

UNCLASSIFIED

Declassified by the Director of Marine Corps
History and Museums in accordance with the
provisions of GAO IIR Op-9420323 Joy, Ser:
10770 P942 of 12 October 1971.

P. B. Veffang

3/10/77

Signature/date

1ST AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR
BATTALION 1ST AMTRAC

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

SEP 1968

UNCLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

UNCLASSIFIED

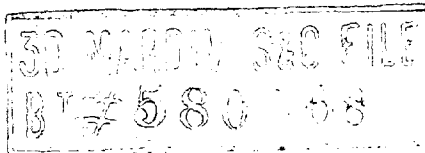
3/RDB/mar
Ser: 03A275-68
1 October 1968

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - Declassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03C)
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division
(2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 September to 30 September 1968.
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.1B
Encl: (1) 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion Command Chronology

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

G. F. Meyers
G. F. MEYERS



UNCLASSIFIED

Copy 1 of 8 copies

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

HEADQUARTERS
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

3/RDB/mar
Ser: 03A275-68
1 October 1968

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 September 1968 to 30 September 1968

INDEX

~~UNCLASSIFIED~~

- PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA
- PART II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY
- PART III - SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS
- PART IV - SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

A GROUP-4
Downgraded at 3-year intervals;
Declassified after 12 years

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ENCLOSURE (1)

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation Commander

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion	LtCol G. F. MEYERS 1-30 September 1968
H & S Company	Capt R. M. HUNTER 1-30 September 1968
Company "A"=	1stLt P. N. SCHNEIDER 1-30 September 1968
Company "B"	Maj D. R. STEFANSSON 1-30 September 1968
2. Location

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein), 1-30 September 1968; Camp KISTLER, at CUA VIET PORT FACILITY, RVN.
3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj W. W. DAMEWOOD 1-15 September 1968
S-1	Capt C. S. GIPSON 1-30 September 1968
S-2	1stLt D. L. PURVIS 1-30 September 1968
S-3	Maj J. C. BURGER JR 1-13 September 1968 Maj R. D. BUTTOLPH 14-30 September 1968
S-4	Maj R. D. BUTTOLPH 1-13 September 1968 Maj W. W. DAMEWOOD JR 14-15 September 1968 Maj R. D. BUTTOLPH 16-30 September 1968
S-5	1stLt L. D. PARSONS 1-8 September 1968 1stLt D. L. PURVIS September 1968 1stLt REID 15-30 September 1968

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Battalion Medical Officer

Lt M. H. LAKE
1-30 September 1968

Communications Officer

Capt G. B. GARCIA
1-26 September 1968
1stLt W. E. RAMEY
27-30 September 1968

Maintenance Officer

MGySgt H. T. DOWNS
1-23 September 1968
CWO2 W. L. MACUREK
24-30 September 1968

Motor Transport Officer

1stLt M. W. O'CONNELL
1-30 September 1968

Chaplain

Lt L. C. MCAULIFFE
1-30 September 1968

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMCOFF
21ENL
790USNOFF
2ENL
26

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. The First AmTrac Battalion and the Napoleon/Saline II AO, were under the operational control of the First Brigade, Fifth Division (Mechanized), of the United States Army, throughout the month. Company "C", Third Tank Battalion, was under the operational control of the First AmTrac Battalion, throughout the month, and was employed in the area of Camp Big John (YD 2866), until 17 September, and at My Loc (YD 308680), for the remainder of the month. Second Platoon, First Armored Amphibian Company, supplied direct artillery support for units operating in the AO, during the month.
2. The amount of incoming artillery was light this month, totalling 56 rounds. The heaviest concentration received was 26 rounds, of medium artillery, on 3 September. The Battalion suffered no casualties and minimal damage as a result of artillery attacks, during the month.
3. Casualties within the battalion consisted of 2 killed and 8 wounded. One man was killed in action, while in contact with the enemy, at Jones Creek platoon outpost (YD 286670). One man was killed, when he was run over by an LVT, after accidentally falling from the vehicle.
4. Company "B", First AmTrac Battalion, has continued to consolidate Base Area C-4 and Oceanview outpost (YD 291751). During its operations for the month, the unit conducted 69 artillery and naval gunfire missions, on enemy sighted. The unit also conducted 3 fixed wing air strikes, on bunkers and trench lines discovered, to the north of Oceanview (YD 291751). The unit had 44 sightings of enemy, totalling 277 personnel. Reconnaissance teams, from Third Force Reconnaissance Company, were utilized in the area to the north of Oceanview. These teams discovered numerous bunkers, tunnels and trench lines, indicating recent usage and constant enemy traffic in the area. Artillery, naval gunfire and air strike missions were initiated as a result of the information gathered by these teams.
5. LVT's were utilized in conjunction with Tanks and Ontos, in conducting numerous mechanized patrols in the AO. A major portion of supplies, necessary to support the assigned missions, of outlying units (i.e.: Company "C", Third Tank Battalion, Company "B" and platoons of Company "A") were

~~SECRET~~
UNCLASSIFIED

transported by LVT. A patrol boat was salvaged for the Navy, from the beach, at YD 342701, utilizing 2 LVT's, to lift the stern, by means of cable hoist and an "I" beam laid across the LVT's. Assistance was provided to NSAD, Cua Viet, subsequent to the fire on 28 September. One LCM-8 was retracted from the water where it had sunk. Recovery of hull remnants, of two PBR's, was also accomplished, which assisted in the recovery of usable repair parts.

6. Numerous combat patrols and operations were conducted, encompassing the entire AO. Company "B", conducted a total of 60 day and night patrols and ambushes in the vicinity of Base Area C-4 and Oceanview (YD 291751). Additionally, utilization of reconnaissance teams, throughout the Company "B" portion of the AO, proved invaluable. H & S Company conducted 30 squad size day patrols and night ambushes in the southern AO. Elements of Company "C" (-)(Rein), Third Tank Battalion, located at My Loc (YD 308680) and one platoon, of Co "A", First AmTrac Battalion, located at the platoon outpost, at Jones Creek (YD 286670), conducted day and night patrols and ambushes, providing security for the Cua Viet River in the western portion of the AO. Fifteen bunkers were discovered and destroyed, by Company "A", in the vicinity of Mai Xa Thi (YD 2866). Enemy gear, amounting to 300 pounds of rice, 200 pounds of peanuts, etc, was also found. It was deduced that this gear had been cached prior to the occupation of Mai Xa Thi, by Marines, in March. An underwater reconnaissance team, from Third Reconnaissance Battalion, was utilized in the area of Jones Creek outpost (YD 286670), to search the river for possible mines and in the lake near Ha Loc (YD 321707), to search for any possible caches and entrances to tunnels or caves. Mechanized patrols, utilizing LVT's, Tanks and Ontos, were conducted in the southern and western AO. Popular Forces troops were employed as infantry elements on the mechanized patrols in the southern AO. The mechanized patrols were conducted to exploit reported enemy activity along the Cua Viet River and portions of the southern AO. The Battalion CAP Unit, (provisional rifle company), occupying Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village, conducted 120 day and night patrols and ambushes, providing security for that portion of the AO. Infiltration, of a detectable nature, has been decreased significantly because of the units presence and patrolling/ambushing activities. Intelligence was provided by a Vietnamese informant on 82mm mortar ammunition, buried in a house foundation, which proved to be correct. Two 82mm mortar rounds were recovered. A project to cut enemy infiltration, into the resettlement village, by fencing off

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

the village and controlling exit and entrance by PF manned posts, was commenced. This concertina fence is being laid by the villagers and PF's, with technical advise from the provisional platoon. A search of the resettlement village, was conducted, by Regional Forces, from Gio Linh District, with a cordon force provided by elements of this battalion.

7. On 9 September, BrigGen BENNET, Operations Officer, XXIV Corps, visited Cua Viet Port Facility and was briefed by the Commander of Task Force Clearwater and the Battalion Commander. On 15 September, Major BAHNMEYER, Ground Surveillance Officer, Third Marine Division, visited C-4 and Oceanview to survey the Duel Blade position (C-4) and to inventory Duel Blade assets (C-4 and Oceanview). On 15 and 19 September, the battalion was visited by Col GLIKES, Commanding Officer, First Brigade, Fifth Division (Mechanized). The Col was briefed on the current situation and activities in the AO. On 19 September, Mr BREWER, Senior Advisor, Quang Tri Province, for C.O.R.D.S. and LtCol MOONEY, Senior Advisor, Quang Tri Province, for C.O.R.D.S. (designated), visited Camp Kistler to discuss the refugee school project, in Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village. On 24 September, LtGen BUSE, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific, LtGen CUSHMAN, Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force and MajGen DAVIS, Commanding General, Third Marine Division, visited Camp Kistler and were briefed on the current situation in the AO. On 26 September, MajGen DRAKE, visited Camp Kistler and was briefed on operations and civic action in the AO. On 28 September, LtGen STILLWELL, Commanding General, XXIV Corps and Col GLIKES, visited Cua Viet Port Facility and surveyed the damage caused by the fire which occurred earlier that day.

8. Mining incidents continue to be a problem. On 13 September, an LVT detonated an AT mine at YD 331699, resulting in minor repairable damage to the vehicle. On 16 September, a five ton truck, detonated an AT mine at YD 307683, resulting in two WIA's and total destruction of the truck. On 28 September, an LVT detonated an AT mine at YD 323703, resulting in three WIA's and total loss of the vehicle due to fire damage. On 30 September, a Tank detonated an AT mine near Oceanview (YD 291751), resulting in minor repairable damage. On four other occasions mines were recovered in the northern AO. Eighteen punji pits and various other booby traps, of an anti-personnel nature, were discovered and destroyed in the southern AO.

9. Numerous sightings of UFO's were reported during the month. Sightings were made from Base Area C-4 and Oceanview (YD 291751). The majority sighted, were reported, in the vicinity of YD 2485 to YD 2887 and in most cases

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

were moving both east and west in that general area.

10. On 5 September, the battalion experienced a tropical storm, causing minor flood damage to Camp Kistler, Camp Big John, Base Area C-4, Oceanview and Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village. Flooding effects were compounded by leaking bulk fuel, which floated throughout the Camp Kistler area, causing a considerable fire hazard.

11. Numerous cantonment maintenance projects have been completed during the month. The extension of the perimeter wire to encompass the new bulk fuel farm, the relocation of the dump and upgrading of the road network, has been accomplished. Continued emphasis on repairs within the cantonment area is expected during the month of October, to ensure maximum capabilities during the monsoon season.

12. Reconnaissance teams, from Third Force Reconnaissance Company, were utilized in other sections of the AO, to determine the nature and extent of enemy activity. Patrols were inserted both by PBR and LVT and extracted by the same means. Information gathered by these reconnaissance teams served as an invaluable guide for planning future patrols and operations in the AO.

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PART III

LIST OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 September 1968

UNCLASSIFIED

Reconnaissance team (Oaktree) found 2 round objects with wires at YD 373668. Appears to be a land mine cut into halves. Noted coordinates for later reference by EOD.

H&S Co patrol, while returning to CP, discovered a booby trap at YD 368663 and received permission to destroy it with a fragmentation grenade. The patrol was instructed to return any important items, from the booby trap, to the CP.

Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion elements, at Camp Big John (YD 280666) reported detaining one Vietnamese female with improper identification. The detainee was forwarded to Camp Kistler for interrogation by Battalion S-2 and later released as an innocent civilian.

Aerial Observer, working north of Oceanview (YD 291751), observed 2 bunkers and many foot prints at YD 278770. Airstrike was conducted with good target coverage; results unknown. Aerial Observer also observed bunkers and a camouflaged trench line at YD 290757, AO recommended airstrikes.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751) conducted a fire mission on a suspected sniper position at YD 283760. Fired 48 rounds of 105mm with excellent coverage.

Battalion CAP Unit patrol detained one Vietnamese female believed to be a Viet Cong sympathizer. The detainee was forwarded to CP for interrogation and was later released as an innocent civilian.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), conducted a fire mission on bunkers and trench line at YD 284764. Fired 45 rounds of 155mm artillery with unknown results.

River patrol boat recieved a hit from an RPG rocket sinking the boat and killing 1 USN at YD 307680. Returned fire with 50 cal machine gun. Reconnaissance team (Selby) was in the area and suffered one WIA simulataneously with the return fire from the boat.

2 September 1968

Battalion CAP Unit patrol, while returning from patrol, discovered 1 Chi-Com grenade at YD 304696 and returned it to their CP.

Battalion CAP Unit patrol discovered one fighting hole at YD 307681. Inside the hole were found 3 aiming stakes, 1 NVA cartridge belt, with first aid pouch, 1 M-26 hand grenade and 1 M-16 magazine. Returned equipment to the CP.

H&S Co patrol spotted 5 persons with packs at YD 366662. The patrol gave chase firing M-16 and M-79. The 5 persons disappeared into a hamlet at YD 368656. A search of the area revealed nothing; continued with original mission.

3 September 1968

Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion patrol had contact with unknown number of unidentified personnel, in the vicinity of Mai Xa Thi. Search of the area revealed nothing; no friendly casualties.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), reported that an aerial observer spotted an NVA observation post, consisting of 2 bunkers, a trench line and one building. Fixed wing airstrike was called in destroying 1 bunker and part of the trench line.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Battalion CAP Unit patrol, while checking ID's in Ha Loc (YD 323709), found one man with two ID's. The PF's claimed that one of the ID's was a VC ID. The man was forwarded to Battalion S-2 for interrogation and later released as an innocent civilian.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), reported receiving 2 rounds of sniper fire, which hit the tower, from YD 284761. Conducted 105mm artillery mission expending 111 rounds with excellent coverage.

H&S Co patrol reported finding 15 105mm dud rounds, 2 green smoke, 2 WP and 2 thermite grenades at YD 369671. The patrol also found 2 105mm dud rounds at YD 377665. All were destroyed in place.

Camp Kistler received 26 rounds of medium artillery from YD 22718594 and YD 251822, resulting in negative casualties or damage. Fired naval gun counter-battery with unknown results.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), observed 5 NVA/VC, walking on a sand dune, at YD 26837861. The area is believed to be a living quarters area. Fired 90mm from Tanks, 40mm duster (M-42) and called 105mm artillery mission resulting in the starting of a fire.

4 September 1968

Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion, at Camp Big John (YD 280666), reported shrapnel, from H&I's, impacting in their CP area. Checked fire on all H&I's in that area.

Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion, at Camp Big John (YD 280666), reported that shrapnel, from H&I's continues to impact in their compound. Check fire has been in effect for 13 minutes.

Battalion set weather condition at A III, all units notified.

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

5 September 1968

River patrol boat extracted reconnaissance team with ill man.

Battalion S-3 received Typhoon warnings; all units notified.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), reported 4 81mm mortar rounds impacted near their position. Attempted to contact swift boats, in the area, with negative results.

Co"B" report H&I's were impacting at YD 292756, YD 293756, and YD 294756, within 520 meters from their position at Oceanview (YD 291751). Check fire was called.

Co"B" reports 4 rounds impacting in the vicinity of Oceanview (YD 291751).

Notified all companies of the possibility of winds reaching 50 to 60 knots, on 5 and 6 September and of the prediction of 4 inches of rain, on 5 September.

Battalion S-3 was notified, by Navy, at Cua Viet Port Facility, that an LCU was crippled, at sea, and did not know his position. Fired illumination both north and south, in the hope the craft would observe. All units along the beach, to the south of Camp Kistler, were notified of the situation. The LCU moved out of radio range to the south.

The following tropical storm damage, to Camp Kistler, was reported:

(1) The triple concertina wire, on the sea side of the perimeter, was ~~breached~~ in three places and high tides and surf totally destroyed 400 meters of it.

(2) Two berms of the new POL fuel farm perimeter were damaged, approximately 100 meters of the tank farm wire was carried away by the surf and

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

one bunker foundation was damaged by the high tide and surf.

(3) The POL bulk fuel pump was damaged by water and moderate flooding, of tents and bunkers, was reported at Camp Big John (YD 280666).

(4) Minor repairable damage, to tropical huts, throughout the area and portions of the existing roads were washed out by tidal action.

(5) Road damage to C-4 and Oceanview (YD 291751) was reported.

(6) Moderate flooding of the Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village, with the water past the first two rows of houses.

ACTION: Wire will be replaced as soon as possible, bunkers and hooches throughout the area will be repaired on 6 September and PF's, assisted by Marines, from the Battalion CAP Unit, will help the villagers repair the flood damage.

6 September 1968

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), reported H&I's impacting at YD 289755, 449 meters from their position. Check fire was put into effect.

Diesel fuel and gas, floating on top of the flooding water, was ignited, causing minor damage to one tropical hut. Fire was quickly extinguished.

Fire in the Navy area was reported. Cause was gas being flushed up from the ground by the flooding water.

Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion, at Mai Xa Thi (YD 280666), reported a fuel bladder had drifted away from their position, in the flooding river. Location of the bladder unknown.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), found an AT mine, that had been washed up by the surf, at YD 294753. The mine was approximately 12 inches in diameter, 5 inches high, was grey, with yellow markings (40A-5-63) and was covered with plastic. Location marked.

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), had a sighting of 3 NVA and bunkers at YD 271785. Fired 3 rounds of 90mm from Tanks and continued to observe the area.

H&S Co patrol reported that they had shot one of their men. The man was 75 meters outside of the patrol perimeter and had informed no one that he would be there. A flare was fired and the man hit the deck but was hit by the one round fired by a member of the patrol. The man then called for a corpsman, alerting the patrol of his identity. Emergency medevac was accomplished and a serious incident report was submitted.

7 September 1968

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), observed a bunker at YD 274778. Fired 28 rounds of naval gun fire, 4 of which were direct hits.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), reported sighting 5 NVA at YD 26887814, moving into bunker complex. Fired 25 rounds of 155mm artillery with unknown results.

Co"B", at C-4 position, conducted a naval gun fire mission on a suspected bunker complex at YD 299731; good coverage of the target area.

Swift boat sighted a bunker and a sand bagged sampan at YD 278773. Fired 81 mm mortar mission and called naval gun fire mission, with unknown results.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), observed 3 NVA fishing at YD 279773. Fired 2 rounds of 90mm from Tanks, on target, resulting in 1 NVA KIA.

Battalion CAP Unit, reported that for some reason the villagers of Ha Loc (YD 324707), were tearing down their houses and moving into Xuan Khanh.

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion, at Camp Big John (YD 280666), reported rounds impacting within 400 meters of their night ambush position. Called check fire on all H&I's.

Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion, at Camp Big John (YD 280666), reported rounds continue to impact near their ambush. Check fire has been in effect for 10 minutes.

8 September 1968

Inquired of friendly units in the area, who reported no fire missions, in the area of Camp Big John (YD 280666). Check fire was cancelled.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), using NOD, sighted 2-4 NVA at YD 270753. Fired 4 rounds of beehive from Tanks and observed no further movement.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), reported sighting 6 NVA, on the beach, at YD 262803. Called naval gun fire mission; NVA moved into a tree line; fire was adjusted, on the tree line; results unknown.

River patrol boats, reported automatic weapons fire, in the vicinity of YD 305657. Will inquire of friendly units in that area.

Co"B", at C-4 position, using PPS-5 radar, detected a small group of NVA/VC, moving south, at YD 296705. Contact was lost at YD 295701.

Battalion CAP Unit patrol, discovered 4 VC suspects, in a house, in Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village (YD 328701). One man escaped, as others entered the house. One Fragmentation grenade, one roll of 12.7mm ammunition, 1 NVA cartridge belt, one canteen and 1 poncho were also found. Remaining 3 suspects were forwarded to Battalion S-2 for interrogation.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

9 September 1968

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Five VC suspects were detained near the house, in Xuan Khanh, of the earlier incident (082330H). One of the suspects attempted to escape but was shot and wounded in the leg.

Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), observed 7 NVA/VC at YD 275740. Fired 10 rounds of 90mm beehive, from Tanks, with unknown results.

ARVN elements, at A-1 position, reported an active rocket site at YD 251804. They requested artillery and emergency TPQ's.

A total of 12 VC suspects, were forwarded to Battalion S-2, for interrogation, along with one Russian fragmentation grenade, two NVA canteens, two pair of NVA utility trousers, one National Liberation Front flag and one propaganda banner.

Co "B", at C-4 position, using FPS-5 radar, tracked a group of NVA/VC from YD 293712 to YD 301694 and had a visual sighting of 3 persons at YD 295704. No action taken at this time.

Clearwater reported that river patrol boats were fired upon by B-40 rockets and small arms at YD 308680 (My Loc). One boat was hit but not seriously damaged. Boats returned fire and patrols in the area were alerted.

10 September 1968

Co "B", at C-4 position, using FPS-5 radar and NOD, reported tracking 6 NVA/VC from YD 300690 to YD 294712. Fired 81mm mortar and 105mm artillery with unknown results.

Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), observed a man carrying a body from the YD 2775 grid (area of contact at 100015H). Fired 50 cal machine gun and 60mm mortar. The man dropped the body and fled to the northeast. As the man fled he was dropped by fire from Oceanview, results one NVA KIA.

UNCLASSIFIED
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Camp Kistler tower reported a small boat at an azimuth of 5710 mils, approximate distance 15,000 meters. Notified swift boats who investigated with negative results.

Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion and the Battalion CAP Unit patrols and OP's report no civilian activity in the area north of the river (YD 2967 & YD 3068), where numerous civilians are normally seen. All units notified to be especially alert.

11 September 1968

A fixed wing aircraft (assumed to be an areal reconnaissance craft) made several passes over Camp Kistler, dropping what appeared to be photo reconnaissance flares.

12 September 1968

Called 105mm mission on bunker complex at YD 28637630; movement had been seen in the same area. Expendng 111 rounds, with excellent coverage, resulted in one bunker destroyed. Part of the area not visible due to sand dunes. AO required for complete damage assessment.

Aerial Observer observed two bunkers, with a trench line connecting them, at YD 239759 and YD 241796. Elements of Co"B", at Oceanview (YD 291751), later observed an arc light strike, on the same area.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), received one round of sniper fire from an unknown location. The area was checked visually with negative results.

Reconnaissance team (Hayride), observed 2 NVA/VC and 2 bunkers at YD 337656. Called 105mm artillery mission, resulting in direct hits on both bunkers.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

13 September 1968

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), using FPS-5 radar, detected 10 NVA/VC, moving from YD 300710 to YD 290707. Fired 81mm mortar and 105mm artillery, with unknown results.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), fired on 4 NVA/VC at YD 273752. Fired 6 rounds of 90mm beehive, 70 rounds of 40mm duster (M-42) and 20 rounds of 105mm artillery. Tanks had two direct hits with 90mm beehive; 2 NVA KIA.

Battalion CAP Unit patrol, encountered a National Policeman and a woman carrying a wounded man on a litter. The man was supposedly an NVA/VC. Man was forwarded to BAS for treatment.

LVT (A-21), hit a mine at YD 331699, while passing the resettlement village, damaging road wheels #2 & #3 and portions of the track. The vehicle was towed to the Battalion CAP Unit's CP.

Co"B" patrol found one Russian designed AT mine at YD 323722. The mine and firing device were water proofed. Engineers estimated that the mine had been buried for one week.

Battalion CAP Unit, while on patrol, received 5 rounds of automatic weapons fire from YD 312698. Returned fire and checked the area. Three sets of foot prints were found. The patrol continued on with the patrol planned.

Battalion CAP Unit, while on patrol, entered a house, with lights on. The inhabitants acted suspiciously and were ordered to leave, in order for a search to be conducted. One man refused to leave and grabbed a rifle (M-2 Carbine). A member of the patrol fired 20 rounds, killing the man and wounding a child.

UNCLASSIFIED

The child was medevaced. The dead mans wife was detained and forwarded to Battalion S-2 for investigation. Results were 1 NVC KIA.

14 September 1968

Battalion CAP Unit patrol, at YD 323 711, observed 4 NVA/VC at YD 325701. Took the enemy under fire and received no return fire. Results unknown.

Elements of Co"B", at Oceanview (YD 291 751), spotted 4 NVA/VC, moving south, at YD 273751. Fired 40mm duster (M-42). Group took cover at YD 267753. Called 105mm fire mission. The group was seen again in this area and were fired upon by 40mm duster and Tanks. Three people were seen again in the area of YD 258759. Fire was adjusted and no more movement was seen. It is believed that one NVA/VC was killed by artillery.

Battalion CAP Unit patrol, while test firing weapons, wounded a Vietnamese woman and child with an M-79 round. The woman and child were taken to BAS for treatment and later medevaced to Quang Tri.

Battalion S-5 and medical personnel, conducted a medCAP, in Xuan Khanh, treating 40 persons.

The wife of the dead NVC, detained at 132330H, was forwarded to CIT for further interrogation.

H&S Co patrol, found 3 105mm dud rounds, at YD 364674 and destroyed them in place.

Elements of Co"B", at C-4 position, reported numerous sightings of UFO's, by Oceanview (YD 291751) and the tower at C-4. The sightings were made both with starlight scope and with the naked eye. Sightings were from 0600 miles to 6000 miles, in groups of 8 or 9 and occurred on 20 occasions.

UNCLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

15 September 1968

Major Baundmeyer, Ground Surveillance Officer, 3rd Marine Division, visited C-4 and Oceanview (YD 291751), to survey the Duel Blade position (C-4) and to inventory the Duel Blade assets (C-4 and Oceanview).

From 151410H to 151430H, Col Glikes, CO, 1st Brigade, 5th Division (Mechanized), USA, visited Camp Kistler and was briefed on the current situation in the AO.

16 September 1968

Battalion CAP Unit patrol, at YD 320 700, observed a man at YD 326700, moving from the village to the northwest. Fired two rounds of M-16, results unknown.

A five ton truck, detonated an AT mine, at YD 307683, resulting in two WIA's and total destruction of the truck. One Vietnamese male, age 12, was detained and interrogated, by Battalion S-2 and released by S-2 as an innocent civilian.

Reconnaissance team, reported: at 15 2330H, they heard movement at YD 363640. The team fired an M-79 at the movement and upon returning the next day discovered drag marks and a position apparently used as an observation post.

Naval gunfire spot team, at Oceanview (YD 291751), observed 6 NVA, on the beach, at YD 263802. Fired 20 rounds of naval gunfire; good coverage; results unknown.

Co"B", at C-4 position, using PPS-5 radar, detected 7 NVA/VC at YD 307701. Ambush in the area was notified; negative contact.

17 September 1968

An aerial observer spotted 2 OP's at YD 271761, 2 large bunkers at YD 281761 and numerous foot prints at YD 280772. Requested air strikes.

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Elements of Co"B", at Oceanview (YD 291751), observed 6-8 NVA, at YD 272 778. Fired 80 rounds of 40mm duster (M-42), resulting in possible secondary explosion. Negative clearance for artillery or naval gunfire.

Co"B" patrol discovered a T-41 AT mine, at YD 323722, with a wire running to an object, of undetermined nature, under it. The mine was destroyed in place.

Popular Forces, from Coastal Group 11, conducted a sweep of Vinh Hoa (YD 374 654), resulting in contact with North Vietnamese troops. The exchange of fire resulted in 2 NVA KIA's and 2 PF WIA's. During the action, the Popular Forces captured 9 NVA POW's (c) and 4 suspects. Additionally, a small cache, containing 1 AK-47, 1 AK-43, 1 ChiCom pistol, 1 ChiCom grenade, 1 M26 grenade, 1 web belt, 1 canteen cover, assorted clothing and small amounts of money, was found.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), sighted 4 UFO's, at an azimuth of 6200 mils, approximate distance 8000 to 10000 meters. Notified Dong Ha DASC.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), sighted 10 UFO's, from azimuth of 5900 mils to 6200 mils, approximate distance 8000 to 10000 meters. Notified Dong Ha DASC.

Co"B", at C-4 position, using PPS-5 radar, detected a group of 10 NVA/VC, rapidly moving south, from YD 300710 to YD 301705. Notified units in the area.

H&S Co patrol south, heard movement, near their position. The sounds were those of people moving in the water. Called 105mm artillery mission. A

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

sweep of the area revealed drag marks and foot prints. The patrol then moved to a new night position.

18 September 1968

Co"B", night ambush, had contact with 8 NVA/VC at YD 310709. Fired 81mm illumination and small arms; results unknown.

Elements of Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion, reported finding fresh diggings and a used tunnel at YD 300685. The tunnel was destroyed by demolitions and the area was investigated further; negative results.

Coastal Group 11 (NRVN/PF), reported they had lost contact at YD 366655, after capturing 1 AK-47 and 1 VC. They conducted a sweep toward YD 385647.

Co"B" patrol, searched the area of contact, at 180235H, finding a map, drawn in the sand, 5 sets of foot prints and drag marks. The patrol followed the foot prints, north, until they were lost in water. Four sets of foot prints were again found and followed until lost in grass.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), observed 2 persons at YD 289 760. Fired 8 rounds of 90mm from 1 Tanks; people disappeared into a tree line.

Co"B" patrol, discovered 1 crew served weapon tri-pod, 2 NVA gas masks, 2 packs and a decomposed human arm, at YD 295711. The patrol also found numerous fresh tracks, in the vicinity of YD 299713 and YD 299712. The area from YD 290715 to YD 295701, also shows signs of heavy NVA traffic. Forwarded equipment to Battalion S-2 and overlay to Battalion S-3.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

751), received 3 rounds of sniper fire from an unknown location. Fired 60mm mortar and 50 cal machine gun, at suspected sniper positions.

Camp Kistler received 8 rounds, of medium artillery, from YD 215845. Naval gunfire counterbattery was fired, with unknown results.

Camp Kistler received 12 rounds, of medium artillery from YD 220818. Negative casualties from the attacks. Fired naval gunfire counterbattery with unknown results.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), observed 4 UFO's at 5800 mils, approximate distance 11000 meters; two were hovering over the area of an earlier air strike, one was heading north along the coast and one was heading the direction of Tiger Island. Sighting was passed on to ships at sea and Dong Ha DASC, via naval gunfire net.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), observed a light, believed to be a night observation device. When a naval gun fire began to the north, the light disappeared.

19 September 1968

Co"A" patrol, in the area of Jones Creek, observed 3-5 NVA/VC at YD 280665. Took the enemy under fire with small arms and they withdrew. The patrol fired illumination and observed approximately 30 NVA/VC trying to encircle them. The patrol withdrew to their compound and there engaged the enemy. Called 16 rounds of 105mm artillery, fired 60 rounds of 60mm mortar, 40 rounds of M-79 and 2300 rounds of M-16. One member of the platoon, died as a result of gun shot wounds, received while defending his position against the enemy force.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

River patrol boat, at YD 267638, received RPG rocket fire and approximately 200 rounds of small arms fire, damaging the boat badly but causing no casualties. Reconnaissance team, in the area, conducted a 105mm artillery mission on the suspected enemy position.

Co"A" patrol, at the platoon outpost on Jones Creek (YD 286670), observed possible movement, in the area of earlier contact (190015H). Called 105mm artillery mission, with unknown results.

A search of the area of contact, at 190015H (YD 280665), was conducted. The patrol discovered drag marks and stains that could be blood. Two mounds of dirt, resembling graves were found but contained nothing. All bunkers that were near the area were destroyed. M-16 ammunition, 1 battery, 1 M-1 Carbine, with magazines and AK-47 ammunition were found also.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), sighted 8 persons at YD 249844. Conducted naval gunfire mission, with good coverage; results unknown.

Guard post, at Camp Kistler trash dump, reported Vietnamese personnel observing Camp Kistler, with binoculars, from a tree line. Attempts were made to apprehend the individuals with negative results. The H&S Co patrol south attempted to stay concealed in the area throughout the afternoon, with the hope the individuals would return.

From 190900H to 191430H, Co"A" platoon conducted a sweep of the area from which the PBR had taken fire at 190135H, at YD 266640. Negative findings.

Mr Brewer, Senior Advisor, Quang Tri Province, for C.O.R.D.S. and Lt Col Mooney, Senior Advisor, Quang Tri Province, for C. O. R. D. S. (designated).

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

visited Camp Kistler to discuss the refugee school project, in the Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), using starlight scope, observed 3-5 NVA/VC, moving southwest, from YD 290755 to YD 287751. Fired 40mm duster (M-42), 90mm from Tanks and small arms; one body was observed in the area.

Battalion CAP Unit, was notified, by an informant, of the whereabouts of 82mm mortar ammunition. The information proved to be true and 2 rounds of 82mm ammunition were recovered.

20 September 1968

Reconnaissance team (Grasshopper), reported noises that could be the sounds of bunker building at YD 277 772. No action taken at this time.

Elements of Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion, reported receiving 3 rounds of RPG or rifle grenade fire, into their position, from an unknown location.

Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion patrol, discovered boot prints and many small foot prints, indicating heavy traffic and 2 bunkers at YD 287671. Destroyed 1 bunker.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), reported receiving one round of sniper fire from YD 290758. Fired 15 rounds of 60mm mortar, results unknown.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), reported receiving one round of sniper fire from an unknown location. Fired 30 rounds of 60mm mortar at previous sniper position; results unknown.

Co"A" platoon, at the Jones Creek outpost YD 286670), detained 3 Vietnamese, who had no identification in their possession. Forwarded the detainees to the Battalion S-2 and were released as innocent civilians.

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), conducted a 105mm mission on a suspected bunker and sniper position, at YD 284775; excellent coverage, results unknown.

UNCLASSIFIED

Co"A" patrol, at YD 282670, spotted 10 indigenous personnel (2 carrying packs). When the personnel saw the patrol, they used evasive action and ran into a thickly vegetated area. The patrol followed until they came upon a freshly swept trail. The patrol found a punji pit and signs of other booby traps. The patrol withdrew and called a 60mm mortar mission on the trail, resulting in one secondary. The patrol returned and found a fresh blood trail.

Col GLIKES, Commanding Officer, 1st Brigade, 5th Division (Mechanized), USA, visited Camp Kistler and was briefed on the current situation in the AO.

Elements of the battalion, using 2 LVT's, assisted the villagers of Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village, in cutting and transporting wood for repairs of their houses and fuel. The wood cutting also cleared fields of fire for the C-4 position. The reaction of the people was favorable.

Elements of Co"B", at C-4, using PPS-5 radar, detected 2-3 persons at YD 321 712 and tracked them to YD 300712. Notified friendly units in the area.

Battalion CAP Unit (YD 338703), reported movement in their wire. Fired small arms and received no return fire. Will search the area at first light.

21 September 1968

Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion, reported receiving 4 rounds of incoming, estimated as 60mm mortar, from an unknown location.

Co"A" platoon, at the Jones Creek out-

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

post (YD 286670), reported a sentry sighted a man with a rifle 30 feet from his position. The sentry fired small arms and threw an M-26 grenade. The sentry was wounded by shrapnel from the M-26 grenade. Small boot prints were found in the area of the sighting.

Co"A" patrol, while sweeping Mai Ka Thi (YD 283668), discovered 300 pounds of rice, 200 pounds of peanuts, 1 NVA canteen, 30 AK-47 rounds and 1 set of blood stained pajamas. The patrol destroyed 250 pounds of rice and 125 pounds of peanuts; returned to the CP with the remainder of the gear.

Co"A" patrol, in the area of Mai Ka Thi (YD 279671), found a pack filled with M-79 rounds, Claymore mine and various Vietnamese books. The items were forwarded to Battalion S-2.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), observed 3 persons at YD 279759. Fired 40mm duster (M-42) and 50 cal machine gun with unknown results.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), using PPS-5 radar and starlight scope, observed 3-5 persons moving south-west from YD 290754. Took the enemy under fire with 50 cal machine gun and notified friendly units in the area.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), using starlight scope, observed 1 NVA/VC at YD 278754, moving south. No action at this time.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), using PPS-5 radar, detected a target of unidentified nature. Fired two rounds of 90mm beehive from tank.

Reconnaissance team (Grasshopper), working north of Oceanview (YD 291 751), discovered a trench 3-4 feet deep and 4 feet across. Submitted

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

22 September 1968

UNCLASSIFIED

overlay to Battalion S-3.

Co"A" platoon, at Jones Creek out-post (YD 286670), reported that one of their men was accidentally wounded by a fragmentation grenade. The man was reentering the CP, from patrol, and was mistaken, by a sentry, as an enemy. The sentry threw a grenade at the unidentified movement resulting in the minor wounding of the man.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), using PPS-5 radar, detected 5-10 persons, moving south, at YD 272752. Fired 40mm duster (M-42) and 90mm from Tanks. The group stopped momentarily; when the group started moving again, they were again taken under fire with M-42 and Tanks.

One man was accidentally killed, as a result of being run over, by an LVT, after he fell from the vehicle.

Elements of the battalion, conducted a mechanized patrol, in the southern AO, using Popular Forces, from Coastal Group 11, as infantry elements. The unit detained a total of 5 persons, who were forwarded to Camp Kistler, for interrogation and were later released as innocent civilians.

Co"B", at C-4 position, using PPS-5 radar, detected 2-3 persons, moving south, at YD 295702. No action taken at this time.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), received 1 round of sniper fire from an unknown location.

2nd ARVN, at A-1 position, reported that a squad patrol had been ambushed at YD 267722. When a reaction force arrived at the scene, it became apparent that they were in contact with a large enemy force, estimated as a Co (-). The enemy was pushed south to YD 270718.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

23 September 1968

At the time of the report, the ARVN totals were: 1 friendly KIA, 17 friendly WIA, 50 NVA KIA, 3 NVA POW, 14 individual weapons captured and 1 crew served weapons captured. All units in the vicinity notified of the action.

The battalion was notified that high winds and the rapid current of the river had caused a river patrol boat to run aground on the north bank of the river, near the CAP Units CP. All hands are secure and uninjured.

The battalion was notified that the extreme current of the river had caused a river patrol boat to run aground on the south bank of the river, at Camp Kistler. An LVT was dispatched to the scene to provide a tie down for the boat.

Reconnaissance team (Selby) extracted, due to flooding in their RZ.

Reconnaissance team (Ringlet), requested extraction. River patrol boats were unable to reach the teams because of the condition of the river. Will arrange other means.

Reconnaissance team (Air Police) reported extreme difficulty in moving, due to flooding in their area. Extraction was accomplished by LVT.

Co "C", 3rd Tanks, reported that their squad patrol received 4 rounds of sniper fire from YD 276675. The unit returned fire and checked the area; negative findings.

Clearwater informed the battalion that the river is closed due to the current.

Reconnaissance team (Ringlet), was extracted by helicopter and returned to the CP.

UNCLASSIFIED

Co"B" patrol discovered 2 Vietnamese, with what appeared to be napalm burns, at YD 323711 and YD 310711. The Bn-CAP Unit detained one of these individuals.

Co"B" patrol, while interrogating a Vietnamese civilian, received 1 round of sniper fire from the vicinity of YD 3071. A search of the area revealed nothing.

24 September 1968

Naval gunfire spotter team, at Oceanview (YD 291751), conducted a fire mission, on a suspected bunker complex/staging area, at YD 236814.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), observed 3 NVA at YD 280771. Fired 90mm from Tanks and NVA moved into a tree line. Called 105mm artillery mission, with unknown results.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), conducted a 105mm artillery mission on bunkers at YD 270780; results unknown.

LtGen BUSE, LtGen CUSHMAN and MajGen DAVIS, visited Camp Kistler and were briefed on the current situation in the AO.

Co"B" (rear), at Camp Kistler, requested permission to man their guard posts with one man less on each post, due to a shortage of personnel in the area. Permission granted.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), using PPS-5 radar, detected 4-6 persons at YD 276748. Notified reconnaissance team in the area, who accomplished no sighting.

Reconnaissance team (Grasshopper) reported finding a tunnel at YD 287760. The tunnel had plywood walls and a reinforced ceiling. There was a 60mm mortar round, hanging from the ceiling, assumed to be booby trapped. Plan to excavate the tunnel at a later date.

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

25 September 1968

UNCLASSIFIED

Co"B", at C-4 position, using PPS-5 radar, detected 2-3 NVA/VC at YD 307716. Notified reconnaissance team in the area.

Co"A" platoon, at the Jones Creek outpost (YD 286670), reported H&I's impacting 200 meters from their position. Checked fire on all H&I's in their area.

Underwater reconnaissance team (League Leader Uniform), departed CP to conduct an operation with Co"B". A search of the lake near Ha Loc (YD 323 709) was conducted with negative results.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), observed 3 NVA, on the beach, moving into a tree line, at YD 280773. Called 105mm artillery mission with unknown results.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), conducted a 105mm artillery mission, on a bunker complex, at YD 277 765. LVTH-6's, at Camp Kistler, expended 87 rounds, with excellent coverage, resulting in two bunkers destroyed and one damaged.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), conducted a naval gunfire mission, on a construction site, at YD 251834. Fired 31 rounds damaging two buildings.

Reconnaissance team (Grasshopper), discovered an "A" frame bunker at YD 289 759. Upon approaching to within 10 meters of the bunker, the team observed one man in the doorway. The team withdrew, to Oceanview (YD 291751) and called a 105mm fire mission on the bunker. Results unknown.

Co"A" platoon, at Jones Creek outpost, (YD 286670), observed possible movement, outside their wire. Called H&I's, adjusted from "on call" concentrations.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

26 September 1968

UNCLASSIFIED

River patrol boats, reported artillery rounds impacting in the river at YD 272642. Checked fire on H&I's in that area.

River patrol boat, at YD 272643, received 3 rounds of RPG fire from YD 274642. Did not return fire due to friendlies being in the area.

Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion patrol, at YD 293685, observed 3 NVA/VC, moving northeast from YD 300685. The NVA/VC were too far away for small arms. The patrol withdrew to their CP and called a 105mm artillery mission on the movement; results unknown.

An H&S Co LVT detonated an AP mine at YD 28076702, causing no damage to the vehicle.

Co "A" patrol, in the vicinity of Mai Xa Thi (YD 2867), recovered the body of a Vietnamese child, at the request of the elders of Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village. The body was returned to Xuan Khanh via skimmer boat.

Elements of the battalion, with 3 LVT's, assisted NSADCV in removing a fuel barge, from a sand bar, at YD 269633.

Elements of the battalion, in conjunction with Regional Forces, from Gio Linh District, conducted a cordon and search of Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village, at YD 325696. Five persons were detained as VC suspects and 18 males of draft age were recruited.

