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

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

Encl: ✓(1) First Armored Amphibian Company Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 March 1967 to 31 March 1967

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1st Armored Amphibian Company
11th Marine Regiment

Major D. L. HOWARTH
1-31 March 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS2. LOCATION

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Company CP	DaNang, RVN	1-31Mar67
1st Platoon	Dong Ha, RVN	1-31Mar67
2nd Platoon	DaNang, RVN	1-31Mar67
3rd Platoon	DaNang, RVN	1-31Mar67

3. STAFF OFFICERS

<u>(Billet)</u>	<u>(Rank and Name)</u>	<u>(Dates)</u>
Commanding Officer	Major D. L. HOWARTH	1-31Mar67
Executive Officer	Capt. W. J. NIXON JR.	1-31Mar67
Fire Direction Officer	2ndLt G. G. SMALLWOOD	1-6Mar67
Assistant Fire Direction Officer	2ndLt R. S. MCLELLAN	1-6Mar67
Fire Direction Officer	2ndLt R. S. MCLELLAN	7-31Mar67
1st Platoon Leader	2ndLt H. E. MACDONALD	1-31Mar67
2nd Platoon Leader	2ndLt S. E. COTTLE	1-31Mar67
3rd Platoon Leader	2ndLt B. N. GOOCH	1-31Mar67
Liaison Officer	1stLt P. H. VANJAHNKE	1-31Mar67
Liaison Officer	2ndLt S. R. LAGERLOF	1-31Mar67
Liaison Officer	2ndLt J. J. ROBERSON	1-31Mar67
Liaison Officer	2ndLt C. L. PHILLIPS	29-31Mar67
Supply Officer	1stLt T. R. BERCHOU	1-31Mar67
Maintenance Officer	2ndLt H. P. GIBBS	1-31Mar67

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
12	240	0	3	0	0

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

2. The 2nd Platoon remains at coordinates (AT 98416748) where they are OPCON to 1st Battalion, 11th Marines. They occupied indirect positions for entire period.

3. The 3rd Platoon remains at coordinates (AT 997723) in general support, reinforcing of 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines. Two LVTH6's and one LVTH5 (CMD) from 3rd Platoon participated in Operation NEW CASTLE. (See Part III, Special Operation).

4. ^{LE} TABLE OF INDIRECT AND DIRECT FIRE MISSIONS

<u>PLT</u>	<u>OBSERVED FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOT</u>	<u>H&I</u>
1st	23	0	0	391
2nd	60	0	1	58
3rd	24	8	0	308

<u>PLT</u>	<u>TOTAL RDS FIRED</u>	<u>SUPPORTING</u>	
		<u>MAF</u>	<u>RVN</u>
1st	2026	414	0
2nd	1124	118	0
3rd	2978	8	11

<u>PLT</u>	<u>DIRECT FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</u>
1st	1 (1 RD)	None
2nd	0	8 KIA(CONF), 8 KIA(PROB)
3rd	1	78 KIA(CONF), DIRECT 1 KIA(CONF) INDIRECT 4 KIA(PROB) INDIRECT 27 KIA(PROB) INDIRECT

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Personnel and Administration. During this period the Company received less than one-half the number of replacements as those lost by transfer. A significant number were hospitalized as non-battle casualties during the

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month. Concern for replacements developed during the month due to over 90% of the Company due for rotation during October and November of this year. As a result, a recommended schedule for transfers in/transfers out was submitted to the 11th Marines which, over a period of time, would prevent large turnovers of personnel in any one month. A Disbursing On-Site Examining Team audited pay records and Service Records resulting in 9 errors (involving pay and which have been subsequently corrected. The Out-of-Country Rest and Recuperation participation was stepped up during the month with 35 members going on R&R. No significant critical personnel shortages or problems existed during the month. Routine administration was conducted normally without any significant problems or unusual occurrences. Below is listed the significant personnel changes during the month:

- (1) Joinings: 1 Officer and 4 Enlisted
- (2) Transfers: 1 Officer and 11 Enlisted
- (3) Not present for duty (man-days):

	OFF	ENL
TAD	7	62
WIA Hosp		45
MBC Hosp		85
TEMPOINS	27	10
Emerg Lv	15	31
Ann Lv		2
Confined		31

- (4) Promotions: 10 to Sgt, 1 to HM2, 21 to Cpl, 39 to LCpl, and 1 to PFC

b. Training. All elements of this Company continued on a planned program of GNSP subject classes and On the Job Training. All test firing and familiarization firing of individual and crew served weapons was accomplished as required.

c. Special Operations.

