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FIRST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY  
11th Marines  
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines, (-) Rein, 1st Marine Division,  
(Rein) FMF (Attn: S-3a)

Subj: Command Chronology (Report Symbol 1stMarDiv 5750- 6)

Ref: (a) RegtO 5750.2

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology

1. The Command Chronology for this Company is submitted in compliance with reference (a) for the period 1 January to 31 January 1967.

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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Organizational Data

- a. Designation 1st Armored Amphibian Company
- b. Location DaNang, Republic of Vietnam
- c. Period Covered 1 January to 31 January 1967
- d. Command and Special Staff

(Billet)	(Dates)	(Rank and Name)
Commanding Officer	1-31 Jan67	Major D. L. HOWARTH
Executive Officer	1-3 Jan67	Capt T. R. DOVE
Executive Officer	4-31 Jan67	Capt W. J. NIXON JR.
Fire Direction Officer	1-3 Jan67	Capt W. J. NIXON JR.
Fire Direction Officer	4-31 Jan67	2ndLt G. G. SMALLWOOD
Assistant Fire Direction Officer	1-3 Jan67	2ndLt G. G. SMALLWOOD
1st Platoon Leader	1-31 Jan67	2ndLt H. E. MACDONALD
2nd Platoon Leader	1-31 Jan67	2ndLt S. E. COTTLE
3rd Platoon Leader	1-31 Jan67	2ndLt B. N. GOOCH
Liaison Officer	1-31 Jan67	1stLt P. H. VANJAHNKE
Liaison Officer	1-31 Jan67	2ndLt S. R. LAGERLOF
Liaison Officer	1-31 Jan67	2ndLt J. J. ROBERSON
Supply Officer	1-31 Jan67	1stLt T. R. BERCHOU
Maintenance Officer	1-31 Jan67	2ndLt H. P. GIBBS

2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

The 1st Platoon remains at the mouth of the Cua Viet River (YD 348696) supporting 12th Marine Regiment to whom they are OPCON.

The 2nd Platoon (Rein), including 2 officers and 61 enlisted participated in Operation Deckhouse V in the Mekong Delta from 6-15 January 1967. The platoon returned to DaNang on 20 January 1967 aboard, the USS WASHENTAW COUNTY LST 1166. Presently the platoon is occupying an indirect fire position at coordinates AT 99497772328 in general support, reinforcing of 2nd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment.

The 3rd Platoon continued to occupy its indirect fire position at coordinates ATO70655 until 28 January 1967. During the period 1-28 January 1967, this platoon fired 1598 rounds of 105mm ammo in 208 regular and 58 H&I missions and was credited with destroying 3 VC dwellings, 4 VC KIA (conf), 100 VC KIA (prob) and 75 VC WIA (prob).

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On 28 January 1967 the 3rd Platoon moved to coordinates AT98416748 and are currently located at that position. As of 31 January 1967 they fired no rounds from that position. During January elements of the 3rd Platoon participated in sweep operations within the 1st Marine Regiment's TAOR.

### 3. Detailed Description of Significant Events

a. Personnel. The Company did not join any personnel on its rolls during this reporting period. Personnel losses were: 1 officer and 2 enlisted transferred to other Division units, 2 enlisted transferred to CONUS on rotation, 2 enlisted (WIA) transferred while hospitalized, 1 enlisted assigned TAD to III MAF in excess of 30 days, 1 enlisted confined III MAF Brig serving sentence of a Special Court-Martial, and 1 enlisted to emergency leave. 3 enlisted, non-combat casualties, were hospitalized and 4 enlisted, non-combat casualties, were returned to duty from hospitalization. 1 officer returned emergency leave and 1 enlisted returned from special 30 day leave. At the end of the reporting period the following enlisted were not available for duty: 2 TAD, 2 hospitalized, 1 emergency leave, and 1 confined. Morale and personal services included R&R (in country and out-of-country), postal services, religious facilities, and access to exchanges. This unit captured no POW's. 3 enlisted received Purple Hearts and 1 enlisted was promoted to LCpl.

b. Administration. This period was used to carry out routine administration and to improve administration facilities and procedures. The command section continued to maintain administrative and disciplinary control over its deployed platoons except the 2nd Platoon while attached to the Special Landing Force. Personal and official mail for the 2nd Platoon was properly forwarded through the postal system but was not delivered while the platoon was attached to the Special Landing Force.

c. Intelligence. Nothing significant to report.

d. Training. All elements of this Company continued on a planned program of On the Job Training.

