTOS vehicle C-15 from Company "C". Continues repairs on ONTOS vehicle A-12 from Company "A" and ONTOS vehicle C-35 from Company "C".	F
1630		4		Battalion Executive Officer, Operations Officer, two Corpsman, and one ARVON interpreter visited the village of YEN BAC AT985708 with a four man guard. Held sick call and treated nine adults and 29 children. A marked improvement in the health of the villagers. Made initial plans for Vietnamese children's holiday on 10 Sep65.	F
1700		5		Division Supply Officer and Comptroller, and the Division Civil Affairs Officer visited the 3d Antitank Battalion this date.	F
2400		6		From 1900-2400 50% Security, no enemy contact.	F

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0630		1.		From 2400-0630 50% security, no enemy contact. Normal CP operations continue.		F
1000		2		161000H H&S Company test fired the 50 cal. machine gun at the HOA CAM range AT678717.		F
500		3		NOTE: Journal #8 15 Sept65 Serial # 3 At 151338H a squad from Company "E" 2nd Bn., 9th Marines reported receiving automatic weapons fire from an estimated VC platoon. A mount out Ontos was used for transportation and support of a reaction squad to the point of action. On 151415H the Ontos hit a mine AT996654, two Marines were WIA and evacuated by helo. (S-2 comment, the mine crater was approximately six feet across and five to six feet deep, no fragments of the mine were found, probably pressure detonated and buried several feet in depth.) Two LVT'S and one LVTR-1 successfully returned the Ontos to AT994685, a position accessible to a FLSG retriever. Special appreciation from CO 3d Antitank Bn. to the crews of the HO5 and HO7 and LVTR-1 under the direction of Major HENDRICKS. H&S Company 3d Antitank Bn. supplied security for the disabled vehicle until FLSG was able to return it to Ordnance Maintenance Company on this date.		F
1630		4		Maintenance section continues repairs of Ontos vehicles G-21, G-22, G-24, G-34 and G-35 from Company "G", and Ontos vehicles A-12 and A-15 from Company "A".		F
1645		5		The Bn. CommO, S-1, S-3 Chief, Supply and Motor Trans. Chief's departed the battalion area for a liaison visit to Company "B" 3d AT Bn. and Company "C" 1st AT Bn. (Chu Lai)		F

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3d Marine Division (Forward)

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PATROLL ORDER 9-65

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy forces, see current ISUMS, strength unknown.
- b. Terrain, flat, rice paddy, hedge rows surrounding each village.
- c. Friendly forces, 3d Tank Bn., 1st Amph Bn., 9th Marines and Hoa Cam Training Center.
- d. Attachments and detachments, none.

2. MISSION.

- a. To search and clear the village of YEN BAC (1) at AT 985701.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. 1st Squad (11 men) leave the line of departure at 220530H arrive at AT 977701 proceed to search and clear village ~~west~~^{east} along river to AT 989699 hold until 2d Squad arrives and return to CP via route indicated on overlay (Note enclosure 1).
- b. 2d Squad (11 men including (1) grenadier), leave the line of departure at 220530H arrive at AT 977701 and proceed to search ~~west~~^{east} along river bank to AT 989699, contact 1st Squad and return to CP via route indicated on overlay (Note enclosure 1).
- c. 3rd Squad (9 men) leave line of departure at 220530H arrive at blocking position at AT 986706, stay in position until 1st and 2d Squad returns, take up rear guard back to line of departure. (Note enclosure 1).
- d. Departure 220530H return 220730H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Fire team leaders draw (3) three M-26 grenades.
- b. Each man carry (1) one unit of fire.
- c. Com man to be with 1st Squad.
- d. Evacuation of MIA will be by helo when possible marked by yellow smoke at landing zone AT 985703.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Each squad will be equipped with an AN/PRC 8, radios will be utilized for communications between the three squads and En. Headquarters.
- b. AN/PRC 8 call sign MORBID and MORBID X-RAY 1, 2 and 3.
- c. Time to report, enemy contact.
- d. Signals to be used on patrol. Red star cluster, contact with enemy.
- e. Patrol leader will be with the 1st Squad.
- f. Asst. Patrol leader will be with the 2d Squad.

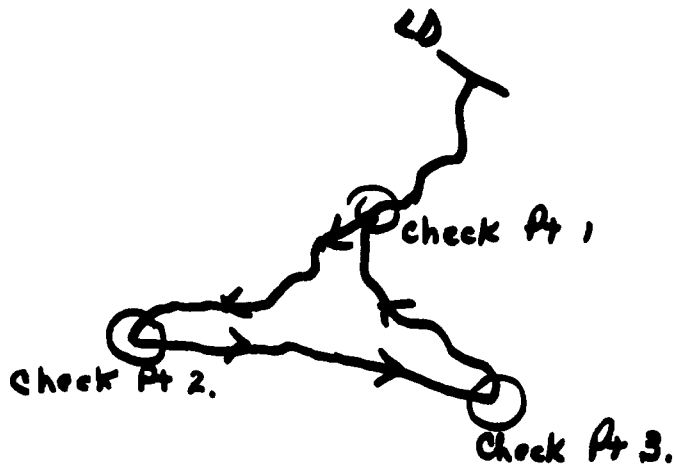
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IN	OUT				
0630		1		From 2400-0630 50% Security, no enemy contact. Normal C.P. operations continue.	F
1300		2		H&S Company with the HOA CAM Training Unit, 28 Marines (one Officer 27 Enlisted) 13 Vietnamese soldiers, (one Officer 12 Enlisted) ONE U.S. Army Advisor. Conducted a search and clear operation in YEN BAC (1) AT985701. This involved two Marine squads and one ARVN squad. One Marine Squad was deployed AT978702 in a blocking position, the other Marine squad and the ARVN squad conducted the search and clear operation moving west through YEN BAC (1) from AT991701 to the blocking position. This joint operation was controlled by a Marine and ARVN Officer. No enemy contact was made, however the absence of young males should be noted, One LVTP-5 accompanied the platoon and preformed reconnaissance of the CAU DO RIVER for amphibious landing sites, several good sites were discovered. This patrol did a great deal to further the ARVN - USMC relationship in the HOA CAM area. (Copy of patrol order attached).	F
600		3		Maintenance Section report; ONTOS vehicle C-24 returned to "C" Company. Repair engines for ONTOS vehicles C15 and C22 of Company "C" Received from FLSG.	F
1630		4		The Battalion Commander, Operations Officer Battalion Radio Teck, Lt. J.C. Lufkin (DC) USN, three Corpsman and four guards visited YEN BAC AT985708. Dentally nine patients were examined four teeth were extracted. Medically nine adults and 22 children were treated. Soap was handed out, the art of giving a bath to a baby was demonstrated, the children took to the soap and water idea with pleasure. The event was covered by Mr. Sun of U.P.I. and Mr. Thuan of A.B.C. News (still and Motion pictures were taken) Attitude of villagers was friendly.	F
2400		5		From 1900-2400 50% Security, no enemy contact.	F

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PATROL ORDER 3-9-651. SITUATION

- a. Enemy forces, see current LORNS, strength unknown.
- b. Terrain flat, rice paddy, hedge rows surrounding each hamlet.
- c. Friendly forces 3d Tank Bn., 1st Astr. Bn., 9th Marines and Hoa Cam Training Center.
- d. Attachments and detachments (1) LVTP 5 Crew without LVTP 5.

2. MISSION

- a. To search and clear the village of YEN BAC (1) AT 985701.
- b. To search river bank of the CAU DO river.
- c. To reduce the capabilities of suspected enemy positions within YEN BAC (1) (bunkers and trench).

