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

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(d) RegtO 5750.2C

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 I

ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Armored Amphibian Company
11th Marine Regiment

COMMANDER

Major D. L. HOWARTH
1-31 July 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Company CP	DaNang, RVN	1-31 July 1967
1st Platoon	DaNang, RVN	1-31 July 1967
2nd Platoon	DaNang, RVN	1-31 July 1967
3rd Platoon	Dong Ha, RVN	1-31 July 1967

3. STAFF OFFICERS

(Billet)	(Rank and Name)	(Dates)
Executive Officer	Capt. R. W. SCHMID	1-31 July 1967
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt R. S. MCLELLAN	1-31 July 1967
1st Platoon Leader	2ndLt H. E. MACDONALD	1-31 July 1967
2nd Platoon Leader	1stLt S. R. LAGERLOF	1-31 July 1967
3rd Platoon Leader	2ndLt S. E. COTTLE	1-31 July 1967
Liaison Officer	2ndLt C. L. PHILLIPS	1-31 July 1967
Liaison Officer	2ndLt P. J. OERLEN JR.	1-31 July 1967
Liaison Officer	2ndLt J. J. ROBERSON	1-31 July 1967
Supply Officer	Capt. T. R. BERCHOU	1-26 July 1967
Supply Officer	2ndLt M. J. OCALLAGHAN	27-31 July 1967
Maintenance Officer	2ndLt H. P. GIBBS	1-31 July 1967

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
11	231	0	3	0	0

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. The 1st Platoon remained at the Command Post coordinates (AT 995723). They performed the mission of General Support Reinforcing for the entire period except when they displaced to Hill 55 on 19 July 1967 coordinates (AT 970621) in order to fulfill "G" Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines mission while they participated in Operation PECOS. Two sections from the 1st Platoon departed from the Command Post in support of 1/1 on Operation PIKE on 31 July 1967. (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. On 31 July 1967, one section of LVTH-6's departed from the 2nd Platoon's position and moved to coordinates (BT 975596) where they participated in Operation ELLIOT with the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. This same section continued to support 1/7 in a Battalion Sweep. On 11 July 1967, one section displaced to Hill 65 coordinates (AT 878677) and participated in Operation GEM with the ARVN forces. From Hill 65 the section moved to Hill 52 where they became OPCON to "K" Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines in support of Operation PECOS. (See Special Operations).
3. The 3rd Platoon remained at the mouth of the Cua Viet River (YD 348698) supporting the 12th Marine Regiment in both direct and indirect fire missions. On 14 July 1967, one section from the third Platoon participated in Operation HICKORY II in a search and destroy mission. (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	86	22	32	1212
2nd	69	0	11	410
3rd	87	65	0	2373

<u>PLT</u>	<u>TOTAL RDS FIRED</u>	<u>SUPPORTING</u>
1st	5753	III MAF
2nd	2901	III MAF
3rd	6946	III MAF/ARVN

<u>PLT</u>	<u>DIRECT FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL ASSESMENTS</u>
1st	0	0
2nd	7	3 Confirmed KIA
3rd	6	14 Confirmed KIA
		2 Probable KIA

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Enclosure (1)

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Personnel and Administration. During the month, the problem of 61% of the Company rotating to CONUS in October and November was prevalent in the future planning. This problem will get more attention in the next two months. Since the inception of the Special Leave Program in late 1966, this Company had a total of 51 men (over 20% of strength) extend their overseas tour for six months. Below are listed the significant personnel occurrences during the month:

- (1) Joinings: 1 Officer, 12 Enlisted, 1 Navy enlisted
- (2) Transfers: 7 Enlisted, 1 Navy enlisted
- (3) Not present for duty (man days)

	OFF	ENL
TAD	5	109
TEMUINS	0	39
LV(Emerg)	30	0
LV(Spl)	0	152
R&R	0	121
Hosp(WIA)	12	23

- (4) Promotions: 2 to SSgt, 1 to Sgt, 1 to PFC
- (5) Awards: 6 Purple Hearts
- (6) 6 WIAs (1 medevac)

b. Training. This Company continued on a planned program of GMSP subject classes and on the job training. Officers and Staff school is conducted on a weekly basis. We again stressed instruction of the M-16 rifle to include safety, care and cleaning, and familiarization firing of individual and crew served weapons.

c. Special Operations

(1) Operation ELLIOT. One section from the 2nd Platoon moved to coordinates (BT 975596) to act as a blocking force in support of the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. No contact was made with the enemy and no ammunition was expended. Operation ELLIOT commenced on 3 July 1967 and terminated on 5 July 1967, when this same section moved to coordinates (BT 968573) in support of Company A, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. Contact was made on 7 July 1967 at coordinates (BT 970566) where 20 rounds of 105mm howitzer projectiles were expended in Direct Fire. No surveillance was accomplished, however, contact was broken. The section returned to the 2nd Platoon Command Post on 9 July 1967 with no further significant events.

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(2) Operation GEM. On 11 July 1967, one section from the 2nd Platoon displaced to Hill 65 coordinates (AT 878577) in support of the RVN forces in Operation GEM. The section set up in an indirect fire position and fired 19 observed missions and 106 H&I missions. Total rounds expended were 311 HE and 23 WP. The section was credited with three confirmed enemy KIA's.

(3) Operation PECOS. On 18 July 1967, Operation GEM terminated and the section on Hill 65 displaced to Hill 52 where they became OPCON to "K" Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines in support of Operation PECOS. Twenty rounds of HE were expended, all in Direct Fire. No other significant events occurred and the section returned to the 2nd Platoon Command Post on 28 July 1967.

(4) Operation HICKORY II. One section from the 3rd Platoon, located at the mouth of the Cua Viet River, participated in Operation HICKORY II, just south of the DMZ. The leading element of Company A, 1st Amphibious Tractor Battalion, 3rd Marine Division was hopelessly pinned down by heavy automatic fire from a ridge on Hill 31 coordinates (YD 269732). The section proceeded to destroy the enemy emplacements which enabled A Company to evacuate their wounded and seize the ridge line. We received one WIA who was medevacted and 4 WIA's. The section was credited with 4 confirmed KIA's and 2 probable KIA's. The section chief has been recommended for the Silver Star for his actions in the encounter. The section secured from the Operation on 15 July 1967.

(5) On 19 July 1967, the 1st Platoon displaced from their position at the Company Command Post to Hill 55 coordinates (AT 970621) in order to fulfill "G" Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines mission. A total of 20 observed missions, 2 unobserved missions, 17 TOT's and 17 H&I's were fired which included 2117 HE, 311 ILL and 27 WP rounds. The 1st Platoon returned to the Command Post on 29 July 1967.

(6) Operation PIKE. Two sections from the 1st Platoon departed on 31 July 1967 to stage for Operation PIKE which was to commence on 1 August 1967.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Annex A (list of references) to 1st Armored Amphibian Company Command
Chronology 1 July to 31 July 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 6442IV QUANG TRI	Not attached

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