Received an agent report from Coastal Group 11 stating: 11 NVA/VC, with 40 kilo mines, in the vicinity of YD 295684, were planning to mine the Cua Viet River. Sent a patrol to check the area.

H&S Co patrol south detained one man, with suspicious ID and apparently of

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

[REDACTED]

draft age, at YD 360666. The detainee was forwarded to Battalion S-2 for interrogation and was released, the next morning, as an innocent civilian.

Co"A" patrol reported a member of their patrol shot himself, while loading his 45 cal pistol. The man was medevaced; serious incident report was submitted.

Reconnaissance team (Ringlet) observed a man, coming onto the beach out of the surf. The reconnaissance team apprehended the man and forwarded him to Battalion S-2. Released as innocent.

27 September 1968

One platoon, of LVT's from Co"A", reinforced with two tanks, conducted a mechanized patrol in the southern AO.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), conducted a 105mm mission, on fighting holes at YD 283176Z. Good target coverage; results unknown.

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), conducted a 105mm artillery mission, on bunkers, at YD 27967656. Good target coverage resulting in 1 bunker destroyed.

Co"A" platoon, while conducting a mechanized patrol of Thanh Hoi (YD 388648) and Thanh Hoi Phong (YD 393643), had the following results:
2 persons detained by the PF and 1 82mm mortar tube captured; one PF was killed (by a booby trap); other booby traps were also found and destroyed; detained four persons claiming to be returnees (were released later as innocent civilians).

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), reported an Aerial Observer observed four houses at YD 281769 and YD 278761.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

[REDACTED]

A0 requested air strikes.

Reconnaissance team (Air Police), working north of Oceanview (YD 291 751), discovered an "A" frame bunker at YD 285762. The bunker contained, 2 gas masks, 2 chi-com grenades (rigged as a booby trap on top a helmet), 1 pound of TNT, utilities, poncho, 2 belts and a buckle. While setting a demolitions charge, the team observed 2 NVA approaching. Set a 3 minute charge and withdrew.

Co"A" platoon, at Jones Creek outpost (YD 286670), reported one of their line posts heard sounds like those of someone swimming in the river. Fired small arms in the direction of the sounds; will check at first light

Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), using super starlight scope, confirmed an earlier reported sighting of a small craft at YD 338908. Confirmation was passed on to the swift boat that made the original sighting.

28 September 1968

River patrol boat reported sighting 2 persons at YD 321693. Notified Battalion CAP Unit patrol that was in the area.

Battalion CAP Unit reported movement at YD 316688. Fired small arms and used illumination with negative results.

H&S Co patrol, discovered a small box (5"X 4"X 1"), with a wire attached to it, at YD 339671. The box was destroyed in place.

Battalion CAP Unit reported that the erection of their observation tower had been completed.

Co"A" patrol, discovered 7 bunkers,

[REDACTED]

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

at YD 267667 and 6 bunkers at YD 264648. The bunkers were somewhat complex and one contained 20 pounds of rice. The bunkers were destroyed and the rice was poured out on the ground.

From 280900H to 281130H, the Battalion S-5 and medical personnel, conducted a medCAP in Pho Hoi Village, treating 20 Vietnamese.

Received the following intelligence report: On 27 September, one NVA Battalion (designation unknown), moved to Thuy Khi (YD 243785) and Cam Pho (YD 246765), mission unknown, weapons unknown. Emergency air strikes were requested, fired artillery and naval gunfire saturation fires and requested TPQ's.

A fire started, at Cua Viet Port Facility dock, resulting in six medevaced for burns, 2 killed and 2 missing (presumed dead). Material damage consisted of 3 PBR's totally destroyed, heavy damage to the PBR pier and damage to several "pusher" boats and LCM's. LST 1076 (Page County), played a significant role in extinguishing the fire, when it approached to within a few feet of the flaming pier and used its foam type fire fighting equipment. LtGen STILLWELL, USA, was in the area and surveyed the damage, moments after the incident occurred. Col Glikes, USA, was also in the area.

LVT (A-22), while on a routine mission, detonated an AT mine at YD 332704. A fire started aboard the vehicle and it was towed to the surf to extinguish the blaze. Results were 3 WIA's and total loss of the LVT.

Camp Kistler received 10 rounds of medium artillery from YD 247854. All rounds impacted approximately 1000

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

meters at sea, near the mouth of the Cua Viet River. Naval gunfire counterbattery was fired.

Reconnaissance team (Air Police), working north of Oceanview (YD 291 751), discovered a trench at YD 287 757. Trench will be destroyed at a later date.

Reconnaissance team (Air Police), working north of Oceanview (YD 291 751), discovered a bunker in Ha Loi Trung (YD 282761). The bunker will be destroyed at a later date.

River patrol boat (LCPL) recieved 2 rounds of RPG rocket fire, from YD 288658, resulting in no damage or casualties. Returned fire with 50 cal machinegun, results unknown.

Reconnaissance team (Oaktree), using starlight scope, observed 5-6 persons at YD 271649. Called 105mm artillery mission with unknown results..

From 282200H to 282400H, Co"B" patrol, had multiple sightings of camp fires in the vicinity of YD 313713. The patrol had radio trouble and did not investigate. A patrol will be sent to the area again of 29 September.

29 September 1968

Reconnaissance team, working north of Oceanview (YD 291751), discovered a trench line/bunker complex, at YD 285785. One bunker destroyed and found to contain nothing.

Co"A" patrol, working in the western AO, discovered a trench line at YD 279 660. The patrol also found bunkers in the same area. The bunkers and trench line destroyed by demolitions.

One of the MIA's, from the fire at 281400H, was found dead and sent to Quang Tri.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), recieved one round of sniper fire from the vicinity of YD 285759. Fired 40mm duster (M-42), into that area.

Co "A" platoon, at Jones Creek outpost (YD 286670), observed two persons and a building at YD 288676. Fired 106mm recoilless rifle and 50 cal machinegun with unknown results.

River patrol boat reported movement at YD 300674. Illumination was fired with negative results.

30 September 1968

River patrol boat, received 2 rounds of RPG rocket fire from YD 300674. Called 105mm artillery mission, with unknown results; the area will be swept at first light.

Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291 751), received four rounds of sniper fire from YD 285755. Returned fire with 90mm from Tanks, 40mm duster (M-42) and 50 cal machinegun.

From 300510H to 300530H, Co "A" LP, at Camp Kistler, heard sounds like those of someone crawling. At 0530 one persons was seen and engaged by the LP. Results unknown, area will be searched at first light.

With the assistance of a Kit Carson Scout, the H&S Co patrol south, investigated a possible booby trapped area near Vinh Hoa Phong (YD 375650). The patrol discovered 16 punji pits and destroyed them in place.

Searched the area of the LP's contact, at 300530H, with negative results.

H&S Co patrol, while returning to the CP, found a pair of boots similar to NVA boots and forwarded them to Battalion S-2.

Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

751), received one round of sniper fire from YD 285759. Returned fire with 40mm duster (M-42).

Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), conducted a 105mm mission on a suspected bunker position/sniper position, at YD 285756. Results unknown.

Two Vietnamese children turned in an 82mm mortar round and were rewarded with 300 piasters, by Battalion S-2.

A Tank, while clearing fields of fire for Oceanview (YD 291751), detonated an AT mine, resulting in minor repairable damage to the Tank.

River patrol boat observed movement at YD 295675. Fired M-79, results unknown.

Battalion CAP Unit, using PPS-6, detected 2-3 people at YD 332711. Co "B", at C-4, fired 12 rounds of 81mm mortars with excellent coverage, results unknown.

Co "A" platoon, at Jones Creek outpost (YD 286670), using SID, detected movement at YD 283674. Fired 60mm mortar, results unknown.

Battalion CAP Unit patrol, discovered 8 persons, in a house, in Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village (YD 336702). The Village Chief believes they are VC sympathizers. Detained the 8 for interrogation by Battalion S-2.

River patrol boat, received 2 rounds of RPG fire from YD 278647. Returned fire with 50 cal machinegun and 60mm mortar; results unknown.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ ANNEX A - S-1 Journal
- ✓ ANNEX B - S-2/3 Journal
- ✓ ANNEX C - S-4 Journal
- ✓ ANNEX D - Civic Action Situation Reports

DECLASSIFIED

S-1 Section
Headquarters
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
3rd Marine Division (Rein) MAF
APO San Francisco, Calif 96302

312400 H Aug 1968

to

012400 H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
		010001	Journal opened.	
		1. 010800	SSgt G. D. KARTER reported for duty.	S
		2. 012400	Journal closed.	S

Annex A

DECLASSIFIED

S-1 Section
Headquarters
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
3rd Marine Division (Rein) 1st MAF
APO San Francisco, Calif 96302

012400 II Sep 1968

to

022400 II Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No.	DTG	Incidents	action
		3.	020001	Journal opened.	S
021915		4.	021500	PFC James H. MARTIN Non-Hostile; Received deep laceration on heel of left foot when MARINES foot was caught between ramp and hull of LVT vicinity of C-4, Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam.	S
		5.	021925	SSgt A. K. CHILDS reported for duty.	S
		6.	022000	PFC James H. MARTIN Dropped transferred by SR to Camp Butler OKINAWA w/sk.	S
		7.	022400	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
 Headquarters
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3rd Marine Division (Rein) 2nd
 MPO San Francisco, Calif 95602

022400 H Sep 1968

to

032400 H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	Action
		8. 030001	Journal opened.	S
		9. 031417	PFC C. WALKER Jr. reported for duty.	S
		10. 031800	SSgt W. R. KNOPE Jr. and fourteen (14) other MARINE enlisted reported for duty.	S
		11. 032400	Journal closed.	S

DECLASSIFIED

S-1 Section
 Headquarters
 1st Amphibian Tanker Battalion
 3rd Marine Division (Rein) MAF
 FPO San Francisco, Calif 96602

Annex A

032400 H Sep 1968
 to
 042400 L Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	Action
		12. 040001	Journal opened.	S
		13. 040800	Cpl D. A. KAISER dropped transferred to CONUS.	S
		14. 041500	SSgt J. MILLER Jr. and one (1) other MARINE enlisted reported for duty.	S
		15. 042400	Journal closed.	S

DECLASSIFIED

S-1 Section
 Headquarters
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3rd Marine Division (Rein) MAF
 APO San Francisco, Calif 96602

042400 II Sep 1968

to

052400 II Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
		16. 050001	Journal opened.	S
		17. 050600	PFC R. D. BROOKS Dropped DOW 106th General Hospital Japan.	S
	052025	18. 052025	Called in Casualty Report on item #4 to 3d MarDiv (Cas) RVN.	S
		19. 052400	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
Headquarters
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
2nd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
APO San Francisco, Calif 96602

052400 H Sep 1968

to

062400 H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

in	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
		20. 060001	Journal opened.	S
		21. 060800	Cpl J. E. KERNS dropped transferred to CONUS.	S
		22. 061152	LCpl G. T. WHITE and one (1) other MARINE enlisted reported for duty.	S.
062040		23. 062020	Cpl F. S. PIEKARCZYK Non*Hostile; received gun-shot wound left chest from friendly fire while outside of night position, mistaken for enemy, vicinity of Cua Viet, Quang Tri Province, RVN.	S
		24. 062400	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
 Headquarters
 1st Amphibian Transport Battalion
 2nd Marine Division (Rein) MAF
 PO Box 44000, San Francisco, Calif 96602

062400 11 Sep 1968

to

072400 11 Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No. DGC	Incidents	Action
		25. 070001	Journal opened.	S
		26. 070900	SSgt C. C. LOCKRIDGE and two (2) other MARINE enlisted reported for duty.	S
		27. 071100	2nd Lieutenant P. D. TANK reported for duty.	S
	072025	28. 072025	Called in casualty report on item #23 to 3d MarDiv (Cas) DGS.	S
		29. 072400	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
Headquarters
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
3rd Marine Division (Rein) MAF
APO San Francisco, Calif 96602

072400 H Sep 1968
to
082400 H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No. DEG	Incidents	Action
		30. 080001	Journal opened.	S
		31. 080900	2nd Lieutenant R. J. REID reported for duty.	S
		32. 081500	PFC M. S. HUDSON reported for duty.	S
		33. 082400	Journal closed.	S

3-1 Section
Headquarters
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
3rd Marine Division (Rein) MAF
APO San Francisco, Calif 96602

082400 H Sep 1968
to
092400 H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
		34. 090001	Journal opened.	S
		35. 090800	Cpl D. A. LAW dropped transferred to CONUS.	S
		36. 090900	Cpl J. C. MALIA Jr. drop by SR. transferred to Camp Butler w/sk.	S
		37. 092400	Journal closed.	S

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-1 Section
 Headquarters
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3rd Marine Division (Rein) MAF
 FPO San Francisco, Calif 96602

092400 11 Sep 1968
 to
 102400 11 Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No.	DDO	Incidents	action
061015		38.	100001	Journal opened.	S
		39.	101015	LCpl J. M. SMELT received 2nd degree burns to 20% of body, face, cheek, back, legs and arms while on a re-supply run in the vicinity of Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam when tractor detonated 250 pound bomb.	S
		40.	102400	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
 Headquarters
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3rd Marine Division (Main) MAF
 FPO San Francisco, Calif 96602

102400 II Sep 1968
 to
 112400 II Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
		41. 110001	Journal opened.	S
		42. 110800	LCpl J. M. SMELT drop transferred to Camp Butler by SR while sick.	S
		43. 110830	1st Lieutenant L. D. PARSONS and one (1) MARINE enlisted dropped transferred to CONUS.	S
		44. 111000	Cpl L. B. FET CHKO reported for duty.	S
		45. 112400	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
Headquarters
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
3rd Marine Division (Rein) MEF
APO San Francisco, Calif 96602

112400 H Sep 1968
to
122400 E Sep 1968

JOURNAL

in	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
		46. 120001	Journal opened.	S
		47. 121800	Sgt E. R. ZIOLKOWSKI reported for duty.	S
		48. 122450	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
 Headquarters
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3rd Marine Division (Rein) MAF
 PFC San Francisco, Calif 96602

122400 H Sep 1968
 to
 132400 H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No. DFC	Incidents	action
131630		49. 130001	Journal opened.	S
		50. 131600	LCpl M. L. LANDINGHAM; received multiple bruises to right forearm and elbow while riding on an AmTrac which detonated on enemy mine in the vicinity of Camp Kistler, Cuq Viet, Republic of Vietnam.	S
		51. 131600	PFC G. C. NICKENS; received fracture of nose and bruised right shoulder while riding an AmTrac which detonated an enemy mine in the vicinity of Camp Kistler Cua Viet, Republic of Vietnam.	S
		52. 136800	HN D. E. TRISSLER reported for duty.	S
		53. 132400	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
 Headquarters
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
 APO San Francisco, Calif 96602

132400 II Sep 1968
 to
 142400 II Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
		54. 140001	Journal opened.	S
		55. 140800	Cpl W. J. SCHNEIDER and one (1) other MARINE enlisted drop transferred to CONUS.	S
		56. 141415	Sgt D. E. O'DONNELL reported for duty.	S
	142200	57. 142200	Called in casualty reports on items #50 and #51 to 3rd MarDiv (Cas) RDN.	S
		58. 142400	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
Headquarters
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
3rd Marine Division (Rein) MAF
APO San Francisco, Calif 96602

142400 H Sep 1968

to

152400 H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
		59. 150001	Journal opened.	S
		60. 150800	Major W. W. DAMEWOOD Jr. drop transferred to 3rd MarDiv Headquarters for duty.	S
151600		61. 151315	PFC W. C. COCHRAN; received shrapnel laceration, 2 inches below the right knee while as sentinel a 105 MM dud was blown in the vicinity of Nhi Ha, Republic of Vietnam.	S
152200		62. 151815	PFC D. J. HANISH; received shrapnel punctured left knee from shrapnel from M-79 grenade launcher when round ricocheted off a wall in the vicinity of Mai Xi Tai, Republic of Vietnam.	S
152200		63. 151845	LCpl R. WIMMER; received laceration right cheek from schrapnel from M-79 grenade launcher when round ricocheted off a wall in the vicinity of Mai Xi Tai, Republic of Vietnam.	S
		64. 152400	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
 Headquarters
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3rd Marine Division (Rein) MAF
 P.O. San Francisco, Calif 96602

152400 H Sep 1968
 to
 162400 H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No. DEC	Incidents	action
		65. 160001	Journal opened.	S
		66. 160800	Major J. C. BURGER Jr. and one (1) MARINE enlisted drop transferred to CONUS.	S
		67. 160900	Cpl R. SKYLES Jr. dropped transferred to Camp Butler by SR while sick.	S
		68. 162400	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
 Headquarters
 1st Amphibian Tactic Battalion
 3rd Marine Division (Sein) MAF
 PPO San Francisco, Calif 96602

162400 H Sep 1968
 to
 172400 H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
		69. 170001	Journal opened.	S
		70. 170000	SSgt C. T. PORTER Jr. and two (2) other MARINES enlisted drop transferred to Camp Butler by SR while sick.	S
171420		71. 171200	MSgt H. E. GLEADLE; suffered probably myocardial infaction while in the vicinity of Camp Butler Cua Viet, Republic of Vietnam.	S
171500		72. 171500	Called in casualty reportson items #61 and #62 to 3rd MarDiv (Cas) RDN.	S
		73. 171800	2nd Lieutenant T. G. HAYTON reported for duty.	S
		74. 171920	PFC C. E. LEWIS reported for duty.	S
		75. 172400	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
 Headquarters
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3rd Marine Division (Rein) MAF
 FPO San Francisco, Calif 96502

172400 H Sep 1968
 to
 182400 H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
		76. 180001	Journal opened.	S
		77. 180800	Cpl F. S. PIEKARCZYK dropped transferred to Camp Butler by SR while sick.	S
	181030	78. 181030	Called in casualty report on item #60 to 3d MarDiv (Gas) RDN.	S
		79. 181720	PFC T. M. HALE reported for duty.	S
182240		80. 181915	GySgt D. F. ROGERS; received torn ligament of the right knee while taking cover during an enemy artillery attack in the vicinity of Camp Kistler, Cua Viet, Republic of Vietnam.	S
		81. 182400	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
 Headquarters
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
 PPO San Francisco, Calif 96602

182400 H Sep 1968
 to
 192400 H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

in	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
090900		82. 190001	Journal opened.	S
		83. 190112	LCpl L. D. MASSENGILL KIA: received gunshot wound in chest while a member of a patrol, patrol engaged enemy group at approximately 30 NVA in the vicinity of Mai Ya Thi, Quang Tri, Republic of Vietnam.	S
		84. 190800	Sgt M. C. BUNCH drop transferred to Camp Butler for duty.	S
		85. 191410	Sgt R. A. QUINTERO reported for duty.	S
		86. 191700	Called in casualty reports on items #70 and #82 to 3rd MarDiv (Cas) ALS.	S
		87. 192400	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
 Headquarters
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3rd Marine Division (seain) MAF
 PPO San Francisco, Calif 96602

192400 H Sep 1968
 to
 203400 H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
201405		88. 200001	Journal opened.	S
		89. 208000	GySgt D. F. ROGERS drop transferred to Camp Butler by SR while sick.	S
		90. 200830	GySgt J. P. HARRIS drop transferred to 2nd Bn. 9th MarDiv for duty.	S
		91. 201100	Cpl T. L. MULKEY; received lacerations 3rd, 4th, 5th digits right hand with possible fracture 4th digit right hand while firing a fire mission, in support of a friendly patrol individual failed to remove hand from in front of mortar tube Mortar round inflicted wounds while in the vicinity of Cua Viet Republic of Vietnam.	S
		92. 202400	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
Headquarters
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
3rd Marine Division (Rein) MEF
APO San Francisco, Calif 96602

202400 H Sep 1968
to
212400 H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
		93. 210001	Journal opened.	S
210800		94. 210500	LCpl J. L. SOUTHWICK; received shrapnel wound on forehead when MARINE threw grenade at enemy soldier who was infiltrating on the friendly side of wire. Received shrapnel wound from own grenade while in the vicinity of Mai Xa Thi, Republic of Vietnam.	S
210800		95. 210500	PFC J. G. GEROU WIA; received shrapnel wound on forehead from friendly M-74 grenade launcher when launcher was fired at enemy from adjacent position in the vicinity of Mai Xa Thi, Republic of Vietnam.	S
		96. 210800	Sgt T. R. RODD and one (1) other MARINE enlisted drop transferred to CONUS.	S
		97. 211815	2nd Lieutenant K. T. MC'CARTHY reported for duty.	S
		98. 211900	GySgt F. R. RAMONES and three (3) other MARINE enlisted reported for duty.	S
		99. 212400	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
Headquarters
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
3rd Marine Division (Rein) MAF
APO San Francisco, Calif 96602