3. EXECUTION

- a. 1st squad 20 men including one grenadier and LVTP 5 crew, leave the line of departure at 241300H arrive at AT 989699, (check point 3) proceed to search and clear village as indicated on overlay (note enclosure 1). Search the river bank throughout the operation for possible amphibious landing sites and reduce suspected enemy positions.
- b. 2d squad (9) men leave the line of departure at 241300H arrive and deploy in vicinity of AT 977701 (check point 2) as blocking force until arrival of 1st squad. The 2d squad will be the rear guard on the return trip to the line of departure.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Fire team leaders draw (3) three M-26 grenades, Patrol leader and Assistant Patrol leader will draw (1) one WP grenade, (1) one red star cluster and (1) one hollow smoke grenade.
- b. Each man will carry (1) unit of fire.
- c. (1) Corpsman will be with the first and second squads.

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- d. Evacuation of LA will be by helo, when possible, marked by yellow smoke at Landing Zone AT 985703 (marked on overlay).
- e. Each fireteam of the 1st squad will carry (1) pioneer shovel.
- f. The 1st fireteam will carry 50 feet of comm. wire.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Each squad will be equipped with an AN/PIC 8, radios will be utilized for communications between the squads and En. Headquarters.
- b. AN/PIC 8, call signs are MORRID (En. 2-3), MORRID X-RAY/(1st Squad), MORRID X-RAY (2D Squad).
- c. Time to report, enemy contact.
- d. Signals to use on patrol -
 - (1) Red star cluster, contact with the enemy.
 - (2) Yellow smoke, Helo landing zone.
- e. Patrol leader will be with the 1st Squad..
- f. Challenge and password. (to be announced).

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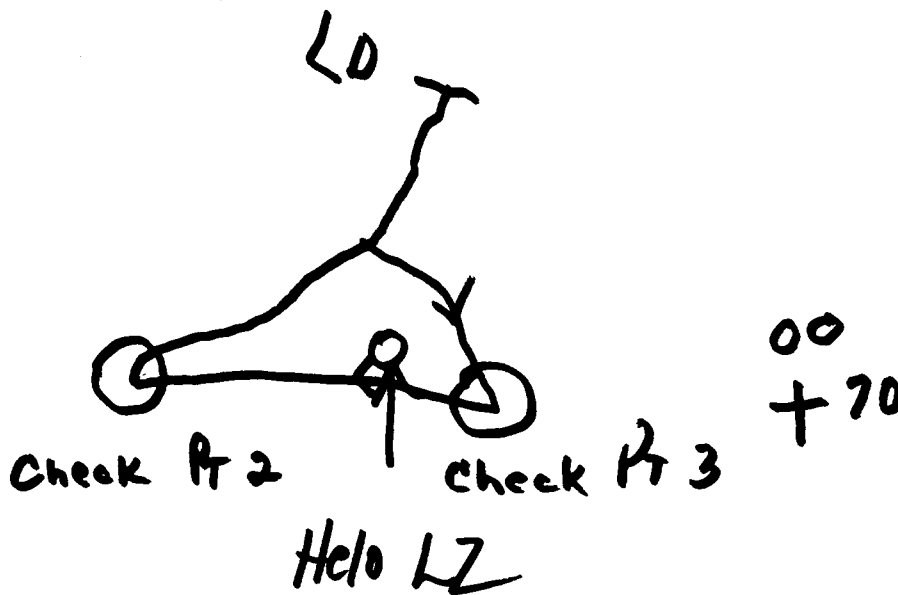
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3d Marine Division (Rein), MAF
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PATROL ORDER 4-9-651. SITUATION

- a. Enemy forces, see current ISUMS, strength unknown.
- b. Terrain flat, rice paddy, hedge rows surrounding each hamlet.
- c. Friendly forces 9th Marines, 3d Tank Bn., 1st AnTrac Bn., and Hoa Can Training Center. One squad reinforced of ARVN soldiers from Hoa Can Training Center will be operating with this patrol in a joint operation.
- dd. Attachments- One squad reinforced of 3d Tank Bn., and two LVTP's from 1st AnTrac Bn.

2. MISSION

- a. To search and clear the villages of Cam Hoa (1) AT975703 and Lon Buo (1) AT985701

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. Two squads (one Marine and one ARVN) embarked in two LVTP's will make an amphibious landing AT969699 and move East to accomplish the assigned mission. The third squad will occupy a blocking position from AT990700 to AT975703. After the debarkation the two LVTP's will assume a mobile blocking position in the SONG COU DO River.
- b. The 1st squad reinforced (Marines), will embark in the 1st LVTP-5 AT988715 and debark AT969699, forming the right portion of the maneuver element, the right flank being the SONG COU DO River. They will proceed to search and clear, moving East to AT990700 coordinating with the second squad (ARVN) throughout.
- c. The 2nd squad reinforced (ARVN), will embark in the 2nd LVTP-5 AT988715 and debark AT969699, forming the left portion of the maneuver element and abreast of the 1st squad. The left flank being the northern edge of the inhabited area. They will proceed to search and clear, moving East to AT990700 coordinating with the first squad throughout.

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- d. The 3rd squad reinforced (Marines), will depart AT988707 and occupy a blocking position AT990700 to AT975703.
- e. Two LWTP-5's will depart AT988715 and proceed (as indicated in enclosure (1)) to debark the maneuver element AT969699. Following debarkation they will occupy a mobile blocking position in the SONG COU DO River in the vicinity of AT978899.
- f. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Time of departure 281100H
Estimated time of return 281400H
 - (2) Route of return (as indicated in enclosure 1)
 - (3) Debriefing upon return
 - (4) Check Points (as noted on enclosure 1)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Normal arms and one unit of fire for Marines.
- b. Helmets, flak jackets, jungle kits and one canteen for each Marine.
- c. The 1st PT, 1st Squad will carry 50 ft. of comm. wire.
- d. All prisoners will be turned over to the Security Officer NOA CAM Training Center.
- e. Each PT and Squad Leader will draw four M-26 grenades.
- f. Each Squad Leader will draw one red and one green star cluster plus one yellow smoke.
- g. ARVN troops will be uniformed as directed by their Commanding Officer.
- h. Helo landing site- AT985703

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Signals to be used on patrol:
 - (1) Red Star Cluster-contact with the enemy.
 - (2) Green Star Cluster-medical evacuation.
 - (3) Yellow smoke-Helo landing site.

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b. Radio Call Signs AN-PRC 8:

MOBID	Bn. S-3
MOBID X-RAY 1	1st Squad
MOBID X-RAY 2	3rd Squad
MOBID X-RAY 3	LVTP-5

c. Challenge and Password. (To be announced)

d. Patrol Leader will be between the 1st and 2nd Squads with the U. S. Army Advisors and the ARVN Officer.

