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11th Marines
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO 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. DESIGNATION

1st Armored Amphibian Company
11th Marine Regiment

COMMANDER

Major D. L. HOWARTH
1-31 Aug 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

<u>(Billet)</u>	<u>(Rank and Name)</u>	<u>(Dates)</u>
Executive Officer	Capt. R. W. SCHMID	1-31 Aug 1967
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt R. S. MCLELLAN	1-31 Aug 1967
1st Platoon Leader	2ndLt H. E. MACDONALD	1-31 Aug 1967
2nd Platoon Leader	1stLt S. R. LAGERLOF	1-31 Aug 1967
3rd Platoon Leader	2ndLt S. E. COTTE	1-25 Aug 1967 (26-31 Aug, Sk)
3rd Platoon Leader	2ndLt P. J. O'BRIEN	26-31 Aug 1967
Liaison Officer	2ndLt P. J. O'BRIEN	1-25 Aug 1967
Liaison Officer	2ndLt C. L. PHILLIPS	1-31 Aug 1967
Liaison Officer	2ndLt J. J. ROBERSON	1-2 Aug 1967
Liaison Officer	2ndLt P. J. BOSTROM	11-31 Aug 1967
Supply Officer	Capt. T. R. BERCHOU	1-31 Aug 1967
Supply Officer	2ndLt M. J. O'CALLAGHAN	1-31 Aug 1967
Maintenance Officer	2ndLt H. P. GIBBS	1-31 Aug 1967
TAD to CAG	Capt. T. R. BERCHOU	1-31 Aug 1967

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	236	0	3	0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. The 1st Platoon remained at the Command Post Coordinates (AT 995723) until 18 August 1967 when it rotated positions with the 2nd Platoon and displaced to coordinates (AT 984675). They continued to perform the mission of General Support Reinforcing for the entire period. Two sections from the 1st Platoon participated in Operation PIKE from 1 August 1967 to 5 August 1967. On 18 August 1967 immediately after displacing to the platoon's new position one section moved to coordinates 892772 where they became OPCON to "G" Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines. On 27 August 1967 another section from the 1st Platoon displaced to coordinates (AT 782553) where they were to be part of the provisional battery Oscar. (See Special Operations).

2. The 2nd Platoon continued to be located at coordinates (AT 984674) until 18 August 1967 when it rotated with the 1st platoon and displaced to coordinates (AT 995723), the Company Command Post. The purpose of the rotation was to prepare the 2nd platoon for further displacement to the mouth of the Cua Viet River in September. One section from the platoon displaced to coordinates (AT 890774) on 1 August 1967 for a period of twelve days to provide indirect fire support for elements of the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. On 19 August 1967 a section from the platoon displaced to coordinates (AT 922692) where it became part of the provisional battery Plaid November OPCON to 4th Battalion 11th Marines. The third section from the 2nd platoon displaced to coordinates (BT 104581) where it became OPCON to the 3rd 155 Gun Battery on 27 August 1967. (See Special Operations).

3. The third platoon remained at the mouth of the Cua Viet River (YD 348698) where it supported the 12th Marine Regiment in an indirect fire role.

4. TABLE OF INDIRECT AND DIRECT FIRE MISSIONS

	<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>		
<u>PLT</u>	<u>FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOT</u>	<u>H&I</u>
1st	22	1	21	441
2nd	35	10	2	313
3rd	29	8	0	477

<u>PLT</u>	<u>TOTAL RDS FIRED</u>	<u>SUPPORTING</u>
1st	2308	III MAF
2nd	2921	III MAF
3rd	7311	III MAF

<u>PLT</u>	<u>DIRECT FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL ASSESMENTS</u>
1st	1	26 Probable KIA
2nd	5	0
3rd	2	2 Confirmed KIA

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Personnel and Administration. During the month, the problem of 52% of the Company rotating to CONUS in October and November was prevalent in the future planning. No information has been received on replacement personnel. Below are listed the significant personnel occurrences during the month:

- (1) Joinings: 1 Officer, 11 Enlisted, 1 Navy enlisted
- (2) Transfers: 1 Officer, 11 Enlisted, 1 Navy enlisted
- (3) Not present for duty (man days)

	OFF	ENL
TAD	31	103
TEM DUINS	0	15
LV (Special)	0	491
R&R	13	87
Hosp (WIA)	0	6
Hosp (NBC)	9	46
Confined	0	21

- (4) Promotions: 1 to 1stLt, 1 to GySgt, 1 to SSgt, 1 to Sgt,
14 to Cpl, 6 to LCpl, 2 to PFC
- (5) Awards: 2 Bronze Stars, 4 Purple Hearts
- (6) 4 WIAs (1 medevac)

b. Training. The 1st Armored Amphibian 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 continued to stress instruction on the M-16 to include weapons safety, care and cleaning, and familiarization firing of individual and crew served weapons.

c. Special Operations.

(1) Operation PIKE. The 1st and 3rd sections of the 1st platoon participated in Operation PIKE from 1 August to 5 August 1967. The 1st section conducted a sweep with the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines from coordinates (AT 189548) in a southerly direction to coordinates (AT 227515) where they linked up with the 3rd section who were providing direct fire support for Company "L" whose mission was to act as a blocking force. At 1100 on 1 August 1967 Company "F" was pinned down by a heavy volume of sniper fire from a small house and bunker coordinates (BT 209541). The 1st Section destroyed both buildings and were credited with 4 probable KIA's. At 1600 on 1 August the 1st Section was again called to relieve the pressure from Company "D" who was pinned down at coordinates (BT 202528) by heavy enemy automatic fire. A total of three bee hive rounds were expended on the target, rapidly silencing the enemy fire and crediting the section with 10 probable KIA's. At 2030 on 1 August the 1st Section received incoming enemy mortar and sniper fire at coordinates (BT 202528). Eight bee hive rounds were expended and the section was credited with 10 enemy probable KIA's. The remainder of the operation was uneventful.

At 1400 on 5 August 1967 the two sections returned to their platoon C. P. Corporal Charles CAMDEN received a meritorious promotion to Sergeant and he was recommended for a Navy Commendation Medal for his actions as section leader of the 1st Section. All ammunition was expended in the direct fire role to include 74 HE, 15 WP, 6 ILL, and 11 Bee Hive.

(2) On 1 August 1967 the 2nd Section of the 2nd platoon displaced to coordinates (AT 890774) to provide indirect fire support for elements of the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. They remained in this position until 14 August 1967 except for 5 August when they were located at the platoon C. P. The Section fired a total of 179 missions: 1 Observed, 2 TOT, and 176 H&I's. A total of 946 HE and 21 WP projectiles were expended.

(3) The 1st Section of the 1st platoon displaced to coordinates (AT 892772) on the 18th of August 1967 where they became OPCON to Battery "G" 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines in an indirect fire role. The section remained at this position through the month of August. They fired 3 Observed Missions, 2 TOT, and 333 H&I's for a total of 624 HE and 3 WP rounds expended.

(4) The 1st Section of the 2nd platoon displaced to coordinates (AT 922692) on 19 August 1967 where they became OPCON to the 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and part of the provisional battery Plaid November. They remained at this position through the month of August. The section expended a total of 752 HE and 54 rounds of WP.

(5) The 2nd Section of the 1st platoon displaced to coordinates (AT 782553) on 27 August 1967 where they became OPCON to the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines and part of the provisional battery Oscar. They remained at this position through August with no significant events occurring.

(6) The 3rd Section of the 2nd platoon displaced to coordinates (BT 104581) on 27 August 1967 where they became OPCON to the 1st 155 Gun Battery. The section remained in this position through the month of August. They fired 9 Observed Missions and 2 Unobserved Missions for a total of 70 HE and 14 ILL. projectiles expended.