212400 H Sep 1968
to
222400 H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
		100. 220001	Journal opened.	S
220800		101. 220300	SSgt P. T. SKEETER; received gunshot wound left thigh when injured by friendly M-16 rifle while approaching a friendly sentinel on post in the vicinity of Mai Xa Thi, Republic of Vietnam.	S
		102. 220800	Major W. J. DONOVAN Jr. and two (2) other MARINE enlisted dropped transferred to CONUS.	S
		103. 220800	Cpl T. L. MULKEY drop by SR to Camp Butler while sick.	S
221100		104. 220925	PFC M. VALDEZ: KIA: received multiple internal injuries while riding on an AmTrac on work detail fell from vehicle when "U" turn was being made., Run over by starboard track while in the vicinity of Cua Viet, Quang Tri, Province, Republic of Vietnam.	S
		105. 222400	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
 Headquarters
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3rd Marine Division (Rein) MAF
 FPO San Francisco, Calif 96602

222400 H Sep 1968
 to
 232400 H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

in	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
		106. 230001	Journal opened.	S
	232030	107. 232030	Called in casualty report on item #103 to 3rd MarDiv (Cas) PSS.	S
		108. 232400	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
 Headquarters
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3rd Marine Division (Rein) MEF
 PPO San Francisco, Calif 96602

232400 H Sep 1968

to

242400 H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No.	DFC	Incidents	action
		109.	240001	Journal opened.	S
241000		110.	240800	Sgt L. J. WOLFE; right uretanal culculi in the vicinity of Cua Viet, Republic of Vietnam.	S
		111.	241120	SSgt L. HILL and one (1) other MARINE enlisted reported for duty.	S
	241300	112.	241300	Called in casualty reports on items #90, #94, #93, and #100 to 3rd MarDiv (Cas) ALS.	S
		113.	242400	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
 Headquarters
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3rd Marine Division (Rein) MEF
 FPO San Francisco, Calif 96602

242400 II Sept 1968
 to
 252400 II Sep 1968

JOURNAL

in	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
		114. 250001	Journal opened.	S
		115. 250800	Cpl M. MURPHY drop transferred to CONUS.	S
		116. 250945	SSgt C. B. MCDONALD reported in for duty.	S
		117. 252800	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
Headquarters
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
3rd Marine Division (Rein) MAF
APO San Francisco, Calif 96602

252400 H Sep 1968

to

262400 H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
		118. 260001	Journal opened.	S
	260730	119. 260730	Called in casualty report item #104 to 3rd MarDiv (Cas) PSS.	S
		120. 261415	1st Lieutenant W. E. RAMEY reported for duty.	S
		121. 261800	GySgt R. T. SMITH Jr. and two (2) other enlisted MARINES reported for duty.	S
262240		122. 262125	LCpl R. F. HILL; received gunshot wound lower thigh and upper calf of right leg when it accidentally discharged after having just finished loading pistol .45 caliber, in the vicinity of Mai Ka Thi, Quang Tri, Republic of Vietnam.	S
		123. 262400	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
 Headquarters
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3rd Marine Division (Rein) MEF
 FPO San Francisco, Calif 96602

262400 H Sep 1968

to

272400 H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
		124. 270001	Journal opened.	S
	271930	125. 271930	Called in casualty report on item #121 to 3rd MarDiv (Cas) PSS.	S
		126. 272400	Journal closed.	S

S-1 Section
Headquarters
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
3rd Marine Division (Rein) MFR
APO San Francisco, Calif 96302

272400 22 Sep 1968

to

282400 22 Sep 1968

JOURNAL

in	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
		127. 280001	Journal opened.	S
		128. 280800	Capt. G. B. GARCIA drop transferred to CONUS.	S
281800		129. 281630	PFC L. G. PETERSON WIA; received back injuries and possible internal injuries while riding an AmTrac when detonated an enemy mine. MARINE was thrown off the AmTrac while in the vicinity of Camp Kistler, Cua Viet, Quang Tri, Republic of Vietnam.	S
281800		130. 281630	Cpl W. E. HASTER Jr. WIA; received 1st and 2nd degree burns on back and face when AmTrac detonated an enemy mine in the vicinity of Camp Kistler, Cua Viet, Quang Tri, Republic of Vietnam.	S
281800		131. 281630	LCpl D. L. OLDSON WIA; received minor flash burns when AmTrac detonated an enemy mine in the vicinity of Camp Kistler Cua Viet, Quang Tri, Republic of Vietnam.	S
		132. 282400	Journal closed.	S

S-4 Section
 Headquarters
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3rd Marine Division (Rein) MAF
 FPO San Francisco, Calif 96602

282400 II Sep 1968
 to
 292400 II Sep 1968

JOURNAL

in	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
		133. 290001	Journal opened.	S
	292000	134. 292000	Called casual reports on items #128, #129 and #130 to 3rd MarDiv (Cas) PSS.	S
		135. 292400	Journal closed.	S

S-4 Section
Headquarters
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
3rd Marine Division (Rein) MTF
APO San Francisco, Calif 96302

292400 II Sep 1968
to
302400 II Sep 1968

JOURNAL

In	Out	Ser. No. DTG	Incidents	action
		136. 300001	Journal opened.	S
		137. 300800	No reportable items.	S
		138. 302400	Journal closed.	S
		30Sep68	USMC Off (21) USMC Enc (790) USN Off (2) USN Enl (26)	
			KIA (7) Dow (0) WIA (1)	
		Non battle	WIA (12) MIA (1)	

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

01 0001H 1968

to

01 2400H Sept 1968

Annex B

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0001			010001	Journal Open.	
0440		1	010440	Reconnaissance team (Oaktree) found 2 large round objects, with wires, at YD 373668. Appears to be an AT mine split into halves. Noted coordinates for later disposal by EOD.	SMF
0630		2	010630	H&S Co patrol, while returning to the CP, discovered a booby trap at YD 368663. The patrol destroyed the booby trap with a grenade (M-26) and was instructed to return any important items to the CP.	SMF
0655		3	010655	H&S Co patrol south returned to the CP.	SF
0935		4	010935	Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion, at Mai Xa Thi (YD 280666), reported detaining one Vietnamese female, with improper identification. The detainee was forwarded to Battalion S-2 for interrogation and later released as innocent.	SMF
1200		5	011200	Aerial Observer, working north of Oceanview (YD 291751), observed 2 bunkers and many foot prints at YD 278770. Air strike was conducted with good coverage; results unknown. AO also observed bunkers and a camouflaged trench line at YD 290757, and recommended air strikes.	SMF
	1200	6	011200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
1230		7	011230	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), conducted a 105mm artillery mission, on a suspected sniper position, at YD 283760. Excellent coverage.	SMF

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

01 0001H 1968

to

01 2400H Sept 1968

Annex B

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
1300		8	011300	Battalion CAP Unit patrol, detained one Vietnamese female, believed to be a VC sympathizer. Detainee was forwarded to Battalion S-2 and later released as an innocent civilian.	SF
1330		9	011330	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751) conducted a 105mm mission on bunkers and a trench line at YD 284764; good coverage.	SFM
	1530	10	011530	H&S Co patrol south departed the CP.	SF
1740		11	011740	H&S Co patrol, discovered a 105mm dud at YD 377665. The dud was marked for later disposal by EOD.	SFM
	1930	12	011930	Reconnaissance teams (Selby & Oaktree) departed CP.	SF
2300		13	012300	River patrol boat, received a hit from an RPG at YD 307680. The boat returned fire with 50 cal machine gun. Reconnaissance team (Selby) was in the same area and suffered one KIA simultaneously with the return fire from the boat. The boat suffered extreme damage and one KIA.	SFM
2400		14	012400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols, ambushes and provides security for Camp Kistler and the Cua Viet River, in the AO. Co "B" manning C-4 and Oceanview, supports Operation DUEL BLADE. Co "C", 3rd Tanks Battalion mans Camp Big John, Battalion CAP Unit occupies Xuan Khanh. Elements of the battalion conducted 2 fire missions and one fixed wing air strike in the northern AO, this period.	

S-2/3 Section
HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

02 0001H 1968

to

02 2120H Sept 1968

Annex B

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0140		15	020140	Completed medevac, to Camp Kistler, of reconnaissance team member wounded at 012300H. Medevac was accomplished with Otter and RPB.	SF
0630		16	020630	Reconnaissance patrol returned to CP.	SF
0700		17	020700	H&S Co patrol south returned to CP.	SF
0730		18	020730	Battalion CAP Unit patrol, while returning to CP, found 1 Chi-Com grenade at YD 304696. Grenade was returned to their CP.	SMF
0904		19	020904	Battalion CAP Unit patrol discovered 1 fighting hole at YD 307681. Inside the hole were found 3 aiming stakes, 1 NVA cartridge belt, with first aid pouch, 1 M-26 hand grenade and 1 M-16 magazine. Returned gear to the CP.	SMF
	1200	20	021200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
	1400	21	021400	H&S Co patrol south departed CP.	SF
1530		22	021530	H&S Co patrol spotted 5 persons with packs at YD 366662. The patrol gave chase firing M-16 and M-79. The 5 persons disappeared into a hamlet at YD 368656. A search of the area revealed nothing; continued with their original mission.	SMF
1745		23	021745	Co "B" platoon at Oceanview (YD 291751) reported 4 aerial observers on station to their north. The AO's conducted fixed wing air strikes on YD 250813, YD 212800, YD 225790 and YD 233785, AO's report receiving heavy	SMF

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

020001H 1968

to
022400H Sept. 1968

Annex B

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
				machine gun fire at YD 225790.	
	1900	24	021900	Battalion CAP Unit patrols departed their CP's.	SF
	1930	25	021930	Reconnaissance teams departed CP.	SF
2400		26	022400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> Co"B" continues to man C-4 and Oceanview out-post in support of Operation DUEL BLADE. The battalion continues to participate in Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II conducting day and night patrols and ambushes in the assigned AO. 1st AmTrac Battalion provides security for Camp Kistler at Cua Viet Port Facility and Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion (OpCon) provides security for Camp Big John and the Cua Viet River in that vicinity. Elements of the battalion had contact with 5 suspected Viet Cong in the southern AO and 4 fixed wing air strikes were conducted in the northern AO, this period.	

S-2/3 Section
HEADQUARTERS
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
030001H 1968
to
032400H Sept 1968

Annex. B

DECLASSIFIED

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0100		27	030100	Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion patrol, had contact with unknown number of unidentified personnel, in the vicinity of Mai Xa Thi. Searched the area with negative results; suffered no casualties.	SMF
0645		28	030645	H&S Co patrol, while returning to the CP, found 2 punji pits at YD 368663. One had a trip wire connected to a block of C-4 and an M-26 grenade. Both were blown in place.	SMF
0700		29	030700	H&S Co patrol south returned to the CP.	SF
0700		30	030700	Battalion CAP Unit patrols returned to their CP's.	SF
0900		31	030900	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), reported that an aerial observer spotted an NVA observation position, consisting of 2 bunkers, trench line and 1 house. Fixed wing called in destroying 1 bunker and part of the trench line.	SMF
1000		32	031000	Battalion CAP Unit patrol, while checking ID's in Ha Loc (YD 323709), found one Vietnamese male with two ID's. The PF's claimed that one of the ID's was a VC ID, man was forwarded to Battalion S-2 and later released as an innocent civilian.	SMF
1200		33	031200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
1545		34	031545	H&S Co patrol south departed CP.	SF

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

0001H 1968

to

2100H 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
1600		35	031600	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), reported receiving 2 sniper rounds which hit the tower from YD 284761. Conducted 105mm artillery mission expending 111 rounds with excellent coverage. No friendly casualties.	SMF
1630		36	031630	H&S Co patrol reported finding 15 105mm dud rounds, 2 green smoke, 2 WP and 2 thermite grenades at YD 369671. The patrol also found 2 105mm dud rounds at YD 377665. All were blown in place.	SMF
1810		37	031810	Camp Kistler received 26 rounds of medium artillery from YD 22718594 and YD 251822. Negative casualties or damage were reported. Naval guns fired a counterbattery with unknown results.	SMF
1915		38	031915	Co "B" platoon at Oceanview (YD 291751) observed 5 NVA walking on a sand dune at YD 26837861. The area is believed to be living quarters. Fired 90mm from Tanks, 40mm (M-42) dusters and called in 85 rounds of 155mm artillery. Excellent coverage; fire was started; results unknown.	SMF
2400		39	032400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Battalion continues participation in Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols and ambushes in the AO. Co "B", manning C-4 and Oceanview outpost supports Operation DUEL BLADE. The battalion provides security for Camp Kistler and Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion (OpCon) provides security for Camp Big John and the Cua Viet River in that vicinity. Camp Kistler received 26 round of artillery and Co "B" elements conducted 3 fire missions and 1 fixed wing air strike in the northern AO, this period.	

S-2/3 Section
HEADQUARTERS
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
040001H 1968
to
042150H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0100		40	040100	3rd Platoon, 1st Armored Amphibian Company, had a premature detonation over Camp Kistler. No damage or casualties were reported.	SF
0104		41	040104	Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion, at Camp Big John (YD 280666), reported shrapnel from H&I's was landing in their compound. Checked fire on all H&I's within 500 meters of the AO.	SMF
0129		42	040129	Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion, at Camp Big John (YD 280666), reported still receiving shrapnel from H&I's. Check fire was ordered on all H&I's in that vicinity.	SMF
0139		43	040139	Reconnaissance team (Dixie Diner), at YD 292632, reported an impact, estimated as 82mm, 150 meters to their north.	SMF
0144		44	040144	Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion, at Camp Big John (YD 281666), reported that artillery rounds continue to impact dangerously close to their squad ambush position. FDC at Camp Kistler has been in check fire for 13 minutes.	SMF
0236		45	040236	Reconnaissance team (Dixie Diner) requested extraction because of ill man.	SF
0710		46	040710	M&S Co patrol south returned to CP.	SF
	1200	47	041200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
1230		48	041230	Battalion set weather condition at Alpha III, all units notified.	STF

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

040001H 1968

to

042430H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
17	1700	49	041700	W&S Co patrol south departed CP.	SF
2400		50	042400	SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: 1st AmTrac Battalion continues to participate in Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols and ambushes in the assigned AO. Co "B" continues to man C-4 and Oceanview in support of Operation DUEL BLADE. The battalion continues to maintain security for Camp Kistler and security is provided for Camp Big John utilizing Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

05 0001H 1968

to

05 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0010		51	050010	River patrol boat extracted reconnaissance team with ill man.	SF
0020		52	050020	Battalion S-3 received Typhoon warning, all units notified.	
0125		53	050125	H&S Co LP, reported an ill man and requested to come in. They were instructed to bring the man in and return to their position.	SF
0200		54	050200	Oceanview (YD 291751), reported 4 81mm rounds impacted near their position. Attempted to notify swift boat in the area, with negative results.	SMF
0255		55	050255	Co "B", reported H&I's impacting at YD 292756, YD 293756 and YD 294756, an average of 550 meters from their position, at Oceanview (YD 291751). Check fire was called.	SMF
0300		56	050300	Battalion S-3 was informed by the Navy that the Typhoon would arrive at 050600H. All units were notified.	SFT
0415		57	050415	Secured all LP's.	SF
0436		58	050436	Reconnaissance team (Flight Time), was extracted by Junk boat (NRVN) and returned to Camp Kistler.	SF
0437		59	050437	Co "B" reports 4 rounds impacting in the vicinity of Oceanview (YD 291751).	SMF
0700		60	050700	H&S Co patrol south returned to the CP.	SF

S-2/3 Section
HEADQUARTERS
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
050001H 1968
to
052400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0725		61	050725	Notified all companies of the possibility of winds reaching 50-60 knots on 5 and 6 September and of the prediction of 4 inches of rain on 5 September.	STF
	1200	62	051200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
	1530	63	051530	H&S Co patrol south departed CP.	SF
1900		64	051900	Battalion S-3, was notified, by Navy, that an LCU was crippled, at sea, and did not know their position. Fired illumination both north and south of Camp Kistler in the hope the LCU would be able to observe it. Air bursts were also fired hoping the LCU would be able to hear them. The LCU was later reported heading south and to far from Camp Kistler to be reached by LVTH-6 illumination. The task of assisting the LCU was forwarded to elements along the beach to the south.	SF
2200		65	052205	The following tropical storm damage, to Camp Kistler, was reported: (1) the triple concertina wire on the sea side of the perimeter was breached in three places and the high tides and surf totally destroyed 400 meters of the wire; (2) two berms of the new POL fuel farm perimeter were damaged, approximately 100 meters of the tank farm wire was carried away by the surf and one bunker foundation on the tank farm perimeter was damaged; by high tide and surf; (3) the POL bulk fuel pump was damaged by water and moderate flooding of tents and bunkers was reported at Camp Big John (YD 280666); (4) minor repairable damage to tropical huts throughout the area and portions of the existing roads were washed out by tidal action; (5) road damage at C-4 and Oceanview was reported; (6) moderate flooding of the	SF

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

050001H 1968

to
0521.90H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
2400		66	052400	<p>Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village with water past the first row of houses. <u>ACTION:</u> Wire will be replaced as soon as possible, bunkers and hooches will be repaired on 6 Sept and PF's assisted by Marines from the Battalion CAP Unit will help the villagers of Xuan Khanh repair flood damage. Further inspection of the area will be conducted on 6 Sept.</p> <p><u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Battalion continues to support Operation DUEL BLADE with Co"B" manning C-4 and Oceanview outpost. The battalion participates in Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols and ambushes in the assigned AO. The battalion provides security for Camp Kistler and Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion (OpCon) provides security for Camp Big John (YD 280666) and the Cua Viet River in that vicinity. The battalion experienced a Typhoon this period.</p>	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section
HEADQUARTERS
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
060001H 1968
to
062150H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0100		67	060100	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), reported H&I's impacting at YD 289753, 449 meters from their position. Check fire put into effect.	SMF
0430		68	060430	Diesel fuel and gas, floating on top of flooding water, was ignited, causing minor damage to a tropical hut. Fire was extinguished.	SF
0450		69	060450	Fire in the Navy area was reported. Cause was gas being flushed up from the ground by flooding water. Notified all units of condition.	SFT
0700		70	060700	H&S Co patrol south returned to CP.	SF
0835		71	060835	Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion, at Camp Big John (YD 280666), reported a fuel pod has drifted away from their position. Location of the pod unknown.	SMF
	1200	72	061200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
1505		73	061335	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), found an anti-tank mine that had been washed up by the surf, at YD 291753. The mine was approximately 12 inches in diameter, 5 inches high, was grey with yellow markings (40A-5-63) and was covered with plastic. Marked the mine for future disposal.	SMF
1615		74	061615	Oceanview (YD 291751), had a sighting of 3 NVA and bunkers at YD 271785. Fired 3 rounds of 90mm from Tanks and continued observation of the area.	SMF
	1700	75	061700	H&S Co patrol south departed CP.	SF

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

06 0001H 1968

to

06 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
2020		76	062020	H&S Co patrol reported that they had shot one of their men. The man was walking in front of the patrol perimeter, approximately 75 meters away, and had told no one that he would be there. A flare was shot up and the man hit the deck but was hit by the one round fired by one of the patrol members. The man then called for a corpsman, alerting the patrol of his identity. Emergency medevac was accomplished and a Serious Incident Report was submitted.	SF
2400		77	062400	SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: 1st AmTrac Battalion continues participation in Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrol and ambush activities in the assigned AO. Co "B" continues to man C-4 and Oceanview in support of Operation DUEL BLADE. Security is maintained for Camp Kistler by 1st AmTrac Battalion and Co "C", 3rd Tanks Battalion (OpCon) provides security for Camp Big John and the Cua Viet River in that vicinity. Elements of the battalion conducted 1 fire mission and the battalion suffered 1 WIA this date.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

07 0001H 1968

to

07 2130H Sept. 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0700		78	070700	H&S Co patrol south returned to the CP and reported an M-72 (LAAW) at the outer wire. The M-72 was marked for later reference by EOD.	SF
0745		79	070745	Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), observed a bunker at YD 274778. Fired 28 rounds of naval gun fire, 4 of which were direct hits.	SMF
0900		80	070900	Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), reported sighting 5 NVA at YD 2688 7814, moving in bunker complex. Fired 25 rounds of 155mm artillery with good coverage.	SMF
1040		81	071040	Co"B", at C-4, conducted a naval gun fire mission on suspected bunker complex at YD 299731; good target coverage.	SMF
1145		82	071145	Swift boats sighted a bunker and a sand bagged sampan at YD 278773. Fired 81 mm mortar's and called NGF mission with unknown results.	SMF
	1200	83	071200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
1545		84	071545	Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), observed 3 NVA fishing at YD 279773. Fired 2 rounds from tanks on target, results 1 NVA KIA.	SMF
1630		85	071630	Battalion CAP Unit reported that for some reason the villagers in Ha Loc (YD 324707) are tearing down their houses and moving into Xuan Khanh.	SMF
1650		86	071650	H&S Co patrol south departed CP.	SF

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

07 0001H 1968

to

07 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
2320		87	072320	Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion, at Camp Big John (YD 280666) reported rounds impacting within 400 meters of their night ambush position. Called check fire on all H&I's.	SMF
2330		88	072330	Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion, at Camp Big John (YD 280666) reported rounds continue to impact near their ambush. Check fire has been in effect for 10 minutes.	SMF
2400		89	072400	SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols and ambushes and providing security for Camp Kistler and Camp Big John and the Cua Viet River in the AO. The battalion is in support of Operation DUEL BLADE with Co"B" manning the C-4 and Oceanview positions. The battalion conducted 6 fire missions on enemy sightings this period.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

