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

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28 Feb 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines, (-) Rein, 1st Marine Division
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Subj: Command Chronology

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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B
(d) RegtO 5750.2B

Encl: (1) 1st Armored Amphibian Company Command Chronology

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


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 February 1967 to 28 February 1967

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1st Armored Amphibian Company
11th Marine Regiment

Major D. L. HOWARTH
1-28 February 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1-28 February 1967: DA NANG, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

(Billet)	(Rank and Name)	(Dates)
Commanding Officer	Major D. L. HOWARTH	1-28Feb67
Executive Officer	Capt. W. J. NIXON JR.	1-28Feb67
Fire Direction Officer	2ndLt G. G. SMALLWOOD	1-28Feb67
Assistant Fire Direction Officer	2ndLt R. S. MCLELLAN	26-28Feb67
1st Platoon Leader	2ndLt H. E. MACDONALD	1-28Feb67
2nd Platoon Leader	2ndLt S. E. COTTLE	1-28Feb67
3rd Platoon Leader	2ndLt B. N. GOOCH	1-28Feb67
Liaison Officer	1stLt P. H. VANJAHNKE	1-28Feb67
Liaison Officer	2ndLt S. R. LAGERLOF	1-28Feb67
Liaison Officer	2ndLt J. J. ROBERSON	1-28Feb67
Supply Officer	1stLt T. R. BERCHOU	1-28Feb67
Maintenance Officer	2ndLt H. P. GIBBS	1-28Feb67

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

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1. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

The 1st Platoon remains at mouth of Cua Viet River (YD 348696) supporting 12th Marine Regiment by both indirect and direct fire missions.

The 2nd Platoon moved on 3 February 1967 to coordinates AT 98416748

where they became OPCON to 1st Battalion, 11th Marines. They occupied this indirect fire position for the remainder of the month.

The 3rd Platoon moved to coordinate AT 997723 in general support, reinforcing of 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines. The 3rd Platoon utilized four LVTH6's on one direct fire mission in support of 1st Marine Regiment on 4 February 1967. On 7 February 1967 an LVTP5A1, while participating in this same direct fire mission, was destroyed by a land mine. (See Part III, paragraph 1h) The table below summarizes indirect and direct firing activities of this Company for the month of February.

<u>PLT</u>	<u>OBSERVED FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>ON CALL</u>	<u>TOT</u>
1st	10	284	6	1
2nd	29	21	2	none
3rd	22	6	2	none

<u>PLT</u>	<u>TOTAL RDS FIRED</u>	<u>SUPPORTING</u>
1st	301	Infantry
2nd	451	"
3rd	627	"

<u>PLT</u>	<u>DIRECT MISSIONS</u>	<u>ASSESSMENTS</u>
1st	14	8 VC KIA (CONF)
2nd	none	5 VC KIA (CONF)
3rd	1	18 VC KIA (CONF)
		2 VC KIA (PROB)
		17 VC WIA (CONF)

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Sequential listing of significant events

a. Personnel. Enlisted personnel losses for this period were 4 battle casualties (medevac), 2 battle casualties (not evacuated), 1 non-battle casualty (hospitalized during entire period and transferred), 2 on rotation to CONUS, and 2 transferred to other Regiment units. This unit joined 1 officer and 3 enlisted during this reporting period. Promotions were 1 to Staff Sergeant and 2 to Private First Class. Five enlisted were awarded Purple Hearts. 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.

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. Certain difficulties were encountered in processing of 3 court-martial of members of the 1st Platoon due to the distance involved between the Command Post and 1st Platoon.

c. Intelligence. Nothing significant to report.

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

e. Logistics. No significant problem areas.

f. Special Operations. None

g. Command and Control. As of 28 February 1967 the 1st Armored Amphibian Company CP was located at coordinates AT 997723, the 1st Platoon at coordinates YD 348696 (Direction of Fire: Az 4800), the 2nd Platoon at coordinates AT 984674 (Direction of Fire: Az 3000), and the 3rd Platoon at coordinates AT 997724 (Direction of Fire: Az 5600).

h. Close Combat.

(1) On 5 February 1967 two LVTH6's, while in direct support of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, fired 80 rounds, direct fire, into river-bank emplacements at coordinates AT 034654 killing 4 VC (CONF) and materially aiding in the subsequent capture of 13 POW's. One U. S. Marine WIA (medevac) resulted during the action of gunshot wounds to the right, upper arm. It should be noted that this WIA was wearing a flak-vest and the round, thought to be .30 caliber, was deflected from this Marines chest by the upper right plate of the flak-vest.

(2) On 7 February 1967 an LVTP5A1 belonging to this Company struck a land mine at coordinates AT 109584 (approximately). The vehicle caught fire immediately and was completely destroyed. This LVTP5A1 was leading two LVTH6's through a channelized area at the time of the explosion. Four WIA's resulted from this action.

i. Fire Support. Nothing significant to report.

j. Air Defense. Not applicable.

k. Combat Air Support. Not applicable.

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

m. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical or other Special Warfare. Not applicable.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Appendix A (list of references) to 1st Armored Amphibian Company
Command Chronology 1 February to 28 February 1967.

References


Attached

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

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Appendix B (Documentation) to 1st Armored Amphibian Company Command
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UNIT JOURNAL

5Feb67	-	1 enl WIA to sk 1stMedBn
6Feb67	-	1 enl TAD Okinawa
7Feb67	-	1 enl rotated CONUS
7Feb67	-	1 enl to emerg lv CONUS
7Feb67	-	2 enl WIANE
7Feb67	-	2 enl WIA to sk 1stMedBn
9Feb67	-	2 enl confd III MAF brig
9Feb67	-	1 enl fr sk 1stMedBn to sk USAF Hosp Clark AB PI
10Feb67	-	1 enl tr by SR to Camp Butler Okinawa while sk USAF Hosp Clark AB PI
11Feb67	-	1 enl fr sk 1stMedBn to sk NSA
12Feb67	-	1 enl Jdfr HqBtry 4thBn 10thMar 2ndMarDiv
15Feb67	-	1 enl fr TAD Okinawa
16Feb67	-	1 enl tr to 2ndBn 11thMar
16Feb67	-	2 enl prom to PFC
16Feb67	-	1enl tr by SR to Camp Butler Okinawa while sk USAF Hosp Clark AB PI
17Feb67	-	1 enl Jdfr 2ndBn 11thMar
18Feb67	-	1 enl rotated CONUS
18Feb67	-	1 enl tr by SR to Camp Butler Okinawa while sk USAH Camp Kue Okinawa
20Feb67	-	1 enl NBC to sk 1stMedBn
21Feb67	-	1 enl tr to 3rdBn 11thMar
27Feb67	-	1 enl Jdfr FMCR MCRDC KSC
27Feb67	-	1 Off Jdfr Btry F 2ndBn 11thMar
28Feb67	-	1 enl prom to SSgt
28Feb67	-	2 enl fr confd III MAF brig

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