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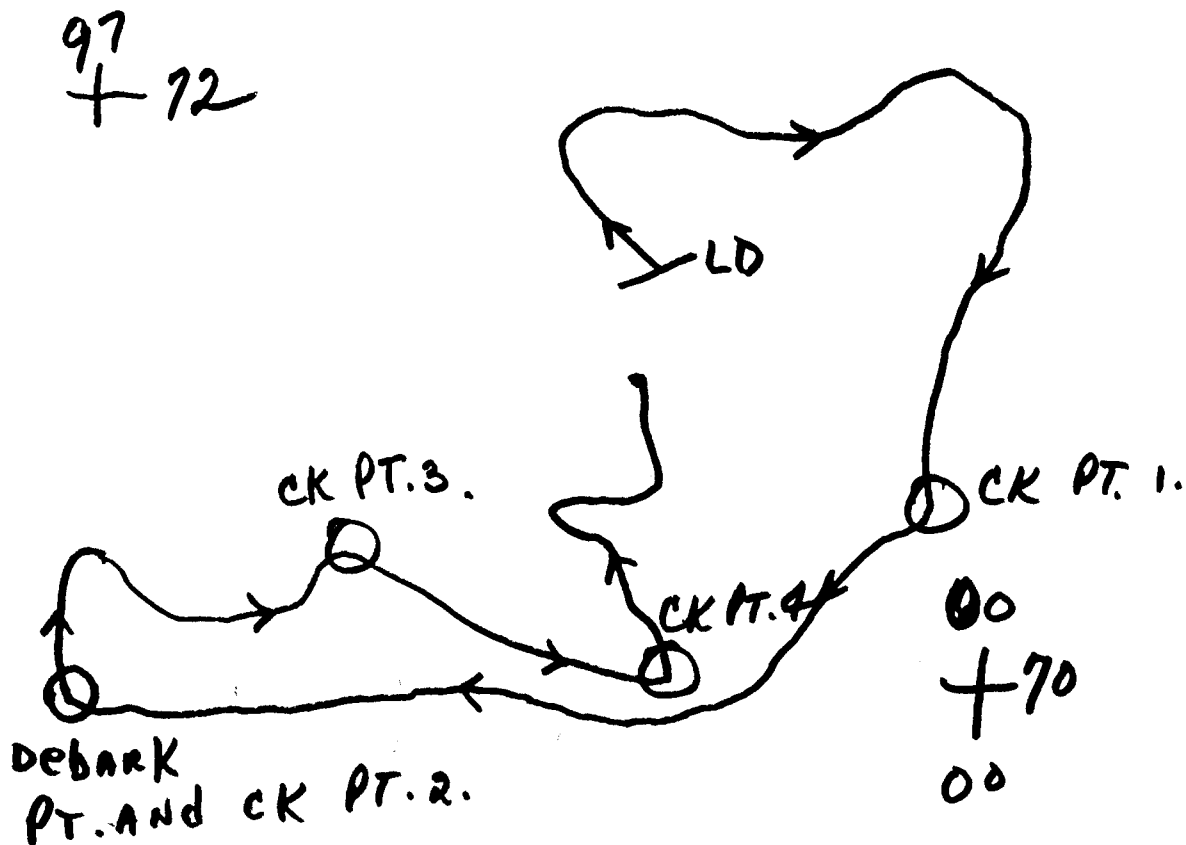
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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)
 - HR&S Co. (-)
 - "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
 - "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines
2. 010001-012400 Sept.65 (Time Zone H)
3. Activities.
 - a. Maintenance section continue repairs on Ontos vehicle C-94.
 - b. Normal C.P. operations continue and improvement of defensive positions.
4. Plans.
 - a. To continue G.P. operations and improvement of defensive positions.
 - b. Plans to start construction of playgrounds in the Village of Yen Bac AT985708, 2 September 1965.
5. Miscellaneous.
 - a. S-3 Officer, Comm Officer, 3 Corpsman and 4 guards visited the village of Yen Bac AT985708. Held sick call at 1430. Treated 19 adults and 46 children. One patient, Vietnamese male returned from USOM Hospital (note SITREP 240001-242400 Jul65) one leg amputated, prognosis good, patient pleased over efforts to save his life.

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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)

H&S Co. (-)
 "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
 "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines

2. 020001-021800 Sept65 (Time Zone H)

3. Activities.

- a. Normal C.P. operations continue and improvement of defensive positions.
- b. A patrol from Company "F" 2nd Battalion 9th Marines in the vicinity of Yen Ni (1) AT985664, made contact with the VC, one light section of Ontos (two Ontos) from 2nd platoon Company "C", was dispatched to Company "F". One Ontos evacuated one WIA Marine to a helo Pad. The other Ontos took the snipers under fire shooting nine 106 HEP-T rounds destroying seven buildings and eliminating the sniper fire.

4. Plans.

- a. Antitank personnel plan to enlarge playground in the village of Yen Bac AT985708 by constructing see-saw, hobby horses, merry-go-round and other playground items.
- b. To continue normal C.P. operations and improvement of defensive positions.

5. Miscellaneous.

- a. Personnel of 3d Antitank Battalion constructed a swing set for the children of Yen Bac AT985708. The Battalion Commander Lieutenant Colonel BRUCE A. HEFLIN presented recreational equipment to the children, the swing set was an immediate success, other recreational items will be added.
- b. S-3, CommO, Medical Officer from 9th Marines, 2 Corpsman and 4 guards held sick call in the village of Yen Bac AT985708. Treated 25 adults and 57 children. Attitude of the villagers was extremely friendly and congenial.

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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)
 - M&S Co. (-)
 - "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
 - "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines
2. 021800-031800 Sept65 (Time Zone H)

3. Activities.

- a. Maintenance Section returned Ontos vehicle C-23 to Company "C". Maintenance section received for repairs, Ontos vehicle A-12 from Company "A" and Ontos Vehicle C-15 from Company "C".
- b. Normal G.P. operations continue and improvement of defensive positions.

4. Plans.

- a. To continue normal G. P. Operations and improvement of defensive positions.

5. Miscellaneous.

- a. CommO, two corpsman and four guards visited the village of Yen Bao, AT983700, and held sick call at 1430. Treated 10 adults and 20 children. Attitude of villagers very friendly.

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 - H&S Co. (-)
 - "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
 - "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines
2. 031800-041800 Sept65 (Time Zone H)
3. Activities.
 - a. Maintenance section received Ontos vehicle C-21 from Company "C" for repairs.
 - b. Normal C.P. operations continue and improvement of defensive positions.
4. Plans.
 - a. To continue normal C.P. operations and improvement of defensive positions.
5. Miscellaneous.
 - a. S-3, CommO, 3 Serpman and 4 guards visited the village of Yen Bac AT985708. Held sick call at 1430, treated 15 adults and 27 children. While at village 19 pair of rubber shower shoes were given to the children of Yen Bac. Vitamins were also given to the children and adults. 3d Antitank Battalion constructed and put into place with the help of the local male population two see-saw in the village playground. Attitude of the villagers was friendly.

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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)

F&S Co. (-)
 "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
 "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines

2. 041800-051800 Sept65 (Time Zone H)

3. Activities.

a. 1st platoon Company "C" remains in direct support of Company "C", 1st Battalion, 9th Marines. On 26 August one attempted to reach other elements of Company "C" 1st Battalion, 1st Marines BT016685, but were only able to reach Company "B" C.P. AT852694. Section returned to Company C.P. on 26 August. 2nd platoon from Company "C", 3d Antitank Battalion in sweep with ARVN in vicinity of salt flats, GS 9867 from 0500 to 1300. No VC contact. On 21 August 3d platoon Company "C" provided one Ontos section to Company "H" 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines on a day recon to DUONG SON (3). One section as reaction force a sweep of YEN NY (4).

b. 1st platoon Company "A" remains in direct support of 1st Battalion, 1st Marines AT9572. A platoon (-) operation conducted with negative results. 2nd platoon Company "A" remains in direct support of 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines with 2 Ontos deployed at Lie My AT8962 with "E" Company 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines and 3 Ontos at 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines C.P. 3d platoon Company "B" remains attached to 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE PHU BAI with two Ontos taking up blocking positions every evening. Plans include moving 3 Ontos of 1st platoon Company "A" forward with Company "B" 1st Battalion 1st Marines. 3d platoon Company "A" will conduct live fire exercise on 5 Sept65 and 2nd platoon Company "A" will fire Major caliber during the following week.

c. Normal C.P. operations continue with improvement of defensive positions.

4. Plans.

a. To continue normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.

5. Miscellaneous.

a. Personnel shortage remains critical.

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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)

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"A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
"C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines

2. 051800-061800 Sept65 (Time Zone H)

3. Activities.

- a. Conducted 3 hour class on machine gun caliber 50. Items covered were introduction, description mechanical training.
- b. H&S Company constructed one 50 caliber machine gun position. (One machine gun , caliber 50 with M63 mount serviceable).
- c. Maintenance section turned into FLSG Ontos vehicle C-15 from Company "C". Maintenance continue repairs on Ontos vehicle A-12 from Company "A" and Ontos vehicle C-35 from Company "C".
- d. Normal C.P. operations continue with improvement of defensive positions.