08 0001H 1968

to

08 2130H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0010		90	080010	Checked with friendly units in the area who reported no fire missions in the vicinity of Camp Big John. Check fire cancelled.	SMF
0345		91	080345	Oceanview (YD 291751), reported sighting, with NOD, 2-4 NVA at YD 270753. Fired 4 rounds of beehive from Tanks and observed no further movement.	SMF
0655		92	080655	H&S Co patrol south returned to CP.	SF
0745		93	080745	Oceanview (YD 291751) reported sighting 6 NVA, on the beach, at YD 262803. Called naval gun fire mission; NVA moved into tree line; fire was adjusted results unknown.	SMF
	1200	94	081200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
	1550	95	081550	H&S Co patrol south departed the CP.	SF
1925		96	081925	River patrol boats reported AMF in the vicinity of YD 305657. Will inquire of units in the area for any information.	SMF
2130		97	082130	Co "B" at C-4, using PPS-5 radar, detected a small group of NVA/VC, moving south, at YD 296705. Contact was lost at YD 295701.	SMF
2330		98	082330	Battalion GAP Unit patrol discovered 4 VCS in house in Xuan Khanh Re-settlement village (YD 328701). One man, who was wounded, got away as other persons entered house. 1 Frag Grenade, 1 roll of 12.7mm ammunition, 1 NVA cartridge belt, 1 canteen and 1 poncho were also found. Remaining 3 suspects forwarded to Battalion S-2 for questioning.	SMF

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

08 0001H 1968

to

08 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
2330		99	082330	Five (5) VC suspects were also picked up around the house. One (1) of which attempted to get away but was shot by a Corpsman.	SMF
2400		100	082400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Bn continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols and ambushes and providing security for Camp Kistler, Camp Big John and the Cua Viet River in the AO. The Battalion is in support of Operation DUEL BLADE with Co "B" manning the C-4 and Oceanview positions. Two (2) fire missions were conducted and eight (8) VCS were detained in the northern AO this period.	SMF

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

090001H 1968

to

092150H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0335		101	090335	Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), observed 7 NVA/VC at YD 235740. Tanks fired 10 rounds of beehive; results unknown.	SMF
0715		102	090715	H&S Co patrol south returned to CP.	SF
1000		103	091000	ARVN elements, at A-1, position, reported an active rocket site at YD 251304. They requested artillery and emergency TPQ's.	SMF
	1200	104	091200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
1400		105	091400	A total of 12 VC suspects were forwarded to Battalion S-2 for interrogation, along with 1 Russian Fragmentation grenade, 2 NVA canteens, 2 pair of NVA utility trousers, one National Liberation Front flag and 1 propaganda banner.	SF
	1545	106	091545	H&S Co patrol south departed CP.	SF
2110		107	092110	Co"B", at C-4 position, using PPS-5 radar, tracked a group of NVA/VC from YD 293712 to YD 301694 and had a visual sighting of 3 persons at YD 295704. No action was reported.	SMF
2348		108	092348	Navy NOC reported that river patrol boats were fired upon by B-40 rockets and small arms fire at YD 308680. One boat was hit but not seriously damaged. Boats returned fire and patrols in the area were notified to watch for enemy movement towards the north.	SMF

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

090001H 1968

to

092400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
2400		109	092400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols and ambushes and providing security for Camp Kistler, Camp Big John and the Cua Viet River in the AO. The Battalion CAP Unit continues to operate in Xuan Khanh Re-settlement Village and Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion remains under OpCon of the battalion. Co"B" mans C-4 and Oceanview outpost in support of Operation DUEL BLADE. Elements of the battalion conducted 4 fire missions in the northern AO this period.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

10 0001H 1968

to

10 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0015		110	100015	Co "B", at C-4, using PPS-5 radar and NOD, reported tracking 6 NVA/VC at (YD 300690) to (YD 294712). Fired 92 rounds of 81mm and 27 rounds of artillery with unknown results.	SMF
0330		111	100330	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), observed a man carrying a body from the YD 2775 grid, the area of contact at 100015H. Fired 50 cal machine gun and 60mm mortar. Man dropped the body and fled to the north east, as he was running the man was dropped by fire from Oceanview, results 1 NVA KIA.	SMF
0515		112	100515	Navy reported that LVTH-6's had a short round, that fell into the river, near the boat ramp. Will notify EOD, who will attempt to recover the round.	SF
1005		113	101005	Camp Kistler tower reported sighting a small boat on azimuth of 5710 mils, approximately at a range of 15,000 meters. Notified swift boats who investigated with negative findings.	SF
	1200	114	101200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
1445		115	101445	Co "C", 3d Tank Bn and Battalion CAP unit patrols and O.P.'s, report no civilian activity in the area north of the river (YD 2967, YD 3068) where numerous civilians are normally seen. All units notified to be especially alert.	SMF
	1530	116	101530	H&S Co patrol south departed the C.P.	SF

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

10 0001H 1968

to

10 2130H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
2400		117	102400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Bn continues in support of Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE running day and night patrols and ambushes in the AO. The Battalion continues support of Operation DUEL BLADE with Co "B" manning C-4 and Oceanview positions. The Battalion maintains security for Camp Kistler and security is provided for Camp Big John and the Cua Viet River in that vicinity by Co "C" 3d Tank Bn which is OpCon to the Battalion. Elements of this Battalion conducted 2 fire missions in the northern AO during this period.	SMF

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

11 0001H 1968

to

11 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0525		118	110525	A fixed wing aircraft (assumed to be a aerial reconnaissance craft) made several passes over Camp Kistler, dropping what appeared to be photo reconnaissance flares. No save-a-plane was in effect. Check fire and notified Division FSCC of aircraft. Division FSCC gave us no information concerning the craft.	SF
0715		119	110715	H&S Co patrol south returned to the CP.	SF
	1200	120	111200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
1500		121	111500	H&S Co patrol south departed the CP.	SF
2400		122	112400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Bn continues participation in Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols and ambushes in the assigned AO. Co "B" manning C-4 and Oceanview positions in support of Operation DUEL BLADE. Security is provided for Camp Kistler, Camp Big John and the Cua Viet River in the vicinity.	SMF

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section
HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

12 0001H 1968

to

12 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0700		110	120700	H&S Co patrol south returned to CP.	SF
1100		111	121100	Called 105mm artillery mission on bunker complex at YD 28637630; movement had been seen in the same area. Expending 111 rounds, with good target coverage, resulted in 1 bunker destroyed. Part of the area not visible due to sand dunes. AO required for complete damage assessment.	SMF
	1200	112	121200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
1500		113	121500	Aerial Observer observed two bunkers with a trench line connecting them, from YD 239759 to YD 241796. Elements of Co"B", at Oceanview (YD 291751), later observed an arc light strike on the same area.	SMF
1800		114	121800	Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), received one round of sniper fire from unknown location. Checked the area visually and swift boats also checked the area with negative results. No casualties were reported.	SMF
2200		115	122200	Reconnaissance team (Hayride) observed 2 NVA/VC and 2 bunkers at YD 337656. Called 105mm mission resulting in direct hits on both bunkers.	SMF
2230		116	122230	Co"B" platoon at Oceanview (YD 291751), using PPS-5 radar, detected 10 VC/NVA moving from YD 300710 to YD 290707. Fired 81mm mortar and 105mm artillery, results unknown.	SMF
2400		117	122400	SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols and ambushes and pro-	

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

120001H 1968

to
122100H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
				viding security for Camp Kistler, Camp Big John and the Cua Viet River in the AO. Co"B" continues to man C-4 and Oceanview outpost in support of Operation DUEL BLADE. Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion remains under OpCon of 1st AmTrac Battalion and is employed in the area of Camp Big John. The Battalion CAP Unit, provisional rifle company, continues to occupy Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village providing security for that area. Elements of the battalion conducted 3 fire missions in the AO.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

13 0001H 1968

to

13 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0015		118	130015	Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), fire on 4 NVA/VC at YD 273752. Fired 6 rounds 90mm beehive, 70 rounds of 40mm (M-42) dusters and 20 rounds of 105mm artillery. Tanks had two direct hits with 90mm beehive; 2 NVA KIA.	SMF
0600		119	130600	H&S Co patrol south returned to CP.	SF
	1200	120	131200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
1515		121	131515	Battalion CAP Unit patrol encountered a National Policeman and a woman carrying a wounded man on a litter. The man was supposedly an NVA/VC. Man was forwarded to BAS for treatment.	SF
1600		122	131600	LVT, A-21, hit a mine at YD 331699, while passing the resettlement village. Damage consisted of #2 & #3 roadwheels and portions of track. Vehicle was towed to the Battalion CAP Unit CP.	SMF
	1615	123	131615	H&S Co patrols south departed CP.	SF
1900		124	131900	Co"B" patrol found one Russian designed AT mine at YD 323722. The mine and firing device were water proofed. Engineers estimated that the mine had been buried for approximately one week.	SMF
2050		125	132050	Battalion CAP Unit, while on patrol, received 5 rounds of AWF from YD 312-698. Returned fire and checked the area. Three sets of foot prints were found. Continued with original mission.	SMF

S-2/3 Section
HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
13 0001H 1968

to
13 2100H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
2310		126	132310	Battalion CAP unit, while on patrol, entered a house with lights on. The inhabitants acted suspiciously and were ordered to leave so that a search could be conducted. One man refused to leave and grabbed a rifle (M2 carbine). Battalion CAP personnel fired 20 rounds killing the man and wounding a child. Child was MedEvaced and the mans wife was detained. Results 1 NVA/VC KIA.	SF
2400		126	132400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols, and ambushes and providing security for Camp Kistler, Camp Big John and the Cua Viet River in the AO. Co "B" continues to man C-4 and Oceanview positions in support of Operation DUEL BLADE. Co "C", 3d Tank Battalion remains OpCon of 1st AmTrac Battalion, and is employed in the area of Camp Big John. The Battalion CAP unit, provisional rifle company, continues to occupy Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village providing security for that area. Elements of this Battalion conducted 2 fire missions in the AO during this period.	SMF

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

140001H 1968

to

142400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0100		127	140100	Battalion CAP Unit patrol, at YD 323711, observed 4 NVA/VC at YD 325701. Took enemy under fire and received no return fire; results unknown.	SME
0245		128	140245	Elements of Co "B", at Oceanview (YD 291751), spotted 4 NVA moving south-east, at YD 273751. Fired 40mm duster (M-42). Group took cover at YD 267753. Called 105mm artillery mission. The group was seen again in this area and were fired upon by 40mm duster (M-42) and tanks. Three people were seen at YD 258759; fire adjusted and no more movement seen. It is believed that one NVA was killed by artillery. Rounds expended: 13 90mm Beehive and HE from tanks, 75 rounds 40mm from duster (M-42) and 41 rounds of 105mm artillery.	SME
0710		129	140710	H&S Co patrol south is waiting at YD 311667 for EOD to blow 2 105mm duds.	SME
0750		130	140750	H&S Co patrol south returned to the CP.	SF
0800		131	140800	Battalion CAP Unit patrol, while test firing weapons, wounded a Vietnamese woman and child with M-79 fire. The woman and child were treated at BAS and Medevaced to Quang Tri.	SF
0930		132	140930	Battalion S-5 and medical personnel, conducted a MedCAP in Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village, treating 40 persons.	SF
	1200	133	141200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	SIF
1300		134	141300	Wife of dead VC detained, at 132310H, was forwarded to 15th CIT for further investigation.	SF

S-2/3 Section
HEADQUARTERS
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
14 0001H 1968
to
14 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
	1500	135	141500	H&S CO patrol south departed the CP.	SF
1730		136	141730	H&S Co patrol south discovered 3 105mm dud rounds at YD 364674 and destroyed them in place.	SMT
2304		137	142304	Elements of Co"B", at C-4 and Oceanview (YD 291751), reported multiple sightings of UFO's, using super starlight scope and naked eye, on azimuth from 0600 to 6000 mils UFO's going from north to south in groups of 8-9; 20 sightings were made.	SMT
2400		138	142400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols and ambushes and providing security for Camp Kistler and the Cua Viet River in the AO. Co"C", 3rd Tanks, mans Mai Xa Thi (Camp Big John) and the Battalion CAP Unit occupies Xuan Khanh. Co"B" mans C-4 and Oceanview, in support of Operation DUEL BLADE.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

15 0001H 1968

to

15 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0345		139	150345	H&S Co, post #131, reported 2 small boats 75 to 100 meters off shore in front of their post. Notified swift boats who will check out sighting.	SF
0450		140	150450	Swift boats report negative sighting of craft near Camp Kistler (reference sighting at 150345H). Post #131 believes it is possible that the boats slipped into the river. Contact river patrol boats.	SF
0655		141	150655	H&S Co patrol south returned to the CP.	SF
1000		142	151000	Major Baundmeyer, ground surveillance officer, 3d Marine Division visited Camp Kistler and was briefed on current activities at C-4 and Oceanview. Departed Camp Kistler via LVT's, enroute to C-4 to inspect the installation and inventory DUEL BLADE assets at C-4 and Oceanview.	SF
		143	151200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
1410		144	151410	From 151410H to 151430H, Col. Glikes, CO, 1st Brigade, 5th Division (Mechanized), USA visited Camp Kistler and was briefed on other current situations in the NAPOLEON/SALINE II AO.	SF
		145	151500	H&S Co patrol south departed the CP.	SF
2400		146	152400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols, and ambushes, and providing security for Camp Kistler, Camp Big John and the Cua Viet River in the AO. Co "B" continues to man C-4 and Oceanview positions in support of	SMF

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

15 0001H 1968

to

15 2100H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
				Operation DUEL BLADE. Co "C", 3d Tank Battalion remains OpCon of 1st AmTrac Battalion and is employed in the area of Camp Big John. The Battalion CAP unit, provisional rifle company, continues to occupy Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village providing security for that area. Camp Kistler was visited by Major Baundmeyer, 3d Marine Division and Col Glikes, USA this period.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

16 0001H 1968

to
16 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0110		147	160110	Major Donnelly, 3rd Marine Division, called and requested the Battalion S-3 to submit situation reports via land line, due to the Teletype equipment being inoperational.	SF
0400		148	160400	Battalion CAP Unit patrol, at YD 320700, observed man at YD 326700, moving from village to the northwest. Fired 2 rounds of M-16 with unknown results.	SMF
0630		149	160630	Elements Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion, found one T-41 AT mine at YD 305686; the mine was destroyed in place.	SMF
0700		150	160700	H&S Co patrol south returned to the CP.	SF
0935		151	160935	A five ton truck detonated an AT mine at YD 307683, resulting in two WIA's and total destruction of the truck. One Vietnamese male, age 12, was detained and interrogated by Battalion S-2 but later released as an innocent civilian.	SMF
	1200	152	161200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
1330		153	161330	Reconnaissance team, reported, at YD 263640, they heard movement and fired an M-79 round, in that area. Returned to area at 161200H and found drag marks and a position apparently used as an observation post.	
	1530	154	161530	H&S Co patrol south departed the CP.	SF

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

160001H 1968

to

162400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
1530		155	161530	Naval gunfire spot team, at Oceanview (YD 291751), observed 6 NVA, on the beach, at YD 263802. Fired 20 rounds of naval gunfire; good coverage, results unknown.	SMF
2200		156	162200	Co"B", at C-4 position, using PPS-5 radar, detected 7 NVA/VC, at YD 307701. Ambush in the area was notified, negative results.	SMF
2400		157	162400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIOD ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols and ambushes and providing security for Camp Kistler and the Cua Viet River in the AO. Co"C", Third Tank Battalion mans Camp Big John and the Battalion CAP Unit, provisional rifle company, occupies Xuan Khanh. Co"B" mans C-4 and Oceanview, in support of Operation DUEL BLADE.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

17 0001H 1968

to

17 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0617		158	170617	H&S Co patrol south returned to the CP.	SF
0715		159	170715	Aerial Observer spotted 2 OP's at YD 271761, 2 large bunkers at YD 281761 and numerous foot prints at YD 280772. Aerial Observer requested fixed wing air strikes.	SMF
1135		160	171135	Elements of Co"B", at Oceanview (YD 291751), observed 6-8 NVA at YD 272778. Fired 80 rounds of 40mm duster (M-42), resulting in possible secondary explosion. Negative clearance for naval gun fire or artillery mission.	SMF
1135		161	171135	Co"B" patrol discovered a T-41 AT mine (Russian), at YD 323722, with a wire running to an object, of undetermined nature, under it. The mine was destroyed in place.	SMF
	1200	162	171200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
	1200	163	171200	Popular Forces, of Coastal Group 11 (NRVN), conducted a sweep of Vinh Hoa (YD 374654) resulting in contact with North Vietnamese Army personnel. The exchange of fire resulted in 2 NVA KIA's and 2 PF WIA's. During the action the Popular Forces captured 9 NVA POW's (c) and 4 suspects. Additionally, a small cache, containing 1 AK-47, 1 AK-43, 1 Chi-Com pistol, 1 Chi-Com grenade, 1 M-26 grenade, 1 web belt, 1 canteen cover, assorted clothing and small amounts of money, was discovered.	SMF
	1232	164	171232	Emergency medevac of a Marine, who suffered a heart attack, was completed.	SF

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

17 000LH 1968

to

17 2100LH Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
	1530	165	171530	H&S Co patrol south departed the CP.	SF
2015		166	172015	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), reported sighting 4 UFO's at an azimuth of 6200 mils, approximate distance 8000 to 10000 meters. Notified Dong Ha DASC.	SMF
2025		167	172025	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), reported sighting 10 UFO's from azimuth 5900 mils to azimuth 6200 mils, approximate distance 8000 to 10000 meters. Notified Dong Ha DASC.	SMF
2100		168	172100	Co "B", at C-4 position, using PPS-5 radar, detected a group of 10 NVA/VC, rapidly moving south, from YD 300710 to YD 301705. Notified units in the area.	SMF
2145		169	172145	H&S Co patrol south heard movement near their night position. The sounds indicated people walking in the water. Called 20 rounds of 105mm artillery. A sweep of the area revealed drag marks and foot prints. The patrol then moved to a new night position.	SMF
2400		170	172400	SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols and ambushes, providing security for Camp Kistler and security for the Qua Viet River in the AO. Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion mans My Loc and the Battalion CAP Unit, provisional rifle company, occupies Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village. Co "B" (-) (Rein) mans C-4 and Oceanview outpost in support of Operation PUEB BLADE. Elements of the battalion had sightings of UFO's, on 2 occasions, in the northern AO, this period.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

18 0001H 1968

to

18 2120H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0235		171	180235	Co"B", night ambush, had contact with 8 NVA/VC at YD 310709. Fired 81mm illumination and small arms, reinforced LP to observe to the south. Results of small arms fire unknown.	SMF
0630		172	180630	Elements of Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion, reported finding fresh diggings and a used tunnel at YD 300685. The tunnel was destroyed by demolitions and the area was investigated further with negative findings.	SMF
0700		173	180700	Relayed message for Coastal Group 11 (NRVN/PF), that they were in contact at YD 366655. They had taken 1 cave and 1 VC prisoner.	SFM
0710		174	180710	Coastal Group 11 (NRVN/PF), reported they had lost contact at YD 366655, after capturing 1 AK-47 and 1 VC. They conducted a sweep toward YD 385647.	SMF
0710		175	180710	Co"B" patrol searched the area of contact at 180235H, finding a map drawn in the sand (12 in by 12 in), 5 sets of foot prints and drag marks. The patrol followed the drag marks and foot prints, to the north, until losing them in water. 4 sets of foot prints were again discovered and followed until lost in the grass.	SMF
0730		176	180730	H&S Co patrol south returned to the CP.	SF
1025		177	181025	Co"B", at Oceanview (YD 291751), observed 2 persons at YD 289760. Fired 8 rounds of 90mm from Tanks; people disappeared into a tree line.	SMF
	1200	178	181200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

18 0001H 1968

to
18 2100H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
1300		179	181300	Co "A" patrol discovered 1 automatic weapon tri-pod, 2 NVA gas masks, 2 packs and a decomposed human arm at YD 295711. The patrol also found numerous fresh tracks in the vicinity of YD 297712 and YD 299713. The area from YD 290715 to YD 295701 also shows signs of heavy NVA/VC traffic. Forwarded material to Battalion S-2 and overlay of the area to Battalion S-3.	SMF
	1520	180	181520	H&S Co patrol south departed the CP.	SF
1616		181	181616	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), received 3 rounds of sniper fire from an unknown location. The fire was returned with 60mm mortar and 50 cal machine gun; fire directed on the suspected area of the source of fire.	SMF
1800		182	181800	Camp Kistler received 8 rounds of medium artillery from YD 215845. Naval gun fire counterbattery was conducted with good coverage; results unknown.	SMF
1940		183	181940	Camp Kistler received 12 rounds of medium artillery from YD 215845 and/or YD 220818. Negative casualties or damage from artillery attacks. Naval gun fire counterbattery was again conducted with unknown results.	SMF
2145		184	182145	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), observed 4 UFO's at 5800 mils, approximate distance 11000 meters. Two were hovering over the area of an earlier air strike, one was following the coast, heading north, and the other was moving in the direction of Tiger Island. Sighting was passed to ships at sea, via Division Naval Guns net.	SMF
2220		185	182220	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), observed a light, believed to be	

