

Many believed armor had little utility in Vietnam, but Marine and Army combat experience proved that there was no substitute for the shock and firepower tanks brought to the battlefield. Used primarily in the infantry support role, the M48A3 tank was America's main battle tank in Vietnam.

The M48A3's wide tracks gave it good off-road mobility but Vietnam's exceptionally soft, deep mud frequently bogged it down. Patton tanks were in most of the war's major actions, serving with the Marines and three U.S Army tank battalions and with Army armored cavalry squadrons until replaced by M551 Sheridan light tanks. Although designed to combat massed Soviet armored formations, the Patton was an invaluable weapon for

infantry support and defending firebases.





C Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment



10th Cavalry, 4th Infantry Division (model B)





B Company, 1st Battalion



C Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Platoon



1st Battalion, 69th Armor Division Regiment