4. Plans.

- a. To continue machine gun, caliber 50 school covering mounts, organization maintenance, marksmanship training, techniques of firing Anti-Aircraft gunnery.
- b. To continue normal C.P. operations and improvement of defensive positions.

5. Miscellaneous.

- a. Battalion Executive Officer, 8-3, 2 Corpsman and 1 ARVN interpreter visited the village of Yen Bac AT985708. Held sick call at 1430, treated 9 adults and 29 children. There is a marked improvement in the physical condition of the villagers.
- b. Made initial plans for Vietnamese childrens holiday on 10 Sept65.
- cc. Division Supply Officer and Comptroller visited 3d Antitank Battalion this date.
- d. Division Civil Affairs Officer visited 3d Antitank Battalion this date. Impressed with this Battalion's Civil Affairs Program.

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 - "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
 - "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines
2. 061800-071800 Sept65 (Time Zone H)
3. Activities.
 - a. Conducted 3 hour class on machine gun caliber 50. Items covered were mounts, organization maintenance and mounting and placing gun in action.
 - b. Maintenance continue repairs on Ontos vehicle A-12 from Company "A" and Ontos vehicle C-35 from Company "C".
 - c. Normal C.P. operations continue with improvement of defensive positions.
4. Plans.
 - a. To continue machine gun, caliber 50 school covering marksmanship training, technique of fire and methods of engaging targets.
 - b. To continue normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.
5. Miscellaneous.
 - a. S-3, CommO, 2 Corpsman and 1 ARVN interpreter visited the village of Yen Bac AT985708. Held sick call at 1430, treated 11 adults and 28 children. Attitude of the villagers was friendly and congenial.

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 "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
 "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines

2. 071800-081800 Sept65 (Time Zone H)

3. Activities.

- a. Maintenance Section returned Ontos vehicle G-25 to Company "C". Repairs continue on Ontos vehicle A-12 from Company "A".
- b. Continue to support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
- c. Caliber 50 Machine gun school continues with reviews of subjects taught.
- d. Normal C.P. operations continue with improvement of defensive positions.

4. Plans.

- a. To continue support of 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
- b. To continue school and drill on machine gun, caliber 50.
- c. To continue normal C.P. operations and improvement of defensive positions.

5. Miscellaneous.

- a. Battalion CommO, Battalion Medical Representative, 2 Corpsman visited the village of Yen Bao, AT985708. Held sick call at 1430, treated 74 children and 29 adults. Attitude of villagers very friendly and congenial.

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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)
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 - "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
 - "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines
2. 081800-091800 Sept65 (Time Zone II)
3. Activities.
 - a. Company "C" in ~~direct support of 9th Marines~~ fired 120 rounds, major caliber. Hand I in vicinity of AT894542.
 - b. Battalion continue to support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
 - c. Maintenance continue repairs on Ontos vehicles A-12 from Company "A" and C-35 from Company "C".
 - d. Normal C.P. operations continue with improvement of defensive positions.
4. Plans.
 - a. To present the children of Yen Bac AT985708 with gifts on 10 September, 65, a Vietnamese Childrens Holiday.
 - b. To continue support of 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
 - c. To continue normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.
- Establishments.
 - a. Personnel of 3d Antitank Battalion contributed 50 dollars to buy gifts for the children of Yen Bac AT985708.
 - b. Battalion Commo, Battalion Medical Representative visited the village of Yen Bac AT985708. Held sick call, treated 12 adults and 30 children. Attitude of the villagers was friendly and congenial.

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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)
 - H&S Co. (-)
 - "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
 - "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines
2. 091800-101800 Sept65 (Time Zone H)
3. Activities.
 - a. Battalion continue to support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
 - b. Maintenance completed repairs on Ontos vehicles A-15 from Company "A" and C-23 from Company "C".
 - c. Normal C.P. operations continue with improvement of defensive positions.
4. Plans.
 - a. To continue support of 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
 - b. To continue normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.
5. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Lieutenant Colonel BRUCE A. HEFLIN the village chief, TRAN HAU and the adults of Yen Bac AT985708 celebrated THE VIETNAMESE CHILDRENS TET BY passing out traditional paper Vietnamese children's lanterns, Vietnamese cookies and Vietnamese Mid-Autumn cakes to eighty-one happy children of Yen Bac. The attitude of the villagers was extremely friendly. The children have learned to say thank you in English and upon leaving from the festivities the children thanked the Battalion Commander for his kindness. Mr. TRAN HAU made a short speech also thanking the Battalion Commander for his kindness. The Battalion Commander reciprocated by informing him that the Marines were glad they could be a part of the celebration. The Battalion Medical Team also treated 47 children and 26 adults before the children's party.

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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)
 - H&S Co. (-)
 - "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines.
 - "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines.

2. 101800-111800 Sep65 (Time Zone H)

3. Activities.

a. Company "A" Operation Summary, covering the period 091800-101800 Sept 65, 1st Platoon, Company "A" continues in direct support of the 1st Battalion 1st Marines with platoon CP located at ~~AT999806~~. On 6 September a road reconnaissance was conducted from CP south to ~~AT999806~~, then west to vicinity of District Headquarters. Preparations are being made to support an expected move of 1st Battalion 1st Marines south to Hill 41 and Hill 22 (La Chau 4). A firex is planned for the 1st platoon of Company "A" on 13 September in the Le My Area.

2nd platoon, Company "A" continues in direct support of 2d Battalion 3d Marines with two Ontos deployed at Le My AT999820 with Company "E", 2d Battalion 3d Marines and three Ontos at 2d Battalion 3d Marines CP at AT994782. A firex was conducted at Le My on 7 September.

3d Platoon, Company "A" continues attached to 3d Battalion 4th Marines at Hue Phu Bai. All vehicle markings were changed to reflect this company's designations.

b. Company "C" Operation Summary covering the period 091800-101800 Sep65, one section, 1st platoon in direct support Company "C" 1st Battalion 9th Marines. 2d Platoon used as standby reaction force for Companies "E" and "F" 2d Battalion 9th Marines. No action. Above operation covering 4 September. On 5 September, one section of the 1st Platoon in direct support of Company "A" 1st Battalion 9th Marines, one section in direct support of Company "C" 1st Battalion 9th Marines. On 5 September the 2d Platoon was in direct support of Company "F", 2d Battalion 9th Marines in operation at Ha Dong AT996644, Heavy section in village and light section used to screen flanks. Fired caliber 30 machine gun and caliber 50 spotter rounds against sniper fire. On 6 September, one section of the first platoon was in direct support of Company "A" 1st Battalion 9th Marines made contact at 0900 with VC Tra Khe complex, fired 1200 rounds of 30 caliber machine gun and 225 rounds SMG during action. Ontos Commander of Ontos vehicle G-11 slightly wounded. One section same platoon in direct support of Company "C" 1st Battalion 9th Marines. 2d Platoon on same date in direct support of Company "F" 2d Battalion 9th Marines covered patrol and resupply column. On 7 September one section of the 1st Platoon was in direct support of Company "A" 1st Battalion 9th Marines, one section on sweep with Company "C" 1st Battalion 9th Marines with negative results. 2d Platoon in direct support of Company "F" 2d Battalion 9th Marines covered patrol and

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received mortar fire during the night. Company "F" 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines evacuated one casualty to DUONG SON (2), by ONTOs. On 8 September, one section from 1st platoon in direct support of Company "C" 1st Battalion, 9th Marines. 2nd platoon covered Company "F" 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines withdraw from Ha Dong, also used for reaction force for night patrols. 3d platoon fired 106's, 50 caliber spotters machine gun and 30 caliber machine gun at Le My. On September 9, 1st platoon in direct support of Company "A", 1st Battalion, 9th Marines in operation south of Marble Mountain, fired 11 HEPT and 790 30 caliber Machine gun rounds. Also the 2nd platoon was used as a reaction force for patrols. On 10 September one section from 1st platoon in direct support of Company "A" 1st Battalion, 9th Marines. One section at platoon C.P. for maintenance 2nd platoon in direct support of Company "A" 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines on sweep of Qua Quang (2)

c. Maintenance section continue repairs on Ontos vehicles G-22, G-23, G-14, G-24, G-35, G-15 from company "C" and Ontos vehicles A-12 from Company "A".

d. Normal C.P. operations continue with improvement of defensive positions

4. Plans.

a. To continue normal C.P. operations and improvement of defensive positions.

b. To continue direct support of 3d Marines and 9th Marines.

