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11th Marines
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

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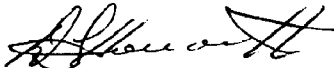

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Encl: ✓(1) First Armored Amphibian Company Command Chronology

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


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 April 1967 to 30 April 1967

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PART IORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1st Armored Amphibian Company
11th Marine Regiment

Major D. L. HOWARTH
1-30 April 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Company CP	DaNang, RVN	1-30Apr67
1st Platoon	DongHa, RVN	1-30Apr67
2nd Platoon	DaNang, RVN	1-30Apr67
3rd Platoon	DaNang, RVN	1-30Apr67

3. STAFF OFFICERS

(Billet)	(Rank and Name)	(Dates)
Executive Officer	Capt. W. J. NIXON JR.	1-30Apr67
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt R. S. MCLELLAN	1-30Apr67
1st Platoon Leader	2ndLt H. E. MACDONALD	1-30Apr67
2nd Platoon Leader	2ndLt S. E. COTTE	1-30Apr67
3rd Platoon Leader	2ndLt B. N. GOOCH	1-11Apr67
3rd Platoon Leader	2ndLt J. J. ROBERSON	11-30Apr67
Liaison Officer	1stLt S. R. LAGERLOF	1-30Apr67
Liaison Officer	2ndLt C. L. PHILLIPS	1-30Apr67
Liaison Officer	2ndLt J. J. ROBERSON	1-11Apr67
Liaison Officer	2ndLt P. J. OBRIEN JR.	1-30Apr67
Supply Officer	1stLt T. R. BERCHOU	1-30Apr67
Maintenance Officer	2ndLt H. P. GIBBS	1-30Apr67

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>
11	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. Two LVTH-6's from 1st Platoon are located near the DMZ (YD 190730) providing direct fire support to foliage clearing operations.

2. The 2nd Platoon remains at coordinates (AT 98416748) where they are OPCON to 1st Battalion, 11th Marines. They occupied indirect positions for the entire period with the exception of 20-25 April 1967 when they participated in Operation GRAND. (see Special Operations)

3. The 3rd Platoon remains at coordinates (AT 997723). They filled a general support, reinforcing mission for 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines from 1-13 April 1967. They chopped to 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines on 13 April 1967 in the same role. During the month the 3rd Platoon participated in Operations CANYON and DIXIE. (see Special Operations)

4. 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	17	9	0	692
2nd	56	24	4	80
3rd	41	0	0	205

<u>PLT</u>	<u>TOTAL RDS FIRED</u>	<u>SUPPORTING</u>
1st	2842	III MAF
2nd	1194	III MAF
3rd	1855	III MAF

<u>PLT</u>	<u>DIRECT FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL ASSESMENTS</u>
1st	8	0
2nd	1	3 Prob KIA
3rd	1	0

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT
EVENTS

a. Personnel and Administration. During this period routine administration was conducted normally without any significant problems or unusual occurrences. Below are listed the significant personnel changes during the month:

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- (1) Joinings: 1 Officer and 17 Enlisted
 (2) Transfers: 2 Officers and 21 Enlisted
 (3) Dropped from rolls for desertions: 1
 (4) Not present for duty (man days)

	OFF	ENL
TAD		97
TEMDUINS	9	9
Lv(Emerg)	25	47
Lv(Spl)		15
Lv(Humanitarian)		28
R&R	18	105
UA		7
Hosp(NBC)		49
Hosp(WIA)		33

- (5) Promotions: 2 to 1stLt; 12 to Sgt; 1 to Cpl; 5 to LCpl
 (6) Awards: 9 Purple Hearts

b. Training. All elements of this Company continued on a planned program of GMSP 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) Operation CANYON. On 6 April 1967, four LVTH-6's from 3rd Platoon moved South to coordinates (AT 206571) in support of Operation CANYON. Primary mission was indirect fire. They fired 40 observed missions and two harrasing and interdiction missions for a total of 328 rounds HE, 26 illumination, 31 white phosphorous and 49 HC smoke. The LVTH-6's returned to this CP on 10 April 1967.

(2) Operation DIXIE. On 6 April 1967 two LVTH-6's from 3rd Platoon moved to AnHoa (AT 870470) in support of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines in Operation DIXIE. Primary mission was direct fire. At approximately 1600 on 8 April 1967 one of the LVTH-6's struck a land mine at coordinates (AT 976531). Major hull damage was incurred. The vehicle was subsequently coded X by FLSG and was replaced by another LVTH-6 from the maintenance float. Three Marines of this unit received ruptured eardrums and one received shrapnel wounds in this incident. The two LVTH-6's returned to this CP on 11 April 1967.

(3) Operation GRAND. On 20 April 1967 four LVTH-6's from 2nd Platoon moved to coordinates (AT 877576) in support of Operation GRAND. Primary mission was indirect fire. The four vehicles did participate in a sweep with elements of the Seventh Marines during this operation, however they fired no rounds direct fire. Total rounds fired indirect: 320 HE, 12 illumination, 2 HC smoke and 4 WP. All missions were either harrasing

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and interdiction or prep fires. The four LVTH-6's returned to their CP on 25 April 1967. On the return trip the escort LVTP-5 (CMD) had an engine failure. The vehicle was deadlined for the remainder of the month awaiting replacement of the engine.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Appendix A (list of references) to 1st Armored Amphibian Company Command Chronology 1 April to 30 April 1967.

References

Attached

- a. Map Vietnam 1:50,000
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