(1) NEW CASTLE. The 1st Section (two LVTH6) of the 3rd Platoon and one LVTP5 (CMD) out of Company Headquarters were attached to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, near An Hoa, Republic of Vietnam for the period 22-25 March 1967. The following is a result of the debriefing of the Officer in Charge:

(a) 22 March 1967. Sighted four Viet Cong at (AT850490). Took them under fire with .50 caliber machine gun. No surveillance. Thirteen rounds 105 millimeter HE ammunition fired for the day.

(b) 23 March 1967. Between 1545 and 1600 hours at (AT850496)

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sighted and delivered direct fire upon 60 NVA troops reported to be members of the 402nd Sapper Battalion. Fired 30 rounds direct fire at this target. All rounds reported to be on target. Subsequently sighted 60 Viet Cong at (AT852500) and 60 more at (AT854502). Seventy-six rounds of 105 millimeter HE and WP fired at ranges of 1500-1800 meters on this target. Surveillance credited LVTH6's with 61 VC KIA (Conf), including one Company Commander of the 402nd Sapper Battalion. Three 82 millimeter mortars were sighted at (AT855499) and immediately destroyed by direct fire. During this action both vehicles were subjected to enemy small arms and 60 millimeter mortar fire.

(c) 24 March 1967. (See attached overlay, Appendix B, Tab (1)). At 1500 hours one LVTH6, while crossing a rice paddy at (AT861507), received enemy small arms and was bracketed by eight 60 millimeter mortar rounds. Immediately Company E was pinned down by a well laid, "U" shaped ambush at (AT865504). LVTH6 moving to Company E was able to relieve pressure on infantry force by proceeding into the ambush and firing direct with the howitzer. Later both LVTH6s joined Company F at (AT865504) and supported the infantry envelopment into the ambush at (AT866512). As a result of this envelopment the ambush was broken. During this action one LVTH6 received three direct hits from 57 millimeter recoilless rifles and approximately 50-60 60 millimeter mortar rounds impacted around the vehicles. Also took six friendly WIA, two of which were medevacted. The LVTH6s fired 137 rounds 105 millimeter HE and WP ammunition, 3,400 rounds of .50 caliber and 1,250 rounds of .30 caliber during the counter-ambush action. Surveillance: 40 VC KIA (Conf), two 57 millimeter recoilless rifles destroyed, and two 82 millimeter mortars destroyed.

(d) 25 March 1967. Fired 12 rounds 105 millimeter HE at targets of opportunity. Assessed 4 VC KIA(Conf). Operation secured.

NOTE: For more detailed coverage of this operation See CO, 1stArmdAmphibCo ltr WJH:mpv over 3000 of 31 March 1967, subj: Combat Operation, After Action Report.

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References

- a. Map Vietnam 1:50,000 series L7014,
sheet 66401V DAI LOC
- b. Combat Operation After Action Report
- c. Documentation

Attached

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**Appendix B (Documentation) to 1st Armored Amphibian Company Command
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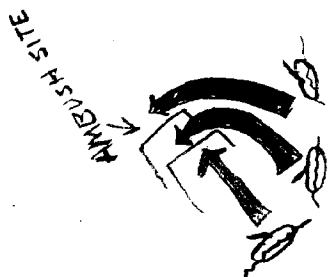
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Assault on NVA AMBUSH
24 March 1967
Lt. J. T. ROBERSON
1st Armored Amphibious Co.

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