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

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Encl: (1) First Armored Amphibian Company Command Chronology

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


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART IORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1st Armored Amphibian Company
11th Marine Regiment

Major D. L. HOWARTH
1-31 May 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATIONELEMENTLOCATIONDATES

Company CP
1st Platoon
2nd Platoon
3rd Platoon

DaNang, RVN
DongHa, RVN
DaNang, RVN
DaNang, RVN

1-31 May 67
1-31 May 67
1-31 May 67
1-31 May 67

3. STAFF OFFICERS

(Billet)
Executive Officer

Fire Direction Officer
1st Platoon Leader
2nd Platoon Leader
2nd Platoon Leader
3rd Platoon Leader
Liaison Officer
Liaison Officer
Liaison Officer
Liaison Officer
Supply Officer
Maintenance Officer

(Rank and Name)
Capt. W. J. NIXON JR.
Capt. R. W. SCHMID
1stLt R. S. MCLELLAN
2ndLt H. E. MACDONALD
2ndLt S. E. COTTLE
1stLt S. R. LAGERLOF
2ndLt J. J. ROBERSON
1stLt S. R. LAGERLOF
2ndLt S. E. COTTLE
2ndLt C. L. PHILLIPS
2ndLt P. J. O'BRIEN JR.
Capt. T. R. BERCHOU
2ndLt H. P. GIBBS

(Dates)
1-18May67
19-31May67
1-31May67
1-31May67
1-4 May67
5-31May67
1-31May67
1-4 May67
5-31May67
1-31May67
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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	231	0	3	0	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. The 1st Platoon remained at the mouth of the Cua Viet River (YD 348698) supporting the 12th Marine Regiment in both direct and indirect fire missions. Two LVTH-6's from the 1st Platoon were located near the DMZ (YD 190730) providing direct support to the 1st Bn, 4th Marines in support of foliage clearing operations. (see Special Operations)

2. The 2nd Platoon continues to be located at coordinates (AT 98416748) where they are OPCON to the 1st Battalion, 11th Marines. They remained in position for the entire period with the exception of 28-31 May 1967, when two LVTH-6's and one LVTP-5A1 participated in an operation with B and D Companies of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. (see Special Operations)

3. The 3rd Platoon remained at the Command Post coordinates (AT 995723). They performed the mission of General Support Reinforcing for the entire period with the exception of 21-25 May 1967, when they participated in Operation DUVAL. (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	37	2	0	407
2nd	119	1	411	291
3rd	24	1	125	100

<u>PLT</u>	<u>TOTAL RDS FIRED</u>	<u>SUPPORTING</u>
1st	1693	III MAF
2nd	2637	III MAF
3rd	727	III MAF

<u>PLT</u>	<u>DIRECT FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL ASSESMENTS</u>
1st	1	75 Confirmed KIA
2nd	3	1 Confirmed KIA
3rd	0	0

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT
EVENTS

a. Personnel and Administration. The Company has 73% of its' personnel for rotation during the months of October and November of this year. Otherwise, routine administration was conducted normally without any significant problems or unusual occurrences. Below are listed the significant personnel changes during the months:

- (1) Joinings: One (1) Officer, Six (6) Enlisted
- (2) Transfers: One (1) Officer, Ten (10) Enlisted
- (3) Not present for duty (man days)

	OFF	ENL
TAD	8	93
TEM DUINS	21	1
Lv(Emerg)	0	87
Lv(Spl)	0	27
Lv(Humanitarian)	0	27
R&R	22	123
Hosp(NBC)	0	79
Hosp(WIA)	0	11

- (4) Promotions: 1 Captain - 1 GySgt - 1 SSgt - 33 Cpl - 1 PFC
- (5) Awards: 2 Purple Hearts
- (6) One KIA Enlisted
- (7) Two WIA (EVAC)

b. Training. This Company continued on a planned program of GMSP subject classes and On The Job Training. Special emphasis was placed on instruction of the M-16 rifle to include familiarization firing. Test firing and familiarization firing of individual and crew/served weapons continued as required.

c. Special Operations

(1) Operation FIREBREAK. From 1-27 May 1967, two LVTH-6's from the 1st Platoon were in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines in conjunction with foliage clearing operations located near the DMZ at Con Thien (YD 190730). At 1630 on 12 May 1967, their position came under a heavy mortar attack and LVTH-6 USMC # 105424 received a direct hit behind the turret. As the result of the explosion, we received one KIA and two WIA's who were medevacted. On 21 May 1967, this same vehicle was mined enroute from Con Thien to the 1st Platoon's position at the mouth of the Cua Viet River. One man was WIANE. The vehicle sustained hull and track damage, however, sufficient repairs were made to enable the LVTH-6 to return to the 1st Platoon's position under its' own power. The vehicle

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was coded X by FLSG and was replaced by another LVTH-6 from the maintenance float. During their stay at Con Thien the two LVTH-6's came under intense fire on several occasions. Through the use of the beehive round in one instance, the section was able to thwart an enemy attack and were credited with 75 confirmed enemy KIA's.

(2) Operation DUVAL. On 21 May 1967, the 3rd Platoon moved to coordinates (BT 823858) in order to perform the mission of Direct Support for the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines. Primary mission was indirect fire. All missions were H&I except for one indirect fire mission. No rounds were fired in Direct Fire and no contact was made with the enemy. A total of 146 HE rounds were fired.

(3) Operation with B and D Companies 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. On 28 May 1967, two LVTH-6's from the 2nd Platoon and one LVTP-5A1 moved to coordinates (BT 163539) in support of B and D Companies of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. The section was assigned the mission of Direct Fire. One enemy KIA was confirmed to include a secondary explosion in the small boat the KIA was negotiating. The two LVTH-6's were very effective in the suppression of enemy sniper fire. A total of 108, 105mm Howitzer projectiles were fired. The section returned to position on 31 May 1967.

PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Annex A (list of references) to 1st Armored Amphibian Company Command
Chronology 1 May to 31 May 1967.

<u>References</u>	<u>Attached</u>
a. Map Vietnam 1:50,000 series L7014, sheet 6640I HOI AN	Not attached
b. Map Vietnam 1:50,000 series L7014, sheet 6640IV DAI LOC	Not attached
c. Map Vietnam 1:50,000 series L7014, sheet 6641III DANANG	Not attached
d. Map Vietnam 1:50,000 series L7014, sheet 6442 IV QUANG TRI	Not attached