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

18 0001H 1968

to

18 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
2400		186	182400	<p>a night observation device, at YD 275780. When a naval gun fire mission started to the northwest, the light disappeared.</p> <p><u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols and ambushes and providing security for Camp Kistler, at Cua Viet Port Facility and the Cua Viet River in the AO. Co "B" mans C-4 and Oceanview outpost, in support of Operation DUEL BLADE. Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion mans My Loc, Co "A" platoon mans the platoon outpost on Jones Creek (YD 286670) and the Battalion CAP Unit, provisional rifle company, occupies Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village. Elements of the battalion had one enemy contact, one sighting of UFO's and conducted 3 fire missions in the northern AO and Camp Kistler received 20 rounds of medium artillery this period.</p>	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

19 0001H 1968

to

19 2150H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0015		187	190015	Co"A" patrol, in the area of Jones Creek, observed 3-5 NVA/VC at YD 280665. Took the enemy under fire with small arms and they withdrew. The patrol then fired illumination and observed approximately 30 NVA/VC, apparently trying to encircle them. The patrol then withdrew to their platoon outpost compound (YD 286670) and there further engaged the enemy. Called 16 rounds of 105mm artillery, fired 60 rounds of 60mm mortar, 40 rounds of M-79 and 2300 rounds of M-16 ammunition. One member of the platoon died in action, as a result of small arms wounds, while defending his position against the enemy force.	SMF
0135		188	190135	River patrol boat, at YD 267638, received RPG rocket fire and approximately 200 rounds of small arms fire damaging the boat badly but causing no casualties. Reconnaissance team in the area conducted a 105mm artillery mission on a suspected enemy position.	SMF
0320		189	190320	Co"A" platoon, at the platoon outpost on Jones Creek (YD 286671), observed possible movement, in the area of earlier contact (190015H). Called 105mm artillery mission on YD 280665, with unknown results.	SMF
0600		190	190600	A search of the area of contact, at 190015H (YD 286671), was conducted after being prep fired, with 105mm artillery, for 15 minutes. Searching element discovered drag marks and stains that could have been blood. Two mounds of dirt, resembling graves, were also found but contained nothing. All bunkers, that were found near the area, were destroyed. M-16 ammunition, 1 battery (buried in the sand in an unused bunker), 1 M-1 Carbine with magazines and AK-47 ammunition were also found.	SMF

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

19 0001H 1968

to

19 2100H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0630		191	190630	H&S Co squad patrol south returned to the CP.	SF
	1200	192	191200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	SMF
1230		193	191230	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), reported sighting of 8 persons at YD 249844. Conducted naval gun fire mission, with good coverage; results unknown.	SMF
1230		194	191230	Guard posts, at Camp Kistler trash dump, reported Vietnamese individuals observing Camp Kistler, with binoculars, from a tree line, south of the perimeter. Attempted to apprehend the individuals with negative results. The H&S Co patrol remained concealed, near that area, hoping that the individuals would return.	SF
	1425	195	191425	H&S Co patrol south departed the CP.	SF
1430		196	191430	From 190900H to 191430H, 1st Platoon, Co "A", conducted a search of the area (YD 266640), from which the river patrol boat had taken fire at 190135H. Several bunkers were destroyed at YD 265659, otherwise negative findings.	SMF
1500		197	191500	Mr Brewer, Senior Province Advisor, Quang Tri Province and Lt Col Mooney, Senior Province Advisor, Quang Tri Province (designated) visited Camp Kistler and discussed a refugee school, in Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village, with the Battalion Commander and the Battalion S-5 Officer.	SF
2100		197	192100	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), using starlight scope, observed	SMF

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

19001H 1968

to

192100H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
2200		198	192200	3-5 NVA/VC moving southwest from YD 290755 to YD 287751. Fired 40mm duster (M-42), 90mm from Tanks and small arms; one body was observed in the area.	SF
2400		199	192400	Battalion CAP Unit, was notified, by an informant, of the whereabouts of mortars. Following the informants instruction, the unit found 2 Chi-Com 82mm mortar rounds, minus fuzes, buried in the sand and rapped in plastic. Informant was paid for the information and the rounds were forwarded to Battalion S-2. <u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Battalion continues Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrol and ambush activities and providing security for Camp Kistler and the Cua Viet River in the AO. The Battalion supports Operation DUEL BLADE, with Co "B" manning C-4 and Oceanview outpost. Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion mans My Loc, one platoon of Co "A" mans the platoon outpost on Jones Creek and the Battalion CAP Unit, provisional rifle company, occupies Xuan Khanh. Elements of the battalion had one contact with enemy forces, conducted eight firemissions and suffered the loss of one KIA, this period.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

20 0001H 1968

to

20 2100H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0030		200	200030	Reconnaissance team (Grasshopper) reported noises that could be the sounds of bunker building at YD 277772. No action taken at this time.	SMF
0300		201	200300	Elements of Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion, reported receiving 3 rounds of RPG or rifle grenade fire in their position, from an unknown location. No action taken at this time.	SF
0705		202	200705	H&S Co patrol south returned to CP.	SF
0830		203	200830	Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion patrol found boot prints and many small foot prints indicating recent heavy traffic and two bunkers at YD 287671. Destroyed one bunker.	SMF
0927		204	200927	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), reported receiving one round of sniper fire from unknown location. Fired 30 rounds of 60mm mortar at previous sniper position.	SMF
1000		205	201000	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), reported receiving 1 round of sniper fire from YD 290758. Fired 15 rounds of 60mm mortar, results unknown.	SMF
	1200	206	201200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
1230		207	201230	Co "A" platoon, at the Jones Creek outpost (YD 286670), detained 3 Vietnamese who had no identification in their possession. Forwarded to Battalion S-2 and later released as innocent.	SMF
1235		208	201235	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), conducted a 105mm fire mission on	SMF

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

200001H 1968

to

202100H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
1330		209	201330	a suspected bunker and sniper position at YD 284775. Fired 22 rounds with excellent coverage, results unknown.	
1500		210	201500	Co "A" patrol, at YD 282670, spotted 10 indigenous personnel (2 carrying packs). When the personnel saw the patrol, they used evasive action and ran into a thickly vegetated area. The patrol followed until they came up on a freshly swept trail. The patrol found a punji pit and signs of other booby traps. The patrol with drew and called a 60mm mortar mission on the trail, resulting in one secondary. The patrol returned and followed a fresh blood trail and followed it until it was lost.	SMF
1555		211	201555	Col Glikes, Commanding Officer, 1st Brigade, 5th Division (Mechanized), USA, visited Camp Kistler and was briefed on the current situation in the AO.	SF
1605		211	201605	Elements of the battalion, using two LVT's, assisted the villagers of Xuan Khanh, in cutting and transporting wood for repairs of their houses and for fuel. The wood cutting also cleared fields of fire for the C-4 position. The reaction of the people was favorable.	
2030		212	202030	H&S Co patrol south departed the CP.	SF
2100		213	202100	Guard post #33 reported hearing yelling and talking in front of the post. Illumination was used with negative results.	SF
				Elements of Co "B", at C-4 position, using FPS-5 radar, detected 2-3 persons at YD 321712 and tracked them to YD 300712. Notified friendly units in the area.	SMF

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

200001H 1968

to

202100H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
2200		214	202200	River patrol boats reported sighting of M-79 fire and automatic weapons fire in the vicinity of YD 335700.	SMF
2220		215	202230	Battalion CAP Unit (YD 338703), reported movement in their wire. Fired small arms and received no fire in return. Will check area at first light.	SMF
2400		216	202400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINIER II, conducting day and night patrols and ambushes and providing security for Camp Kistler and the Cua Viet River in the AO. The Battalion supports Operation DUEL BLADE, with Co"B" manning the C-4 position and the Oceanview (YD 291751). Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion, mans My Loc, the Battalion CAP Unit, provisional rifle company, occupies Xuan Khanh and one platoon of Co"A" mans the platoon outpost on Jones Creek (YD 286670). Elements of the battalion conducted 4 fire missions in the northern AO, this period.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

21 0001H 1968

to

21 2100H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0455		217	210455	Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion, reported receiving 4 rounds of incoming, estimated as 60mm mortar, from an unknown location. No casualties or damage.	SMF
0500		218	210500	Co "A" platoon, manning the platoon outpost on Jones Creek (YD 286670), reported that a sentry sighted a man with a rifle 30 feet from his position. Threw M-26 fragmentation grenade, fired M-79 and small arms. The sentry was wounded by shrapnel from the M-26 he had thrown. Small boot prints were found where the sighting was reported.	SMF
0730		219	210730	H&S Co patrol south returned to the CP.	SF
	0945	220	210945	Completed priority medevac of Vietnamese civilian with broken ribs.	SF
1015		221	211015	Co "A" patrol, while sweeping Mai Xa Thi (YD 283668), discovered 300 pounds of rice, 200 pounds of peanuts, 1 NVA canteen, 30 AK-47 rounds and 1 set of blood stained pajamas. The patrol destroyed 250 pounds of rice and 125 pounds of peanuts and returned to the CP with the remaining gear.	SMF
	1200	222	211200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
1450		223	211450	Co "A" patrol, in the area of Mai Xa Thi (YD 279671), found a pack filled with M-79 rounds, Claymore mine and various Vietnamese books. The items were forwarded to Battalion S-2.	SMF
	1805	224	211805	H&S Co patrol south departed the CP.	SF

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

210001H 1968

to

212100H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
05		225	211805	Co "B" Platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), observed 3 persons at YD 279759. Fired 40mm duster (M-42) and 50 cal machine gun with unknown results.	SMF
1940		226	211940	H&S Co patrol south, reported hammering and building 200 to 300 meters south of their position. Also detected movement. Continued to listen and observe.	SMF
2000		227	212000	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), using PPS-5 radar and starlight scope, observed 3-5 persons moving southwest from YD 290754. Took the enemy under fire with 50 cal machine gun and notified the 2nd ARVN of the presents of the enemy.	SMF
2030		227	212030	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), using starlightscope detected 1 NVA/VC at (YD 278754) moving south. No action taken.	SMF
2230		228	212230	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751, using PPS-5 radar detected a target of unidentified nature. Fired two (2) rounds of 90mm beehive from tank.	SMF
2249		229	212249	Reconnaissance team (Grasshopper), working north of Oceanview (YD 291751) discovered a trench 3-4 feet deep and 4 feet across. Submitted overlay after returning to CP.	SMF
2400		230	212400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols and ambushes and providing security for Camp Kistler and the Cua Viet River in the AO. Co "B" mans C-4 and Oceanview in support of Operation DUEL BLADE. Co "C", 3d Tank Battalion (GpCn) continues to man My Loc, the Battalion CAP Unit	SMF

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

21 0001H 1968

to

21 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
				continues to occupy Xuan Khanh and one platoon of Co "A" mans the Platoon outpost at Jones Creek (YD 286570). Elements of the Battalion conducted 2 fire missions in the northern AO this period.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

22 0001H 1968

to

22 2150H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0200		231	220320	Co "A" platoon, at the Jones Creek outpost (YD 286670), reported that one of their men was accidentally wounded, by a fragmentation grenade, while entering the CP, returning from patrol. A sentry threw the grenade at movement, not knowing it was friendlies.	SMF
0400		232	220400	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), using FPS-5 radar, detected 5-10 persons, moving south, at YD 272752. Fired 40mm duster (M-42) and 90mm from Tanks. The group stopped momentarily; when the group started moving again, they were again taken under fire with M-42 and Tanks.	SMF
0700		233	220700	H&S Co patrol south returned to the CP.	SF
0900		234	220900	One man was accidentally killed, at Camp Kistler, when he fell off an Am-Trac and was run over. Investigation initiated.	SF
	1200	235	221200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
1200		236	221200	Elements of the battalion conducted a mechanized patrol, in the southern AO, using Popular Forces as infantry elements. The unit detained a total of 5 persons. The detainees were forwarded to Camp Kistler for interrogation by Battalion S-2 and CIT. All detainees were later released as innocent.	SMF
	1500	237	221500	H&S Co patrol south departed the CP.	SF
1945		238	221945	Co "B", at C-4 position, using FPS-5 radar, detected 2-3 persons, moving	SMF

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

22 0001H 1968

to

22 2400H Sept 1968

Annex B

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
				south, at YD 295702. No action taken at this time.	
2217		239	222217	Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), received 1 round of sniper fire from an unknown location.	SMF
2230		240	222230	2nd ARVN, at A-1 position, reported that a squad patrol had been ambushed at YD 267722. When a reaction force arrived at the scene, it became apparent that they were in contact with a large NVA force, estimated as a Co (-). The enemy was pushed south to YD 270718. At the time of their reported the totals of the action were: 1 Friendly KIA, 17 Friendly WIA, 50 NVA KIA, 3 NVA FOW, 14 individual weapons and 1 crew served weapon captured. All units in the vicinity were notified.	SMFT
2400		241	222400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols, ambushes and providing security for Camp Kistler and the Cua Viet River in the AO. Co"B" mans C-4 and Oceanview (YD 291751), in support of Operation DUEL BLADE. One platoon of Co"A", mans the platoon outpost on Jones Creek (YD 286670), Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion, mans My Loc and the Battalion CAP Unit, provisional rifle company, occupies Xuan Khanh. The battalion suffered 1 killed and 1 wounded as a result of accidents,, this period.	

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

23 0001H 1968

to

23 2100H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0045		242	230045	The battalion was notified that high winds and the rapid current, of the river, has caused a river patrol boat to run aground on the north bank of the river, near the CAP Units CP. All hands are secure and uninjured.	SMF
0115		243	230115	Discontinued all H&I's. Rain was causing premature detonation.	SF
0120		244	230120	The battalion was notified that the extreme current, of the river, had caused a river patrol boat to run aground on the south bank of the river, at Camp Kistler. An LVT was dispatched to the scene to afford a tie down for the boat.	SMF
0245		244	230245	Reconnaissance team (Selby) extracted, due to flooding in their RZ.	SMF
0400		245	230400	Reconnaissance team (Ringlet), requested extraction. Patrol boats unable to extract them because of the condition of the river. Will arrange other means.	SMF
0405		246	230405	Reconnaissance team (Air Police) reported flooding in their area, causing extreme difficulty of movement. Extraction was accomplished by LVT.	SMF
0630		247	230630	Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion, reported their squad ambush received 4 rounds of sniper fire from YD 276675. The unit returned fire and searched the area with negative findings.	SMF
0705		248	230705	H&S Co patrol south returned to the CP.	SF

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section
HEADQUARTERS
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
230001H 1968
to
232400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0800		249	230800	Clearwater informed the battalion that the river is closed, until further notice, because of the current.	STF
0845		250	230845	Reconnaissance team (Ringlet), was extracted by helicopter, and returned to Camp Kistler. (Reference entry 230400H.)	SMF
0850		251	230850	Co"B" patrol discovered 2 Vietnamese, with what appeared to be Napalm burns, at YD 323711 and 310711. The Battalion CAP Unit, detained one of the individuals.	SMF
1005		252	231005	Co"B" patrol, while interrogating a Vietnamese civilian, received 1 round from the vicinity of YD 3071. Searched the area with negative findings.	SMF
	1200	253	231200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
	1600	254	231600	H&S Co patrol south departed the CP.	SF
2220		255	232220	Skimmer boat, attempted to insert reconnaissance team (Air Police) but was unable because of flooding.	SF
2400		256	232400	SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrol, ambushes and providing security for Camp Kistler and the Cua Viet River in the AO. Co"B" supports Operation DUEL BLADE manning C-4 and Oceanview. Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion mans My Loc, one platoon, of Co"A", mans Jones Creek outpost (YD 286670) and Battalion CAP Unit, provisional rifle company, occupies Xuan Khanh.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

24 0001H 1968

to
24 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0659		257	240659	H&S Co patrol south returned to the CP.	SF
1100		258	241100	Naval gun spotter team, at Oceanview (YD 291751), conducted a fire mission, on a suspected bunker complex/staging area, at YD 236814. Good coverage; two houses destroyed.	SMF
	1200	259	241200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
1315		260	241315	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), observed 3 NVA at YD 280771. Fired 90mm from Tanks and NVA moved into a tree line. Called 105mm artillery mission, with unknown results.	SMF
1500		261	241500	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), conducted a 105mm artillery mission on bunkers at YD 270780; results unknown.	SMF
1500		262	241500	LTGEN BUSE, LTGEN CUSHMAN, and MAJGEN DAVIS; visited Camp Kistler and were briefed on the current situation in the AO.	SF
	1530	263	241530	H&S Co patrol south departed the CP.	SF
1735		264	241735	Co "B" (rear), at Camp Kistler, requested permission to man their guard post with one man minus each post; there is a shortage of personnel in the area. Permission granted.	SF
1950		265	241950	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), using PPS-5 radar, detected 4-6 persons at YD 276748. Notified reconnaissance team in the area.	SMF

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

240001H 1968

to

242400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
2130		266	242130	Reconnaissance team (Grasshopper) reported finding a tunnel at YD 287760. The tunnel had plywood walls and a reinforced ceiling. There was a 60mm mortar round, hanging from the ceiling, possibly a booby trap. Plan to excavate the tunnel in search for a possible cache.	SMF
2325		267	242325	Clearwater reported that an LCPL, approximately 1½ miles off the coast, had members of their crew getting sick from unknown cause.	SMF
2400		268	242400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols, ambushes and providing security for the Cua Viet River in the AO. Co"B" mans C-4 and Oceanview in support of Operation DUEL BLADE. Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion mans My Loc, one platoon of Co"A" mans the platoon outpost on Jones Creek (YD 286670) and the Battalion CAP Unit, provisional rifle company, occupies Xuan Khanh. Elements of the battalion conducted 4 fire missions in the northern AO. The CG, FMFPAC, CG, III MAF and CG, 3rd Mar Div, visited Camp Kistler this period.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section
 HEADQUARTERS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
 25 0001H 1968
 to
 25 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0340		269	250340	Co"B", at C-4 position, using PPS-5 radar, detected 2-3 NVA/VC at YD 307716. Notified reconnaissance team in the area.	SMT
0400		270	250400	Co"A" platoon, at the platoon outpost on Jones Creek (YD 286670), reported H&I's impacting 200 meters from their position. Checked fire on all H&I's in their area.	SMT
	0500	271	250500	Two LVT's departed Camp Kistler, to extract reconnaissance team (Ringlet).	SF
0532		272	250532	Two LVT's, with reconnaissance teams (Ringlet) aboard, returned to CP.	SF
0745		273	250745	H&S Co patrol south returned to the CP.	SF
	0830	274	250830	Underwater reconnaissance team (League Leader Uniform), departed CP to conduct an operation with Co"B". A search of the lake near Ha Loc (YD 323709) was conducted, with negative results.	SMT
1145		275	251145	Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), observed 3 NVA, on the beach, moving into a tree line, at YD 280773. Called 105mm mission, with unknown results.	SF
	1200	276	251200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	SF
	1430	277	251430	H&S Co patrol south departed CP.	SF
1500		278	251500	Underwater reconnaissance team (League Leader Uniform) returned to CP.	SF

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

25 0001H 1968

to

25 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
1500		279	251500	Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), conducted a 105mm artillery mission, on a bunker complex, at YD 277763. LVTH-6's, at Camp Kistler, expended 87 rounds, with excellent coverage, resulting in two bunkers destroyed and one damaged.	SMF
1632		280	251632	Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), conducted a naval fire mission, on an enemy construction site, at YD 251834. Fired 31 rounds damaging two buildings.	SMF
	2015	281	252015	Reconnaissance team (Ringlet) departed the CP.	SF
2125		282	252125	Reconnaissance team (Grasshopper), discovered an "A" frame bunker at YD 289759. Upon approaching to within 10 meters of the bunker, the team observed one man in the doorway. The team withdrew, to Oceanview (YD 291751) and conducted a fire mission (105mm), on the bunker, with unknown results.	SMF
2335		283	252335	Co"A" platoon, at the platoon outpost on Jones Creek (YD 286670), observed possible movement, outside their wire. Called H&I's, adjusted from their "on call" target.	SMF
2340		284	252340	River patrol boats, reported artillery rounds impacting, in the river, at YD 272642. Checked fire on H&I's in that area.	SMF
2400		285	252400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols, ambushes and providing security for Camp Kistler and the Gua Viet River in the AO. Co"B" con-	

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

25 0001H 1968

to

25 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
				tinues in support of Operation DUEL BLADE, manning C-4 and Oceanview. Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion mans My Loc, one platoon, Co "A", mans the platoon outpost on Jones Creek (YD 286670) and the Battalion CAP Unit occupies Xuan Khanh. Elements of the battalion conducted 5 fire missions, in the northern AO, this period.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

26 0001H 1968

to

26 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0030		286	260030	River patrol boat, at YD 272643, received 3 rounds of RPG fire from YD 274642. Did not return fire because of friendlies in the area. No damage.	SF
0145		287	260145	Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion patrol, at YD 293685, observed 3 NVA/VC, moving northeast, from YD 300685. The NVA/VC were too far away for small arms. The patrol withdrew to their CP and conducted 105mm missions on YD 298692 and YD 304685; results unknown.	SF
0430		288	260430	Reconnaissance team (Ringlet) was extracted and returned to the CP, via LVT.	SF
0700		289	260700	H&S Co patrol south returned to the CP.	SF
1030		290	261030	An H&S Co LVT detonated an AP mine at YD 28076702, causing no damage to LVT.	SF
1100		291	261100	Co "A" patrol, in the vicinity of Mai Xa Thi (YD 2867), recovered the body of a Vietnamese child, at the request of the elders of Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village. The body was returned to Xuan Khanh via skimmer boat.	SF
	1200	292	261200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	SF
1300		293	261300	Elements of the battalion, with 3 LVT's, assisted NSACV at removing a Fuel Barge from a sand bar at YD 269633.	SF
1400		294	261400	Elements of the battalion, in conjunction with Regional Forces, Gio Linh District, conducted a cordon and search of Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village, at YD 325696. Five persons were detained as VC suspects and 18 males, of	SF

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

260001H 1968

to

262400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
				draft age were recruited.	
1600		295	261600	Received an agent report from Coastal Group 11 stating: 11 NVA/VC, with 40 Kilo mines, in the vicinity of YD 295684, were planning to mine the Cua Viet River. Sent a patrol from Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion, to check the area.	SMF
	1630	296	261630	H&S Co patrol south departed to the CP.	SF
1900		297	261900	H&S Co patrol south detained one man, with suspicious ID and apparently of draft age, at YD 360666. The detainee was forwarded to Battalion S-2 for interrogation and was released at first light.	SFM
2125		298	262125	Co"A" patrol reported a member of their patrol shoot himself while loading his pistol. Man was medevaced, serious incident report was submitted.	SF
2135		299	262135	Reconnaissance team (Ringlet) observed a man, coming onto the beach out of the surf. The reconnaissance team detained the man and two children that were with him. The man was forwarded to Battalion S-2 for interrogation and later forwarded to Coastal Group 11 (NRVN) for return to his home.	SMF
2400		300	262400	SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols, ambushes and providing security for Camp Kistler and the Cua Viet River in the AO. Co"B" mans C-4 and Oceanview in support of Operation DUEL BLADE. Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion mans My Loc, one platoon of Co"A", mans platoon outpost on Jones Creek (YD 286670) and the Battalion CAP Unit, provisional rifle company, occupies	

Auan Khanh.