5. Miscellaneous.

a. Bn. CommO, 1 Medical Officer from 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, 2 Corporals and 4 guards held sick call in the village of Yen Bac AT985706. Treated 12 adults and 33 children.

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1. 3d Antitank Battalion (-)
 - H&S Co. (-)
 - "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
 - "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines
2. 121800-121800 Sept65 (Time Zone H)
3. Activities.
 - a. Normal C.P operations with improvement of defensive positions.
 - b. Battalion continue to support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
 - c. Maintenance continue work on Ontos vehicles A-15 from Company "A" and C-23 from Company "C".
4. Plans.
 - a. To continue support of 3d Marines and 9th Marines
 - b. To continue normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.
5. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Personnel shortage remains critical.

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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)
 - HE3 Co. (-)
 - "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
 - "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines
2. 121800-131800 Sept65 (Time Zone H)
3. Activities.
 - a. Maintenance section returned Ontos vehicle C-23 to Company "C". Received Ontos vehicle "C"-22 for repairs. Repairs continue on Ontos vehicle A-15 from Company "A" and Ontos vehicle "C"-34, "C"-35 from Company "C".
 - b. Battalion continue to support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
 - c. Normal C.P. operations continue with improvement of defensive positions.
4. Plans.
 - a. To continue support of 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
 - b. To continue normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.
5. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Battalion CommO, 2 Corporal, 4 guards visited the village of Yen Bao AT985708. Held sick call at 1430, treated 8 adults and 28 children.

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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)
 - IR&S Co. (-)
 - "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
 - "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines
2. 131800-141800 (Time Zone H)
3. Activities.
 - a. Maintenance section continue repairs on Ontos vehicle C-22, C-34 and C-35 from Company "C" and Ontos vehicle A-15 from Company "A".
 - b. Made initial contact with Headmaster of THANH PHO DA NANG, TRANG PIEU Hoc An-Hai (school) BT048769. Plan to hold sick call twice a week and erect swing set and playground equipment.
 - c. 3d Antitank Battalion conducted search and clear operation through the village of Yen Bae (1) AT987703. No enemy contact.
 - d. ~~Company~~ continue to support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
 - e. Normal C.F. operations continue with improvement of defensive positions.
4. Plans.
 - a. To continue support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
 - b. To continue normal C.F. operations with improvement of defensive positions.
5. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Personnel shortage remains critical.

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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)

- IR&S Co. (-)
- "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
- "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines

2. 141800-151800 (Time Zone H) Sept65

3. Activities.

- a. One Ontos C-31 from Company "C" 3d Antitank Battalion was hit by a mine and was overturned, (type unknown at this time) AT990663 on 141545H Sept65 resulting in four U.S.M.C. via and one U.S.N.C. kia (three of the U.S.M.C. via were from Company "C", they were returned to duty on 141730H Sept65. 150730H three EOD personnel, Battalion Executive Officer, Maintenance Officer, Maintenance chief S-2 Commanding Officer Company "C" one LVT and one LVTR-1 were dispatched to AT990663 to determine if the Ontos was retrievable. It was determined that the vehicle was not retrievable, because four 106 rounds were fused together in the ammo well. The vehicle was righted, all salvable parts were removed and delivered to 3d Antitank Battalion Maintenance park. Ontos hulk was destroyed by EOD personnel.
- b. 151430H Sept65 Ontos vehicle (number unknown at this time) from Company "C" 3d Antitank Battalion was hit by a mine (type unknown at this time) AT996654, resulting in two U.S.M.C. via from Company "C". One LVTR-1 dispatched to retrieve Ontos, extent of damage unknown. Report will follow.
- c. Maintenance section received Ontos vehicles C-21 and C-24 from Company "C" for repairs. Continued repairs of Ontos vehicles C-22, C-34, C-35, A-12, and A-15.
- d. Battalion continue to support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
- e. Normal C.P. operations continue with improvement of defensive positions.

4. Plans.

- a. To continue support of 3d and 9th Marines.
- b. To continue normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.

5. Miscellaneous.

- a. ComMO, 2 Corpsman and 4 guards visited the village of Yen Bao AT985708. Held sick call and treated 24 adults and 25 children. Attitude friendly.

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1. 3d Antitank Battalion (-)
H&S Co. (-)
"A" Co. (-) Direct Support of 3d Marines
"C" Co. (-) Direct Support of 9th Marines
2. 151800-161800 (Time Zone H) Sep65
3. Activities
 - a. Note SITREP 141800-151800, At 151338H a squad from Company "B" 2d Bn, 9th Marines reported receiving automatic weapons fire from an estimated Viet Cong platoon. A mount-out Ontos vehicle was used for transportation and support of a reaction squad to the point of action. At 151415H the Ontos hit a mine at AT 996654, two Marines were KIA and evacuated by helicopter. (S-2 Comment, the mine crater was approximately 6 feet across and 5 to 6 feet deep, no fragments of the mine were found, probable pressure detonated and buried several feet in depth.)
Two LVT's and one LVTR-1 successfully returned the Ontos to AT 994685, a position accessible to a FLSG retriever.
Special appreciation to the crews of LVT's HO5, HO7 and LVTR-1 under the direction of Major Hendricks. H&S Company 3d Antitank Bn. supplied security for the disabled vehicle until FLSG was able to return it to Ordnance Maintenance Company on 16 Sep 65.
 - b. 161000H H&S Company fired the .50 Caliber machinegun at the HOA CAM range.
4. Plans.
 - a. To continue support of 3d and 9th Marines.
 - b. To continue normal C.F. operations with improvement of defensive positions.
5. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Personnel shortages remain critical.
 - b. Bn CO, S-1, S-3 Chief, Supply Chief and Motor Transport Chief departed battalion area for liaison visit to Company "B" 3d Antitank Bn. and Company "C" 1st Antitank Battalion (Chu Lai)

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 - "A" Co. (-) Direct Support of 3d Marines
 - "C" Co. (-) Direct Support of 9th Marines
2. 161800-171800 (Time Zone H) Sep65
3. Activities
 - a. Normal CP operations and improvement of defensive positions.
4. Plans.
 - a. To continue support of 3d and 9th Marines.
 - b. To continue normal CP operations with improvement of defensive positions.
5. Miscellaneous
 - a. Personnel shortages remain critical.
 - b. Mr. Van G. Savter from the Detroit Free Press & Miami Herald, GySgt John Babyack, GySgt Charles R. Strathman from MAF CIB, and LOpl G. R. Durbin from Division Photo visited this Battalion 171430H. Covered, people to people program in the village of Yen Bac at AT 985708, I. E. the medical aid program, soap to children, clothes to children, (Operation Handclasp) and the play ground area built by the adults of Yen Bac and Marines from this battalion, Medical aid team treated 30 children 15 adults and donated clothes and soap to 60 villagers.