#### e. Special Operations

(1) Deckhouse V. The 2nd Platoon landed in the Province of KIEN HOA, THANH PHU Peninsula, IV Corps Area on 6 January 1967 as part of Operation Deckhouse V. The platoon fired direct fire on the first wave of the BLT 1-9 operation and thereafter set up an indirect fire position on the beach, where they remained until 15 January 1967 when the operation was secured.

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While in an indirect fire status their principle direction of fire was 5600 mils Azimuth. They fired a total of 980 rounds in 80 H&I missions, 10 on-call missions and 2 Preparation Fires. Observers assessed the 2nd Platoon with having destroyed four bunkers, four supply racks and inflicting 12 VC KIA(conf), 15 VC KIA(prob) and an undetermined number of VC WIA.

f. Command and Control. As of 31 January 1967 the 1st Armored Amphibian Company CP was located at coordinates AT997723, the 1st Platoon at coordinates YD348696, the 2nd Platoon at coordinates AT994772, and the 3rd Platoon at coordinates AT984674.

g. Close Combat. The 3rd Platoon deployed two LVTH6's on two occasions in the month of January: once in support of 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment and once in support of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine, Regiment. In both instances the tractors participated in sweep operations and made one landing at coordinates AT185552. All firing during these sweeps was direct fire. The tractors were assessed no enemy casualties and received only light sniper fire by way of resistance.

h. Fire Support. Nothing significant to report

i. Air Defense. Not Applicable

j. Combat Air Support. Not Applicable

k. Civil Affairs/Civic Action. Nothing significant to report.

l. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical or other Special Warfare. Not Applicable

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**Appendix A (list of references) to 1st Armored Amphibian Company Command  
Chronology 1 January to 31 January 1967.**

**References**

**Attached**

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| a. Map: Vietnam 1:50,000 Series L7014<br>Sheet 6328IV THANH PHU        | Not attached |
| b. Map: Vietnam 1:50,000 Series L7014<br>Sheet 6641 II KHU PHO NAM THO | Not attached |
| c. Documentation   | Appendix B   |

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**Appendix B (Documentation) to 1st Armored Amphibian Company Command  
Chronology of 1 January to 31 January 1967.**

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## UNIT JOURNAL

03Jan67 - Tr Capt DOVE to HqBn, 1st MarDiv  
 06Jan67 - 1 enl to sk Delta Med (NBC)  
 1 enl tr to Camp Butler w/sk USAF Hosp  
 Clark AB RP (WIA)  
 07Jan67 - 1 enl fr sk NSA Hosp DaNang  
 09Jan67 - 1 enl to TAD III MAF  
 10Jan67 - 1 enl rotated CONUS  
 12Jan67 - 1 enl to emerg lv CONUS  
 16Jan67 - 1 enl prom to LCpl  
 17Jan67 - 1 enl to sk NSA Hosp DaNang (NBC)  
 1 enl tr to Camp Butler w/sk USNH GLAKES  
 (WIA)  
 18Jan67 - 1 enl fr sk Delta Med (NBC)  
 1 enl confd III MAF Brig SSSPCM  
 19Jan67 - Lt ROBERSON returned fr emerg lv  
 20Jan67 - 1 enl tr to 3dBn, 11thMar  
 22Jan67 - 1 enl rotated CONUS  
 24Jan67 - 1 enl to sk 1stMedBn (NBC)  
 27Jan67 - 1 enl fr sk USNH Yokosuka  
 30Jan67 - 1 enl tr to 3d 8" HowBtry, 11thMar  
 1 enl sk fr 1stMedBn to USS REPOSE  
 1 enl fr spl 30 days lv

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