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

27 0001H 1968

to

27 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0620		301	270620	One platoon, of LVT's, from Co "A", reinforced with two tanks, departed the CP, to conduct a mechanized patrol in the southern AO.	SF
0700		302	270700	H&S Co patrol south returned to the CP.	SF
0830		303	270830	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), conducted a 105mm artillery mission, on a bunker complex, at YD 27967656. Good target coverage resulted in one bunker being destroyed.	SMF
0900		304	270900	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), conducted a 105mm artillery mission, on fighting holes, at YD 28317625. Many fighting holes damaged.	SMF
0925		305	270925	While conducting a cordon and search of Thanh Hoi (YD 388648) and Thanh Hoi Phong (YD 393643), in conjunction with PF's from Coastal Group 11 (NRVN), a PF triggered a booby trap (M26 grenade). Emergency medevac was requested; the PF died enroute to BAS.	SMF
1000		306	271000	Co "A" platoon, while conducting a mechanized patrol of Thanh Hoi (YD 388648) and Thanh Hoi Phong (YD 393643), had the following results: two persons detained by the PF's and one 82mm mortar tube captured. One PF killed by a booby trap (M26 grenade). Other booby traps were also found and destroyed in place. Co "A" platoon, detained four persons claiming to be returnees. The four individuals were interrogated by Battalion S-2 and CIT and were released as innocent civilians.	SMF
1100		307	271100	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), reported an Aerial Observer observed four houses at YD 281769 and YD 278761. AO requested air strikes.	SMF

S-2/3 Section
HEADQUARTERS1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
27 0001H 1968
to
27 2400H Sept 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
	1200	308	271200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
	1415	309	271415	H&S Co patrol south departed the CP.	SF
2155		310	272155	Reconnaissance team (Air Police), working north of Oceanview (YD 291751), discovered an "A" frame bunker at YD 285762. The bunker contained 2 gas masks, 2 Chi-Com grenades, rigged as booby trap on a helmet, 1 pound of TNT, utilities, poncho, 2 belts and a buckle. While setting a demolition charge, the team observed 2 NVA approaching. Set a three minute charge and withdrew.	SMF
2200		311	272200	Co "A" platoon, at Jones Creek outpost (YD 286670), reported one of their line posts heard sounds like those of someone swimming in the water. Fired small arms in the direction of the sounds; will check area at first light.	SMF
2300		312	272300	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), using super starlight scope, confirmed an earlier reported sighting of a small craft at YD 338908. Confirmation was passed on to the swift boat that had originally made the sighting.	SMF
2400		313	272400	SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols and ambushes and providing security for Camp Kistler and the Cua Viet River in the AO. Co "B" mans C-4 and Oceanview supporting Operation DUEL BLADE. Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion mans My Loc, one platoon, Co "A", mans the platoon outpost on Jones Creek (YD 286670) and the Battalion CAP Unit, provisional rifle company mans XUAN KHANH. Two fire missions were conducted, this period.	

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

28 0001H 1968

to

28 2400H Sept 1968

Annex B

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0025		314	280025	River patrol boat reported sighting two persons at YD 321693. Notified Battalion CAP Unit, who had a patrol in the area.	SMF
0135		315	280135	Battalion CAP Unit reported movement at YD 316688. Fired small arms and using illumination, observed nothing.	SMF
0600		316	280600	H&S Co patrol, discovered a small box (5"X 4"X 1"), with a wire attached, at YD 339671. The box was destroyed in place.	SMF
0630		317	280630	H&S Co patrol south returned to the CP.	SF
1020		318	281020	Battalion CAP Unit reported that the erection of their observation tower had been completed.	SF
1115		319	281115	Co "A" patrol, discovered 7 bunkers at YD 267667 and 6 bunkers at YD 264648. The bunkers were somewhat complex and one contained 20 pounds of rice. The bunkers were destroyed and the rice was poured out on the ground.	SMF
1130		320	281130	From 280900H to 281130H, Battalion S-5 and medical personnel, conducted a MedCAP of Pho Hoi Village, treating 20 Vietnamese.	SMF
	1200	321	281200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
1330		322	281330	Received the following intelligence report, from Coastal Group 11 (NRVN): On 27 September, one NVA Battalion (designation unknown), moved to Thuy Khi (YD 243785 and Cam Pho (YD 246765), mission unknown, weapons unknown. Emergency air strikes were requested, fired artillery and naval gun saturation	

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

28 0001H 1968

to
28 2400H Sept 1968

Annex B

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
1400		323	281400	ation fires and requested TPQ's in the area. A fire started, at the Cua Viet Port Facility dock, resulting in six medevaced for burns, 2 killed and 2 missing (presumed dead). Material damage consisted of 3 PBR's totally destroyed, heavy damage to the PBR pier and damage to several "pusher" boats and LCM's. LST 1076 (Page County), played a significant role in extinguishing the fire, when it approached to within a few feet of the flaming pier and utilized it's foam type fire fighting equipment. LTCEN STILLWELL, USA, was in the area and visited Cua Viet Port Facility, to survey the damage, moments after the incident. Col GLIKIS, CO, 1st Brigade, 5th Division (Mechanized), USA, was also on the scene. EOD personnel, from Dong Ha, arrived at the scene, to handle ammunition that was danger close to the blaze.	SF
	1430	324	281430	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
1550		325	281550	LVT (A-22), while on a routine mission, detonated an AT mine (possibly a T-41) and caught fire, at YD 332704. The vehicle was towed to the beach and submerged, in the surf, to extinguish the blaze. Results were three WIA medevacs and total destruction of the LVT.	SMF
1710		326	281710	Camp Kistler received 10 rounds of medium artillery from YD 247854. All rounds impacted approximately 1000 meters at sea, near the mouth of the Cua Viet River. Naval gun fire counterbattery was fired.	SMF
2100		327	282100	Reconnaissance team (Air Police), working north of Oceanview (YD 291751),	SMF

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

280001H 1968

to

282400H Sept 1968

Annex B

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
				discovered a trench at YD 287757. Trench will be destroyed at a later date.	
2233		328	282233	Reconnaissance team (Air Police), working north of Oceanview (YD 291751), discovered a bunker, in Ha Loi Trung (YD 282761). The bunker will be destroyed at a later date.	SMF
2237		329	282237	River patrol boat (LCPL) received two rounds of RPG rocket fire, from YD 288658, resulting in no casualties or damage. Returned fire with 50 cal machine gun; results unknown. The area will be searched at first light.	SMF
2337		330	282337	Reconnaissance team (Oak Tree), using starlight scope, observed 5-6 persons at YD 271649. Called a 105mm artillery mission with unknown results. The area will be searched at first light.	SMF
2400		331	282400	From 282200H to 282400H, Co "B" patrol, had multiple sightings of camp fires in the vicinity of YD 313713. The patrol had radio trouble and did not investigate the sighting. A patrol will be sent to the same area on 29 Sept.	SMF
2400		332	282400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrol, ambushes and providing security for Camp Kistler and the Cua Viet River in the AO. Co "B" mans C-4 and Oceanview in support of Operation DUEL BLADE. Co "C", 3rd Tank Battalion, mans My Loc, one platoon of Co "A" mans Jones Creek outpost (YD 286670) and the Battalion CAP Unit, provisional rifle company, occupies Xuan Khanh. Elements of the battalion conducted four fire missions and one fixed wing air strikes. Cua Viet Port Facility suffered heavy losses from a fire this period.	

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

29 0001H 1968

to

29 2400H Sept 1968

Annex B

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0030		333	290030	Reconnaissance team (Air Police), working north of Oceanview (YD 291751), discovered a trench line/bunker complex, at YD 285785. One bunker was destroyed and found to contain nothing.	SMF
0730		334	290730	H&S Co patrol south returned to the CP.	SF
0830		335	290830	Co "A" patrol, working in the western AO, discovered a trench line and bunkers, at YD 279660. The bunkers & trench line were destroyed by demolitions.	SMF
1030		336	291030	One of the MIA's, from the fire on 281400H Sept, was found dead and medevaced.	SF
1135		337	291135	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), received one round of sniper fire from the vicinity of YD 285759. Fired 40mm duster (M-42), into that area.	SMF
	1200	338	291200	S-2 disseminated the password and challenge.	STF
	1430	339	291430	H&S Co patrol south departed the CP.	SF
2015		340	292015	Co "A" platoon, at Jones Creek outpost (YD 286670), observed two persons and a building at YD 288676. Fired 106mm recoilless rifle and 50 cal machine gun, with unknown results.	SMF
2245		341	292245	River patrol boat reports movement at YD 300674. Illumination was fired with negative results.	SMF

S-2/3 Section
HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
29 0001H 1968

to
29 2400H Sept 1968

Annex B

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
2400		342	292400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols and ambushes and providing security for Camp Kistler and the Cua Viet River in the AO. Co"B" mans C-4 and Oceanview in support of Operation DUEL BLADE. Co"C", 3rd Tank Battalion mans My Loc, one platoon of Co"A" mans the platoon outpost at Jones Creek (YD 286670), and the Battalion CAP Unit, provisional rifle company occupies Xuan Khanh. Elements of the battalion conducted 2 fire missions, in the northern AO, this period.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

30 0001H 1968

to

30 2400H Sept 1968

Annex B

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0005		343	300005	River patrol boat, received 2 rounds of RPG rocket fire from YD 300674. Called 105mm artillery mission, with unknown results; area will be swept at first light.	SMF
0105		344	300105	Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), received four rounds of sniper fire from YD 285755. Returned fire with 90mm from Tanks, 40mm dusters (M-42) and 50 cal. machine gun.	SMF
0530		345	300530	From 300510H to 300530H, Co"A" LP, heard sounds, indicating someone crawling. At 300530H, one person was sighted and engaged by the LP. Results unknown; will search area at first light.	SF
0700		346	300700	H&S Co patrol south reported that they were searching out a booby trapped area near Vinh Hoa Phong (YD 375650). The patrol discovered, assisted by their Kit Carson Scout, 16 punji pits and destroyed them in place.	SMF
0830		347	300830	One fire team, from Co"A", searched the area of contact on 300530H, with negative findings.	
0900		348	300900	H&S Co patrol, while returning to CP, found one pair of boots, similar to NVA boots, and forwarded them to Battalion S-2.	SMF
0930		349	300930	H&S Co patrol south returned to CP.	SF
0940		350	300940	Co"B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), received one round of sniper fire from YD 285759. Returned fire with 40mm dusters (M-42).	SMF

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

0001H 1968

to

2400H 1968

Annex B

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
1110		351	301110	Co "B" platoon, at Oceanview (YD 291751), conducted a 105mm artillery mission on a suspected bunker position/sniper position at YD 285756. Results unknown.	SME
1130		352	301130	Two Vietnamese children, turned in an 82mm mortar round to an S-2 representative. The children were rewarded with 300 piasters.	SF
	1200	353	301200	S-2 disseminated password and challenge.	STF
	1410	354	301410	H&S Co patrol south departed the CP.	SF
1850		355	301850	A Tank, while clearing fields of fire near Oceanview (YD 291751), detonated an AT mine, resulting in minor repairable damage to the Tank.	SME
1950		356	301950	River patrol boat observed movement at YD 295675. Fired M-79. Results unknown.	SME
2035		357	302035	Battalion CAP Unit using PPS-6 radar, detected 2-3 people at YD 332711. Co "B", at C-4, fired 12 rounds of 81mm mortars with excellent coverage, results unknown.	SME
2130		358	302130	Co "A" Platoon, at Jones Creek outpost (YD 286670), using seismic intrusion device, detected movement at YD 283674. Fired 60mm mortar, results unknown.	SME

DECLASSIFIED

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

30 0001H 1968

to

30 2400H Sept 1968

Annex B

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
2200		359	302200	Battalion CAP Unit patrol discovered 8 persons in a house in Xuan Khanh Resettlement Village (YD 336702). The village chief believes they are VC sympathizers. Detained the 8 for interrogation by Battalion S-2.	SMF
2235		360	302235	River patrol boat received two rounds of RPG fire from YD 278647. Returned fire with 50 cal. machine gun and 60mm mortar, results unknown.	SMF
2400		361	302400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> 1st AmTrac Battalion continues with Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II, conducting day and night patrols and ambushes and providing security for Camp Kistler and the Gva Viet River in the AO. Co "B" mans C-4 and Oceanview in support of Operation DU L BLADE. Co "C", 3d Tank Battalion mans My Loc, one platoon of Co "A" mans the platoon outpost at Jones Creek (YD 286670) and the Battalion CAP Unit, provisional rifle company occupies Xuan Khanh. Elements of the Battalion conducted 2 fire missions in the northern AO this period. Journal closed.	SMF

S-4 Section
HEADQUARTERS
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
3d Marine Division (Rein), FME
FPO, San Francisco, Calif, 96602

31 2400H

Aug 1968

to

1 2400H

Sep 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-MAP S-STAFF F-FILE T-TRPS
IN	OUT				
0001	0800	1	010001	Opened Journal	F
		2	010800	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: two men to the battalion armory,, three men to the trash truck, two men to the water truck.	F
	0830 0920	3	010830	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-4	S
		4	010920	Arranged skimmer boat transportation for 4 passengers to Dong Ha.	F
	1430	5	011430	Arranged skimmer boat transportation for two passengers YD 288670	F
		6	011530	Resupplied base area C-4.	F
	1530 1600	7	011600	Resupplied the Battalions CAP unit	S
		8	011630	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	S
	1630 1645	9	011645	Submitted the verification of funds report to the Battalion Commander	S
		10	011800	Submitted the M-16 Loss report, by message to Division G-4.	S
	1800 1830	11	011830	Dispatched the skimmer with 4 passengers to North side of River.	F
		12	012400	Closed Journal	F

S-4 Section
HEADQUARTERS
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco, Calif, 96602

01 2400H Sep 1968

to

02 2400H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-MAP S-STAFF F-FILE T-TRPS
IN	OUT				
0001	0800	1 2	020001 020800	Opened Journal Dispatched daily S-4 Working Party; two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump and one man to the water truck.	F
	0830	3	020830	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-4	F
	0900	4	020900	Arranged skimmer boat transportation for two passengers to Dong Ha	S
	0930	5	020930	Dispatched water tanker to North Side of river for Battalion CAP unit.	F
	1030	6	021030	Dispatched skimmer with three passengers to YD 288670	F
	1200	7	021200	Contacted Motor Transport to set up one truck to go to Da Nang	F
	1430	8	021430	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	F
	1500	9	021500	Resupplied Battalions CAP unit	F
	1530	10	021530	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating to move one Otter and one 20 KW generator from YD 288670 to Camp Kistler	F
	1630	11	021630	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	S
	2400	12	022400	Closed Journal	F

S-4 Section
HEADQUARTERS
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco, Calif, 96602

02 2400H Sep 1968

to

03 2400H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-MAP S-STAFF F-FILE T-TRPS
IN	OUT				
0001	0700	1	030001	Opened Journal	F
		2	030700	Contacted Division Embark to set up boating for two tanks and two Ontos from YD 288670 to Camp Kistler also 1 compressor from Camp Kistler to YD 288670 on a Tactical priority move.	
	0800	3	030800	Dispatched S-4 Working party: two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck.	F
	0830	4	030830	Dispatched skimmer with 3 passengers to Dong Ha.	F
	0835	5	030835	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-4.	F
	1040	6	031040	Dispatched skimmer to Base Area C-4 with two passengers.	S
	1430	7	031430	Resupplied Base Area C-4 and Battalion CAP unit.	F
	1545	8	031545	Dispatched skimmer to YD 288670 with 2 passengers.	F
	1630	9	031630	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordnance.	S
	2400	10	032400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section
HEADQUARTERS
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
3d Marine Division (Rein), FME
FP0, San Francisco, Calif, 96602

03 2400H Sep 1968

to

JOURNAL 04 2400H Sep 1968

Annex C

DECLASSIFIED

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-MAP S-STAFF F-FILE T-TRPS
IN	OUT				
0001	0800	1	040001	Opened Journal	F
		2	040800	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: two men to the Battalion Armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump and one man to the water truck.	
	0830	3	040830	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-4.	F
	0835	4	040835	Dispatched skimmer with two passengers to Dong Ha.	S
	1145	5	041145	Dispatched skimmer with four passengers to YD 288670	F
	1430	6	041430	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	F
	1600	7	041600	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	F
	1615	8	041615	Dispatched skimmer to north side of river with two passengers	S
	2400	9	042400	Closed Journal	F

S-4 Section
 HEADQUARTERS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif, 96602

04 2400H Sep 1968

to

05 2400H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-MAP S-STAFF F-FILE T-TRPS
IN	OUT				
0001		1	050001	Opened Journal.	F
	0700	2	050700	River closed to all traffic.	F
	0800	3	050800	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: two men to the Battalion Armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck.	F
	1230	4	051230	Moved skimmer area due to heavy flooding.	F
	1430	5	051430	Resupplied Base Area C-4 and Battalion CAP unit.	F
	1800	6	051800	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	S
	2400	7	052400	Closed Journal.	F

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-4 Section
 HEADQUARTERS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif, 96602

05 2400H Sep 05 1968

to

06 2400H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-MAP S-STAFF F-FILE T-TRPS
IN	OUT				
0001		1	060001	Opened Journal.	F
	0700	2	060700	River closed to all traffic.	F
	0800	3	060800	Dispatched S-4 working Party: two men to the Battalion Armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck,	F
	1800	4	061800	Submitted daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	S
	2400	5	062400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section
 HEADQUARTERS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif, 96602

06 2400H Sep 1968

to

07 2400H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-MAP S-STAFF F-FILE T-TRPS
IN	OUT				
0001	0800	1	070001	Opened Journal.	F
		2	070800	Dispatched daily S-4 working party: two men to the Battalion Armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck,	F
	0940	3	070940	Dispatched skimmer with one passenger to YD 288670.	F
	1331	4	071330	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-4.	S
	1335	5	071335	Dispatched skimmer with two passengers to Dong Ha.	F
	1430	6	071430	Resupplied Base Area G-4.	F
	1830	7	071830	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	S
	2400	8	072400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section
 HEADQUARTERS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMP
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif, 96602

072400H Sep 1968

to

082400H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-MAP S-STAFF F-FILE T-TRPS
IN	OUT				
0001	0835	1	080001	Opened Journal.	F
		2	080835	Dispatched daily S-4 working Party: Two men to the Battalion Armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, one man to the water truck,	F
	1400	3	081400	Resupplied Base Area C-4 and Battalion's CAP unit,	F
	1830	4	081830	Submitted daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	S
	2050	5	082050	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating for Gas truck from YD 288670 also on M-35 from Camp Kistler to Dong Ha.	F
	2400	6	082400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section
 HEADQUARTERS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif, 96602