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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)
 - H&S Co. (-)
 - "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
 - "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines
2. 171800-181800 Sept65 (Time Zone II)
3. Activities.
 - a. Company "A" weekly operational summary report covering period 101800-171800H Sept65. 1st platoon Company "A" continues in direct support of 1st Battalion 1st Marines with platoon C.P. located AT967706. 1st Battalion 1st Marines advanced on 140630 to PL orange with their Ontos in support. 1st Battalion 1st Marines consolidated their position with 2 ontos in support of Company "C" 1st Battalion 1st Marines on Hill 22 AT953667 and 1 Ontos in support of Company "M" 3d Battalion, 4th Marines on Hill 41 AT934663 on 15 Sept65 one Ontos was retrieved from Hill 22 AT953667 for mechanical problems leaving two in support. Firing scheduled for 171300 Sept65 was postponed until 20 Sept65. There was no change during the reporting period for 2nd platoon Company "A" 3d platoon Company "A" continue in direct support of 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE PHU BIL. Platoon C.P. located AT888143. Two Ontos assigned nightly to perimeter security 89 Major caliber rounds H&I expended 12 Sept65 in Q88708
 - b. Battalion Commander, S-1, S-3 Chief, Motor Transport chief returned 180930 Sept65 from liason visit to Company "B", 3d Antitank Battalion and Company "C" 1st Antitank Battalion, (CHU LMI) No problems encountered.
 - c. Maintenance section returned Ontos vehicle C-34 and C-13 to Company "C" Repaire continue on Ontos vehicles C-22, C-35, C-14, C-15 from Company "C" and A-15 from Company "A".
 - d. Normal C.P. operations continue with improvement of defensive positions.
 - e. Continued to support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
4. Plans.
 - a. To continue support Of 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
5. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Personnel shortage remains critical.

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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)
 - IR&S Co. (-)
 - "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
 - "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines
2. 181800-190000 (Time Zone H) Sept65
3. Activities.
 - a. Battalion continued to support 3d Marines and 9th Marines
 - b. To continue normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive position.
4. Plans.
 - a. To continue support of 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
 - b. To continue normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.
5. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Personnel shortage remains critical

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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)
 - HP&S Co. (-)
 - "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
 - "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines
2. 191800-201800 Sept65 (Time Zone H)
3. Activities.
 - a. Maintenance section returned 191500 Sept65 Ontos vehicle A-13 to Company "A" and Ontos vehicle C-25 to Company "C". Ontos vehicles C-14, C-15, C-22 from Company "C" and Ontos vehicle A-15 from Company "A" and Battalion Mount Out vehicle 12 remain in FL3G for repairs.
 - b. Normal C.P. operations continued with improvement of defensive positions
 - c. Battalion continued direct support of 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
 - d. At 192130H one M-37, MCVNR 303071 from Company "A" 3d Antitank Battalion was ambushed AT971708 by approximately 6 VC using 2 grenades and approximately 30 rounds of small arms fire hit vehicle. Vehicle temporary combat deadlined. No casualties (S-2 comment, one A-30 spent carbine and 9mm cases found at ambush site).
4. Plans.
 - a. To continue to support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
 - b. To continue normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.
5. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Personnel shortage remains critical.

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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)
 - H&S Co. (-)
 - "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
 - "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines
2. 201800-211800 Sept65 (Time Zone H)
3. Activities.
 - a. Maintenance section received Company's A's Ontos vehicle A-15 from FLSC, awaiting parts on order to complete repairs. Maintenance section turned into FLSC Ontos vehicle C-22 for repairs.
 - b. Continued in direct support of 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
 - c. Normal C.P. operations continued with improvement of defensive positions
4. Plans.
 - a. To continue in direct support of 3d Marines and 9th Marines
 - b. To continue normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.
 - c. Plans to conduct sweep and clear patrol in the village of Yen Bac (1) AT985701 220530H Sept65.
5. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Battalion Commander, 2 Corpsman visited Thauk Pre DaNang, Trang Pieu Hec An - Hai (school) BT048769 and held sick call for the children. Treated 86 children, attitude of the villagers was very friendly.
 - b. Major General L. W. Halt, Division Commander at 211550 paid command visit to this Battalion.
 - c. Battalion Administration chief dropped to "C" Med, to sick, FFT Japan.
 - d. Personnel shortage remains critical.

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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)

H&S Co. (-)

"A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines

"C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines

2. 211800-221800 Sept65 (Time Zone H)

3. Activities.

a. H&S Company, 3d Antitank Battalion conducted a 28 man patrol at 220530H, operating in the vicinity of Yen Bao (1) AT989701. Patrol reported one VCS fleeing vicinity of AT983701 and again from AT982702. Unable to apprehend. Observed suspected mortar position AT987700 and trench approximately 13' long and 3' wide with a depth of roughly 5' AT986700. Homemade alarm tripped at 988700. Small empty cave AT983701. New punji stakes located AT983702 and all trails crossing hedgerows used on patrol of 090530H Sept65 (note SITREP 091800-101800 Sept65) obstructed by bamboo tree tops and thorn bushes. Unusual number of young men in the village. All had identification papers. It was noted that small bunkers have been constructed adjacent to the houses.

b. Maintenance section continued repairs on Ontos vehicle A-15 from Company "A".

c. Continued in direct support of 3d Marines and 9th Marines.

d. Normal C.P. operations continue with improvement of defensive positions.

4. Plans.

a. To continue to support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.

b. To continue normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.

5. Miscellaneous.

a. S-3, 2 Corporal and 4 guards visited the village of Yen Bao AT985708 and held sick call. Treated 2 adults and 7 children.

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1. 3d Antitank Bn (-)
 - R&S Co. (-)
 - "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
 - "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines

2. 221800-231800 Sept65 (Time Zone H)

3. Activities.

a. A young Vietnamese boy, age 16, approached the Battalion perimeter at 231200H and indicated he needed medical treatment. Upon examination by the Corporal it appeared the boy had been beaten severely about the head and neck. The 3d Tank Battalion Medical Officer examined the boy and placed him under medical observation, by a Corporal for six hours. At 231400H the senior American Advisor, one Army Sergeant and one Vietnamese interpreter from the Hoa Cam Training Center developed the following information upon interrogation. The boy had let his water buffalo wander onto a sweet potato patch. The owner became angry and beat the boy. At 231800H 3d Tank Battalion Medical Officer released the Vietnamese patient.

b. Maintenance section returned Ontos vehicle A-15 to Company "A".

c. Continued in direct support of 3d Marines and 9th Marines.

d. Normal C.P. operations continue with improvement of defensive positions.

4. Plans.

a. To continue to support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.

b. To continue normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.

c. To conduct sweep and clear patrol in the village of Yau Bac (1) AT 230570L 231300H Sept65.

5. Miscellaneous.

a. Personnel shortage remains critical.

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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)

H&S Co. (-)
 "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
 "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines

2. 231800-241800 Sept65 (Time Zone H)

3. Activities.

- a. Maintenance section received repaired engine from Ontos vehicle C-22 and C-15 belonging to Company "C" from FL90. Ontos vehicle C-24 from Company "C" repaired and returned to Company "C".
- b. H&S Company in conjunction with HOA C/M Training Unit, 28 U.S. Marines, (1 Officer and 27 Enlisted) 13 Vietnamese soldiers, (1 Officer and 12 Enlisted) and 1 U.S. Army Advisor conducted a search and clear operation in Yen Bac (1) AT985701 on 241300H. This operation involved (2) two U.S. Marine squads and (1) one ARVN squad (the elite demonstration squad). One U.S. Marine squad was deployed AT978702 in a blocking position while the other Marine squad and the ARVN squad conducted the search and clear operation moving east through Yen Bac (1) from AT991701 to the blocking position. This was a joint operation controlled by a Marine Officer and an ARVN Officer with the two squads coordinating throughout. No enemy contact was made, however the absence of young males should be noted. One LVTP-5 crew accompanied the patrol and performed a reconnaissance of the CAU DO River for possible amphibious landing sites. It should be noted that several good sites were discovered. This patrol did a great deal to further the ARVN - U.S. Marine relationship in the Hpa Cam area.
- c. Continued to support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
- d. To continue normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.

4. Plans.

- a. Current plans call for a reconnaissance of the CAU DO River in joint control of this Battalion and 1st Amphibious Battalion using (2) two LVTP-5's for a future amphibious patrol operation. This reconnaissance is a development of the reconnaissance of amphibious sites noted on activities above.