08 2400H Sep 1968

to

09 2400H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-MAP S-STAFF F-FILE T-TRPS
IN	OUT				
0001	0800	1	090001	Opened Journal.	F
		2	090800	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: Two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck.	F
	0830	3	090830	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-4.	S
	1030	4	091030	Dispatched a skimmer boat with three passengers to Dong Ha.	F
	1255	5	091255	Called Division Engineer's and requesting Engineer Team to assist on wiring perimeter at YD 305682.	F
	1430	6	091430	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	F
	1550	7	091550	Dispatched a skimmer boat with two passengers to YD288670	F
	1605	8	091605	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating for one M-49 from Camp Kistler to north side of the river, also one wrecker from Camp Kistler to YD304682 on a tactical move.	F
	1830	9	091830	Submitted Daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	S
	2400	10	092400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion

3d Marine Division (Rein), FMP

FPO, San Francisco, Calif, 96602

09 2400H Sep 1968

to

10 2400H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-MAP S-STAFF F-FILE T-TRPS
IN	OUT				
0001	0800	1	100001	Opened Journal.	F
		2	100800	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: Two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck.	F
	0830	3	100830	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division C-4.	S
	0835	4	100835	Dispatched a skimmer boat with three passengers to Dong Ha.	F
	0950	5	100950	Dispatched the TD-18 to the messhall to build up sand around the walls.	F
	1015	6	101015	Dispatched water truck to resupply the battalion's CAP unit.	F
	1130	7	101130	Dispatched a skimmer boat with two passengers to north side of the river.	F
	1430	8	101430	Resupplied Base C-4.	F
	1630	9	101630	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	S
	1830	10	101830	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating for two M-35's from Cua Viet to Dong Ha and one LVT from the north to the south side of the river.	F
	2400	11	102400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section
 HEADQUARTERS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif, 96602

10 2400H Sep 1968

to

11 2400H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-MAP S-STAFF F-FILE T-TRPS
IN	OUT				
0001	0800	1	110001	Opened Journal.	F
		2	110800	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: Two men to the Battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck.	F
	0830	3	110830	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-4.	S
	0835	4	110835	Dispatched a skimmer boat with four passengers to Dong Ha.	F
	1035	5	111035	Dispatched a skimmer boat with two passengers to YD288670.	F
	1406	6	111400	Received a Fork lift from Third Shore Bn, to assist us in moving gear from the ramp.	F
	1515	7	111515	Dispatched skimmer boat with four passengers to YD288670.	F
	1530	8	111530	Resupplied Base Area G-4.	F
	1645	9	111645	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordnance.	S
	1800	10	111800	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating for one water truck from Cua Viet to YD288670.	F
	2400	11	112400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section
 HEADQUARTERS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif, 96602

11 2400H Sep 1968

to

12 2400H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-MAP S-STAFF F-FILE T-TRPS
IN	OUT				
0001	0800	1	120001	Opened Journal.	F
		2	120800	Dispatched the skimmer boat to transport the security from the north to the south side of the river.	F
	0805	3	120805	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: Two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck.	F
	0830	4	120830	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-4.	S
	0835	5	120835	Dispatched a skimmer boat with three passengers to Dong Ha.	F
	0900	6	120900	Set up a truck for EOD to transport some bad ammo to be blown.	F
	1145	7	121145	Dispatched a skimmer boat with four passengers to YD288670	F
	1430	8	121430	Resupplied Base Area G-4.	F
	1615	9	121615	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	S
	1820	10	121820	Dispatched a skimmer boat to north side of river with two passengers.	F
	2000	11	122000	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating for three M-35's from Qua Viet to Dong Ha and one LVT from Qua Viet to YD288670.	F
	2400	12	122400	Closed Journal	F

S-4 Section
HEADQUARTERS
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMT
FPO, San Francisco, Calif, 96602

12 2400H Sep 1968

to

13 2400H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-MAP S-STAFF F-FILE T-TRPS
IN	OUT				
0001	0800	1	130001	Opened Journal.	F
		2	130800	Dispatched the Daily S-4 working party: Two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck.	F
	0830	3	130830	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-4.	S
	0835	4	130835	Dispatched a skimmer boat with three passenger to Dong Ha.	F
	1030	5	131030	Dispatched a skimmer boat with four passengers to YD288670	F
	1200	6	131200	Dispatched a skimmer boat with two passengers to north side of the river.	F
	1430	7	131430	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	F
	1600	8	131600	Resupplied the Battalion's CAP unit.	F
	1630	9	131630	Submitted the daily Class V report to division Ordinance.	F
	1810	10	131810	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating for Two M-35's to Dong Ha from Cua Viet.	F
	2400	11	132400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section
HEADQUARTERS
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco, Calif, 96602

13 2400H Sep 1968

to

14 2400H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

DECLASSIFIED

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-MAP S-STAFF F-FILE T-TRPS
IN	OUT				
0001		1	140001	Opened Journal.	F
	0800	2	140800	Dispatched the skimmer boat to the north side of the river to pick up one passenger and bring him to south side.	F
	0830	3	140830	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-3.	S
	0835	4	140835	Dispatched a skimmer boat with three passengers to go to the Dong Ha.	F
	1140	5	141140	Dispatched the skimmer with three passengers to YD288670.	F
	1430	6	141430	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	F
	1500	7	141500	Dispatched skimmer with two passengers to the north side of the river.	F
	1520	8	141520	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	S
	1800	9	141800	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boat for one M-35 from Camp Kistler to YD288670 and one M-35 from Camp Kistler to Dong Ha.	F
	2400	10	142400	Closed Journal.	F

DECLASSIFIED

S-4 Section
 HEADQUARTERS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMP
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif, 96602

14 2400H Sep 1968

to

15 2400H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-MAP S-STAFF F-FILE T-TRPS
IN	OUT				
0001	0800	1	150001	Opened Journal.	F
		2	150800	Dispatched the skimmer boat to transport the security from the north to the south side of the river.	F
	0805	3	150805	Dispatched the daily S-4 working Party: Two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck,	F
	0830	4	150830	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-3.	S
	0835	5	150835	Dispatched a skimmer boat with four passengers to Dong Ha.	F
	1000	6	151000	Dispatched skimmer with two passengers to YD288670.	F
	1335	7	151335	Dispatched skimmer boat with 3 passengers to Ocean View.	F
	1430	8	151430	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	F
	1730	9	151730	Submitted daily Class V report to Division Ordnance.	S
	1735	10	151735	Resupplied Battalions CAP unit.	F
	1900	11	151900	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating for two TD 18's from Camp Kistler to YD 288670 also two M-35's from Camp Kistler to Dong Ha.	F
	2400	12	152400	Closed Journal	F

S-4 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion

3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

FP0, San Francisco, Calif, 96602

15 2400H Sep 1968

to

16 2400H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-MAP S-STAFF F-FILE T-TRPS
IN	OUT				
0001	0800	1	160001	Opened Journal.	F
		2	160800	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: Two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck.	
	0830	3	160830	Submitted the MARES REPORT, via courier, to Division G-3.	F
	0835	4	160835	Dispatched skimmer boat with four passengers to Dong Ha.	S
	1100	5	161100	Dispatched skimmer with four passengers to YD305682.	F
	1300	6	161300	Dispatched a skimmer boat with two passengers to YD305682.	F
	1430	7	161430	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	F
	1600	8	161600	Submitted the Class V report to Division Ordnance.	F
	1800	9	161800	Dispatched skimmer with two passengers to the north side of the river.	F
	1830	10	161830	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating for two LVT's from Camp Kistler to YD288670 and two M-35's from Camp Kistler to Dong Ha.	F
	2400	11	162400	Closed Journal.	

S-4 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion

3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

FPO, San Francisco, Calif, 96602

16 2400H Sep 1968

to

17 2400H Sep 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-MAP S-STAFF F-FILE T-TRPS
IN	OUT				
0001	0800	1 2	170001 170800	Opened Journal. Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: Two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck.	F
	0830	3	170830	Submitted the MAREP report, via courier, to Division G-4.	F
	0835	4	170835	Dispatched a skimmer boat with four passengers to Dong Ha.	F
	1045	5	171045	Dispatched skimmer boat with four passengers to YD28670.	F
	1225	6	171225	Dispatched a skimmer boat with two passengers to Dong Ha.	F
	1400	7	171400	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	S
	1530	8	171530	Dispatched a skimmer boat to north side of river with four passengers.	F
	1800	9	171800	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordnance.	S
	1830	10	171830	Called Division Embark to arrange boating for 2 M-35 from Camp Kistler to Dong Ha also 1 TD-18 from Camp Kistler to YD28670.	F
	2400	11	172400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4
~~S-4~~ Section
 HEADQUARTERS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
 17 0001H SEP 1968
 Sep 18 2130H to 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0001		1	180001	Opened Journal.	F
		2	180800	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: Two men to the battalion armory three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck.	F
		3	180830	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-3.	F
		4	180835	Dispatched a skimmer boat with four passengers to Dong Ha.	F
		5	180900	Dispatched the TD-18 to the Battalion's CAP unit.	F
		6	181030	Dispatched a skimmer boat to north side of the river with two passengers.	F
		7	181215	Resupplied Battalion's CAP unit with water.	F
		8	181430	Resupplied Base Area G-4.	F
		9	181630	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	F
		10	181845	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating for two M-35's from Camp Kistler to Dong Ha.	F
		11	182400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4

~~S-2/3~~ Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

18 0001H Sep 1968

19 2430H 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0001		1	190001	Opened Journal.	F
		2	190800	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: Two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck.	F
		3	190830	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-3.	F
		4	190835	Dispatched a skimmer boat with three passengers to Dong Ha.	F
		5	19945	Dispatched a skimmer boat with three passengers to north side of the river.	F
		6	191220	Dispatched a skimmer boat with three passengers to YD288670.	F
		7	191430	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	F
		8	191635	Resupplied The Battalion's CAP unit	F
		9	191700	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	F
		10	191800	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating fortwo M-35's from Camp Kistler to Dong Ha.	F
		11	192400	Closed Journal.	F

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

G-4

~~S-4~~ Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

19 0001H Sep 1968

to
20 2130H 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0001		1	200001	Opened Journal.	F F S F F F F S F F
		2	200800	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: Two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck.	
		3	200830	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-4.	
		4	200835	Dispatched a skimmer boat with four passengers to Dong Ha.	
		5	201000	Dispatched the wrecker to the Otter platoon.	
		6	201105	Dispatched a skimmer boat with four passengers to YD288670.	
		7	201430	Resupplied the Battalion's CAP unit.	
		8	201500	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	
		9	201630	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	
		10	201815	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating for one LVT from YD288670 to Camp Kistler and two M-35's from Camp Kistler to Dong Ha.	
		11	202400	Closed Journal.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

S-7
 8-2/3 Section
 HEADQUARTERS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
 20 0001H Sep 1968
 to
 21 2130H 1968

Annex C

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0001		1	210001	Opened Journal.	F
		2	210700	Resupplied the Battalion's CAP unit with water.	F
		3	210800	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: Two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck.	
		4	210830	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-3.	S
		5	210835	Dispatched a skimmer boat with two passengers to Dong Ha.	E
		6	210915	Dispatched a skimmer boat with four passengers to YD 288670.	E
		7	211120	Notified Bulk Fuel of a leak in their fuel line behind "B" Company.	E
		8	211430	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	E
		9	211500	Resupplied the Battalion's CAP unit.	E
		10	211750	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordnance.	S
		11	211830	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating for two M-35's from Camp Kistler to Dong Ha.	E
		12	212400	Closed Journal.	E

S-4

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

21 0001H Sep 1968

to

2100H 1968

22

Annex C

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0001		1	220001	Opened Journal.	F
		2	220800	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: Two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck.	F
		3	220830	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-3.	F
		4	220835	Dispatched a skimmer boat with three passengers to Dong Ha.	S
		5	220900	Dispatched a skimmer boat with two passengers to YD288670.	F
		6	220950	Dispatched the Dump truck to maintenance.	F
		7	221100	Dispatched a skimmer boat with three passengers to Dong Ha.	F
		8	221430	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	F
		9	221600	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	S
		10	221845	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating to move an LVT from YD288670 to Camp Kistler, and two M-35's from Camp Kistler to Dong Ha.	F
		11	222400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4

~~S-2/3~~-Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

22 0001H Sep 1968

23 2130H 1968

Annex C

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0001		1	230001	Opened Journal.	F E S E S E E E E E E E E
		2	230800	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: Two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and two men to the water trucks.	
		3	230830	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-3.	
		4	230835	Dispatched a skimmer boat with four passengers to Dong Ha.	
		5	230900	Submitted the Anti-Tank report to Division Ordinance.	
		6	230930	River closed to all traffic because of storm.	
		7	231200	Contacted Bulk Fuel to notify them of a break in their line.	
		8	231430	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	
		9	231500	River now open.	
		10	231600	Dispatched a skimmer boat with two passengers to north side of the river	
		11	231800	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating for one M-35 to YD288670	
		12	231830	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	
		13	232400	Closed Journal.	

S-4

S-2/3 Section
HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

23 0001H Sep 1968

to
24 2130H 1968

Annex C

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0001		1	240001	Opened Journal.	F F S E E E E E E E
		2	240800	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: Two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck.	
		3	240830	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-3.	
		4	240835	Dispatched a skimmer boat with four passengers to Dong Ha.	
		5	240900	Dispatched a skimmer boat with three passengers to YD288670.	
		6	241100	Dispatched a skimmer boat with two passengers to north side of the river.	
		7	241430	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	
		8	241545	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordnance.	
		9	241745	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating for two M-35's from Camp Kistler to Dong Ha.	
		10	242400	Closed Journal.	

S-4

S-4 Section
HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

24 0001H Sep 1968

to

25 2130H 1968

Annex C

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0001		1	250001	Opened Journal.	R E C E I V E D
		2	250000	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: Two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to trash dump, and one man to the water truck.	
		3	250830	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	
		4	250835	Dispatched a skimmer boat with four passengers to Dong Ha.	
		5	251010	Dispatched a skimmer boat with three passengers to Y-28470.	
		6	251430	Resupplied Base Area A-4.	
		7	251500	Resupplied the Battalion's GAO unit.	
		8	251630	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	
		9	251830	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating for two M-36's from Camp Kistler to Dong Ha.	
		10	252400	Closed Journal.	

S-4

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

25 0001H Sep 1968

to

25 2130H 1968

Annex C

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0001		1	260001	Opened Journal.	F F S F F F S F F
		2	260800	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: Two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck.	
		3	260830	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-3.	
		4	260835	Dispatched a skimmer boat with four passengers to Dong Ha.	
		5	260915	Dispatched a skimmer boat with three passengers to the north side of river.	
		6	260930	Resupplied the Battalion's CAP unit with water.	
		7	261200	Dispatched a skimmer boat with four passengers to Dong Ha.	
		8	26 1430	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	
		9	261600	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	
		10	261830	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating for one M-35 from Camp Kistler to Dong Ha.	
		11	262400	Closed Journal.	

S-4
 S-2/3-Section
 HEADQUARTERS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
 26 0001H Sep 1968
 to
 27 2430H 1968

Annex C

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0001		1	270001	Opened Journal.	F
		2	270700	Resupplied The Battalion's CAP unit with water.	F
		3	270800	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: Two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to water truck.	F
		4	270830	Submitted the MARES report, via carrier, to Division G-3.	F
		5	270835	Dispatched a skimmer boat with three passengers to Dong Ha.	S
		6	270930	Dispatched a skimmer boat with four passengers to YD288670.	F
		7	271135	Dispatched TD-18 to trash dump.	F
		8	271430	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Embarkation.	S
		9	271800	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating for two M-35's from Camp Kistler to Dong Ha.	F
		10	272400	Closed Journal.	F

DECLASSIFIED

S-4

S-2/3 Section
HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

27 0001H Sep 1968

28 2130H Sep 1968

Annex C

DECLASSIFIED

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0001		1	280001	Opened Journal.	F
		2	280800	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: Two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck.	F
		3	280830	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-3.	F
		4	280835	Dispatched a skimmer boat with four passengers to Dong Ha.	F
		5	280845	Dispatched a skimmer boat with three passengers to YD288670.	F
		6	281300	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	F
		7	281500	Resupplied Battalion's CAP unit.	F
		8	281630	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	F
		9	281845	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating for two M-35's from Camp Kistler to Dong Ha.	F
		10	282400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4

~~S-2/3~~ Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

28 0001H Sep 1968

to

29 2130H 1968

Annex C

DECLASSIFIED

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0001		1	290001	Opened Journal.	F
		2	290800	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: Two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck.	F
		3	290830	Submitted the MARES report, via courier, to Division G-3.	F
		4	290835	Dispatched a skimmer boat with four passengers to Dong Ha.	F
		5	291245	Resupplied the Battalion's CAP unit.	F
		6	291335	Dispatched a skimmer boat with three passengers to YD288670.	F
		7	291430	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	F
		8	291630	Submitted the daily Class V report.	F
		9	291845	Contacted Division Embarkation to arrange boating for one LVT from the north bank of the river to south and two M-35's from Camp Kistler to Dong Ha.	F
		10	292400	Closed Journal.	F

S-9

S-2/3 Section

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

29 0001H Sep 1968

to

30 2150H 1968

Time In	Out	Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0001		1	300501	Opened Journal.	P C P P C P P
		2	300800	Dispatched the daily S-4 working party: Two men to the battalion armory, three men to the trash truck, one man to the trash dump, and one man to the water truck.	
		3	300830	Submitted the HAFBS report, via courier, to Division C-3.	
		4	300839	Dispatched a skimmer boat with four passengers to Song Ha.	
		5	301145	Dispatched a skimmer boat with two passengers to VN288670.	
		6	301400	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	
		7	301619	Submitted the daily Class V report to Division Ordinance.	
		8	301830	Dispatched a skimmer boat with three passengers to the north side of the river.	
		9	302400	Closed Journal.	

HEADQUARTERS
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

16/LPD/jlh
5080
8 Sep 1968

From: Commanding Officer, 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (Attn: G-5)
Via: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-5)

Subj: Periodic Civil Action Report

Ref: (a) ECI 5000, JB dtd 3 Oct 1967

Encl: (1) Subject report from 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion for period 300000H Aug to 052400H Sep 1968.

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.


L. D. PARSONS
By direction

Annex B

DAILY CIVIC ACTIVITY REPORT PART II
III MAF 5081

DATE 5 Sep 1968

From: Commanding Officer, 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (Attn: G-5)
Via: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Main), 1st (Attn: G-5)

Reporting Period 000001 Aug 1968 To 000001 Sep 1968

1. MEDICAL/DENTAL ASSISTANCE

a. Location	b. (V)	c. Coord	d. WOMEN		e. MEN		f. CHILDREN		g. TOTAL	
			MED	DENT	MED	DENT	MED	DENT	MED	DENT
<u>4th Bat</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>25442</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>	
<u>4th Bat</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>25442</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>	

h. No. Vietnamese under training _____ i. TOTAL 20

2. PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

a. Location	b. (V)	c. Coord	d. FOOD		e. CLOTHING		f. SOAP		g. MISC.	
			lbs	Pers	lbs	pers	Bars	Pers	Quant	Pers

h. TOTAL _____

i. Miscellaneous:

j. Money Donated To: _____ Source: _____

3. EVACUATION ASSISTANCE

a. Adult	b. Child	c. From	d. To (Include Coord)

e. Reason: _____

Annex B

4. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT

(H)					Completed/
a. Location	b. (V)	c. Coord	d. Type Construction	e. In Progress	

5. ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

(H)					
a. Location	b. (V)	c. Coord	d. Adult	e. Children	f. Duration

6. TOTAL NO. PERSONS ASSISTED

139

7. TOTAL NO. PERSONS UNDERGOING VOCATIONAL TRAINING

8. CONTRIBUTING TWARD SUPPORT OF STUDENTS

9. CONTACTS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS

Satisfactory

10. SELF-HELP

11. OTHER US AGENCY SUPPORT

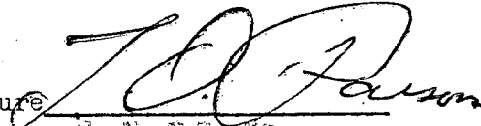
12. ATTITUDES OF PEOPLE

Satisfactory

13. NARRATIVE REPORT (TO BE ATTACHED)

14. CHANGE IN SIGNIFICANT DATA (TO BE ATTACHED)

Signature



J. H. Pearson

HEADQUARTERS
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
3d Marine Division (Rein), FIF
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- 30 Aug Combined action unit made routine security patrol thru Gio Hai Village. Also, held Med-Cap.
- 31 Aug Combined Action unit made routine security patrol thru Gio Hai Village. Also, held Med-Cap.
- 1 Sep Combined action unit made routine security patrol thru Gio Hai Village.
- 2 Sep Combined action unit made routine security patrol thru Gio Hai Village.
- The Battalion Executive Officer and myself visited Gio Hai Village Chief. Talked about establishing permanent aid station in his village.
- 3 Sep The Vietnamese District Chief from Gio Linh and his U.S. advisor visited our area. Showed them our plans for a school in the Gio Hai Village, and talked of other problem areas. Our projects were well recieved.
- The district chief spoke of replacing present village chief with a military man, and having two elected officials as assistants to the military chief. This is to take place in the near future.
- 4 Sep Combined action unit made routine security patrol thru Gio Hai Village.
- 5 Sep Combined action unit made routine security patrol thru Gio Hai Village.

A. J. Parsons

Annex D