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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)

H&S Co. (-)
 "A" Co. (-) Direct Support 3d Marines
 "C" Co. (-) Direct Support 9th Marines

2. 241800-251800 Sept65 (Time Zone H)

3. Activities.

- a. Company "A" weekly operational summary covering the period 180001-242400H Sept65. Company "A" continued in direct support of the 3d Marines with (2) two platoons in direct support of infantry battalion and (1) one platoon attached to 3d Battalion, 4th Marines. The first platoon Company "A" continued in direct support of 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. (2) Two Ontos deployed forward with one on Hill 222, (AT953667) in support of Company "C", 1st Battalion, 1st Marines and one on Hill 41 AT934663 in support of Company M, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines conducted extensive patrol activity with Ontos supporting by fire from a fixed position on Hill 41 and Hill 22. Increased mine activity noted along MSR leading to Hill 41 and Hill 22. Terrain generally impossible to Ontos except roads due to heavy rains. The 2nd platoon of Company "A" continued in direct support of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines with (2) two Ontos deployed at Le My 899820 and (3) three Ontos at 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines Command Post. (2) Two Ontos at Le My from fixed positions support units of 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines conducting operation "HARVEST MOON". The third platoon Company "A" continues attached to 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at Hue Phu Bai. Two (2) Ontos are assigned nightly to perimeter security. OJT continues for all Ontos crewman in driving and preventive maintenance.
- b. Weekly operational summary from Company "C" covering period 180001-242400H Sept65. The general disposition of the company was (1) one platoon in support of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines and 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, each having (1) one section forward and (1) one section at Battalion Command Post, (1) one platoon in reserve at the western portion of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines TAOR. On 22 Sept65 all vehicles from 1st platoon recalled the Command Post for maintenance and preparation for a 2 company sweep on the 23d of Sept65. 3d platoon moved section forward to AUA GIANG complex vicinity AT0266 in defensive position near Company "E" 2nd Battalion 9th Marines Command Post. On 23 Sept65 1st Battalion, 9th Marines moved to blocking position with Company "A" 1st Battalion, 9th Marines in vicinity of MAN QUAN (2) AT045685, for a two company sweep, from E Grid Line 65 between NS Grid Line 03 to 05 move to Grid Line 68.

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On 24 Sept 1st platoon remained in support of Company "B", 1st Battalion, 9th Marines at TRA NHE (1).

- e. Recon patrol, (note SITREP 231800-241800H Sept65) unable to fulfill mission due to tides.
- d. Continued in direct support of 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
- e. Normal C.P. operations continue with improvement of defensive positions.
- f. Maintenance section received Ontos vehicle G-34 from Company "C" for repairs.

4. Plans.

- a. To conduct 2nd patrol noted in SITREP 231800-241800H Sept65 on 27 Sept65
- b. To continue to support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
- e. To continue normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.

5. Miscellaneous.

- a. Dropped one Enlisted Man as soul surviving son.
- b. Joined two Enlisted men for duty.

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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)
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"A" Co. (-) Direct support 3d Marines
"C" Co. (-) Direct support 9th Marines
2. 251800-261800 Sept65 (Time zone H)
3. Activities.
 - a. H&S Company in conjunction with H&S Company 1st AmTrac Battalion conducted an amphibious river reconnaissance of the SONG CAU DO River from AT997706 to AT969699 on 261130H until 261415H. The reconnaissance team consisted of 9 Marines from this Battalion and 8 Marines as well as 2 LVTP-5's from 1st AmTrac Battalion. The reconnaissance was made to locate an adequate landing site for a planned amphibious patrol operation. Such a site was located AT979699, and the return over the same route noted above, revealed valuable information concerning the planned operation.
 - b. Continued to support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
 - c. Continued normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.
4. Plans.
 - a. H&S Company in conjunction with 1st AmTrac Bn., and ROA CAS Training Unit is making tentative plans for an amphibious patrol operation. The operation will be launched in LVTP P-5's from the SONG CAU DO River and after debarkation AT969699, will entail a search and clear operation of CAN ROA (1) AT975703 and YER BAC (1) AT985701.
 - b. Continue to support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
 - c. To continue normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.
5. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Personnel shortage remains critical.

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1. 3d Amphibious Bn (-)
 - H&S Co. (-)
 - "A" Co. (-) Direct support 3d Marines
 - "C" Co. (-) Direct support 9th Marines
2. 261800-271800 Sept65 (Time Zone H)
3. Activities.
 - a. Maintenance section received Ontos vehicle C-23 from Company "C" for repairs. Continue repairs of Ontos vehicle C-34 from Company "C" and A-12 from Company "A".
 - b. Battalion continued to support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
 - c. Continued normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.
4. Plans.
 - a. H&S Company will conduct a search and clear operation of GAM HOA(1) AT975703 and YEN BAO(1) AT969699, following an amphibious landing AT969699 on 281100H Sept65. This operation will be conducted in conjunction with HOA GAM Training Unit and will involve approximately 15 ARVN soldiers and 35 U.S. Marines.
 - b. To continue to support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
 - c. To continue normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.
5. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Battalion CommO, Lieutenant Jg LUFKIN (DO) USN, 3 Corporals and 4 guards visited the village of Yen Bao AT969706. Treated 36 children and 34 adults. Doctor LUFKIN extracted 4 teeth.

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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)
 - MB Co. (-)
 - "A" Co. (-) Direct support 3d Marines
 - "C" Co. (-) Direct support 9th Marines
2. 271800-281800 Sept65 (Time Zone H)
3. Activities.
 - a. Maintenance section received Ontos vehicle G-15 back from FL80; Repairs continue on Ontos vehicle A-12 from Company "A", G-32 and G-34 from Company "C".
 - b. 3d Antitank Battalion supported by 3d Tank Battalion and 1st Am Trac Battalion conducted a combined search operation in conjunction with NPTF Forces from HOA GAM Training Unit on 281130H until 281200H. The operation was launched amphibiously from (2) LVT-5's AT969699. A squad (+0) from 3d Tank Battalion provided the blocking force. Eight (8) VCS were taken from into custody from GAM HOA (1) AT975703 and IEM HAG (1) AT985701 and were turned over to the security Officer of HOA GAM Training Unit. Coordination of NPTF Forces and the US Marines proved very successful on the capture and questioning of the VCS, as well as the search operation. The patrol was accompanied by (2) top US Army Advisors from HOA GAM Training Unit; Major Dakenney and Sgt Hickman.
 - c. Continued normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.
 - d. Continued to support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
4. Plans.
 - a. To continue normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.
 - b. To continue in direct support of 3d Marines and 9th Marines.
5. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Colonel Fisher, Division Inspector and Colonel Port, Division G-1 paid staff visit to Battalion Command Post 281245H Sept65
 - b. ~~Personnel shortage remains critical.~~

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 "A" Co. (-) Direct support 3d Marines
 "C" Co. (-) Direct support 9th Marines

2. 281000-291000 Sept 65 (Time Zone H)

3. Activities

- a. Maintenance section continues repairs on Crites vehicle A-12 from Company "A" and Crites vehicles G-32 and G-15 from Company "C".
- b. 3d Antitank Battalion conducted a squad (+) patrol on 281000H to provide protection for three (3) LVT-5's, of which one was unoperable due to engine difficulties which occurred during this Battalion's operation of 281000H. The patrol reached the LVT-5's AT98699 and returned to 1st Am Trac's area at 282000H embarked on the LVT-5's.
- c. The US Marine patrol leader of the combined operation on 281000H visited HOA CAN Training Unit on 291900H and was advised that seven (7) of the VCS taken into custody had been cleared and released, while the eighth (8) had been turned over to higher authority. The Security Office also noted that the inhabitants of CAN HOA (1) AT975703 and YEN BAO (1) AT985701 have expressed feelings to the effect that the recent patrolling in these areas has served to discourage the presence of strangers within these areas. The officials at HOA CAN expressed a strong desire to continue the combined operations as regularly as possible.
- d. Normal C.P. operations continue with improvement of defensive positions.
- e. Battalion continues to support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.

4. Plans.

- a. To continue normal C.P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.
- b. To continue support 3d Marines and 9th Marines.

5. Miscellaneous.

- a. Battalion Operation Officer, Battalion CommO, Doctor J.G. LUYKIN (DO) USN, 2 Corpman and 4 guards held sick call in the village of YEN BAO AT985708. Treated 47 children and 34 adults. Doctor Infirin extracted 4 teeth

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Clothes were presented to populace by Mky Sgt Dunn and Cdygt Feagle; the clothes were donations from their families. Entire visit covered by 1st Lt. D. L. HENKE, Sgt R. R. REYNOLDS and Cpl. S. R. TINNER, Division I&O & Photo Section

- b. Three (3) Corpsman, Lt. W. C. BERCK (DG) USN and Lt. WILLIAMS (MS) USN visited THAN PHO DA HANG, TRANG PHEU Hoo An-Hai (school) BT048769 and held dental sick call. Treated 25 patients. Dentally extracted 24 teeth and filled one. Vitamins were issued to the school children. Treated 177 patients medically, total treatment for the day was 208 Vietnamese.

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1. 3d Antitank Bn. (-)
M&S Co. (-)
"A" Co. (-), Direct support 3d Marines
"C" Co., Direct support 9th Marines
2. 291800-301800 Sep65 (Time zone H)
3. Activities
 - a. Maintenance returned ONTOS vehicles G-15 and G-32 to Company "G". Maintenance received ONTOS vehicle G-25 and repaired same and returned it to Company "G". Maintenance received ONTOS vehicle G-24 from Company "G" for repairs. Continue repairs on ONTOS vehicle A-12 from Company "A".
 - b. Started construction on camp containment project for M&S Company.
 - c. The Battalion Commander made liaison visit with Battalion Commander's of 1st Battalion 9th Marines and 3d Battalion 9th Marines.
 - d. Normal G. P. operations continue with improvement of defensive positions.
 - e. Battalion continues to provide direct support for the 3d Marines and the 9th Marines.
4. Plans
 - a. To continue normal G. P. operations with improvement of defensive positions.
 - b. To continue construction on containment project.
 - c. To continue direct support of the 3d Marines and the 9th Marines.
5. Miscellaneous
 - a. Received a visit from a member of the Division Civil Affairs Staff, who issued the following for gifts in our People to People Program: 50 Dolls, six volley balls, one box of candy, one box of LaGrass soap, and one box of Lux soap.

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Second Platoon. Continues in direct support of 2/3. Two (2) Ontos deployed to Le My (899820) and three (3) Ontos at 2/3 CP as an element of the battalion reactionary force.

Third Platoon. Continues attached to 3/4 at Hue. Two (2) Ontos are assigned nightly to perimeter security. Firex was conducted 250900H Sep expending 72 Hep-T and 101 Cal 50 spotting.

c. Statistics.

(1) through (6) None

2. Training.

a. QJT for all Ontos Crewmen in driving and preventive maintenance. FAM firing of T/O weapons for company headquarters personnel.

b. None

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SECTION XII

Company B, 3d Anti-Tank Battalion (Rein)

1. Organization Data

- a. This company is in general support of the 4th Marines with the Anti-Tank platoons in direct support of 1/4, 2/4 and 3/3.
- b. This report covers the period of 1 September to 30 September 1965.
- c. Company B was commanded by 1stLt E. P. ROSKI. Other billet assignments were:
- First Sergeant - First Sergeant Willard A. BUSH
Gunnery Sergeant - Gunnery Sergeant Robert M. BOJARSKI
- d. Our average strength was 4 officers and 34 enlisted.

2. Significant Events:

The 3d platoon in direct support of 3/3 participated to a limited extent in Operation PIRANHA. They were embarked aboard ship, but did not make a beach landing. Following Operation PIRANHA the 3d Platoon displaced along with 3/3 to their new location. 3/3 was assigned a new TAOR and the 3d Platoon occupied positions along their new MLR in support of 3/3.

Most of our vehicles occupy prepared positions along the MLR and range cards are maintained by every vehicle.

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Company "C", 3dATBn		1stLt. A. G. ANDERSON, II Commanding			
	PltCmndr	No Off	No Enl	No Navy	Grid Coord
CoHqs	N/A	1	23	1	996723
1stPlt	Lt. LHEUREUX	1	19	0	066719
2ndPlt	Lt. MILLER	1	18	0	996723
3rdPlt	Sgt. WEERE	0	19	0	985683

1. OPERATIONS

a. The general disposition of the Company was one platoon in support of 1/9 and 2/9 and one at the Company CP for maintenance. One section at the Company CP is on one hour alert for division reaction force for Hoa Cam operations.

b. 25 Sep - 1st platoon. Light section in direct support of B Co, 1/9 in vicinity Tra Khe (1) as reaction force. Section at platoon CP. 2nd platoon. At company CP for maintenance. 3rd platoon. Light section in direct support of I Co, 3/9. Heavy section departed 3/9 CP with photographers and liaison personnel to GS 0270 to cover rice cutting activity.

26 Sep - 1st platoon. Same as 25 Sep. 2nd platoon at Company CP for maintenance. 3rd platoon. Light section in direct support of I Co, 3/9. Heavy section standby reaction force at 3/9 CP.

27 Sep - 1st platoon. Same as 25 Sep. 2nd platoon. At Company CP for maintenance. 3rd platoon. Same as 26 Sep.

28 Sep - 1st platoon. Same as 25 Sep. 2nd platoon. At Company CP for maintenance. 3rd platoon. Same as 26 Sep.

29 Sep - 1st platoon. Section in direct support of B Co, 1/9 fired 30 cal MG to silence heavy sniper fire throughout night. 2nd platoon. Platoon FIREX at Le May. 3rd platoon. Light section on sweep of Qua Giang (1) (0166) from 0600 to 1300 acted as blocking force. No enemy contact. Heavy section on sweep of Le Son (2) (9765) area with platoon "L" 3/9. No rounds expended. Remained in defensive positions in Le Son (2).

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30 Sep - 1st platoon. Heavy section provided convoy protection on resupply run to Tra Khe area. No contact during run. Light section in direct support B Co, 1/9. 2nd platoon. Maintenance. 3rd platoon. Continued sweep through Le Son (3) with platoon, Co L, 3/9. Two (2) rounds 106 fired at building that was suspected sniper site. Building was destroyed but no VC were found. Light section with Co I, 3/9.

1 Oct - 1st platoon. Light section in direct support Co B, 1/9. 2nd platoon. Maintenance. 3rd platoon. Light section in direct support I Co, 3/9. Heavy section sweep of Le Son (4) as blocking force with platoon Co L, 3/9. No rounds fired. At approximately 1500 CO, 3/9 went with Ontos and infantry squad to Yen Ne (1) on a recon for future operations. While the recon party was moving about 150 meters in front of the Ontos the CO stepped on a land mine and was evacuated. One other member of the party was hit and evacuated also.


c. Statistics

- (1) Operations. 1st platoon - 1. 2nd platoon - None
3rd platoon - 4.
- (2) Patrols. None
- (3) Casualties. None
- (4) Weapons Captured. None
- (5) Weapons Lost. None
- (6) Ontos. 2 rounds 106 and 200 rounds 30 cal fired.

2. TRAINING

a. On 29 September the 2nd platoon conducted a 106 FIREX at Le May. Three vehicles fired 60 106 rounds and 60 spotters. A two hour maintenance class was given the 2nd platoon on 30 September by Cpl CROSS.

b. The only training problem is the distance to Le May for FIREX. The company is still looking for a suitable area within the 9th Marines TAOR for firing.


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ENCLOSURE (2)

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