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

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PART I1. DESIGNATION

1st Armored Amphibian Company
11th Marine Regiment

COMMANDER

Major D. L. HOWARTH
1-30 September 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Company CP	DaNang, RVN	1-30 Sep 1967
1st Platoon	DaNang, RVN	1-30 Sep 1967
2nd Platoon	DaNang, RVN	1-16 Sep 1967
	Dong Ha, RVN	20-30 Sep 1967
3rd Platoon	Dong Ha, RVN	1-20 Sep 1967
	DaNang, RVN	22-30 Sep 1967

3. STAFF OFFICERS

<u>(Billet)</u>	<u>(Rank and Name)</u>	<u>(Dates)</u>
Executive Officer	Capt. R. W. SCHMID	1-30 Sep 1967
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt R. W. MCLELLAN	1-30 Sep 1967
1st Platoon Leader	1stLt H. E. MACDONALD	1-30 Sep 1967
2nd Platoon Leader	1stLt S. R. LAGERLOF	1-30 Sep 1967
3rd Platoon Leader	1stLt P. J. O'BRIEN	1-30 Sep 1967
Liaison Officer	2ndLt S. E. COTTLE	SK, 1-30 Sep 1967
Liaison Officer	2ndLt P. J. BOSTROM	1-30 Sep 1967
Liaison Officer	2ndLt C. L. PHILLIPS	1-30 Sep 1967
Supply Officer	2ndLt M. J. O'CALLAGHAN	1-30 Sep 1967
Maintenance Officer	2ndLt H. P. GIBBS	1-30 Sep 1967
TAD to CAG	Capt. T. R. BERCHOU	1-30 Sep 1967

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC
OFF ENL
12 234

USN
OFF ENL
0 3

OTHER
OFF ENL
0 0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. The 1st Platoon continues to be located at Coordinates (AT 984675) where they are OPCON to the 1st Battalion, 11th Marines. On 4 September 1967, the 2nd Section of the 1st Platoon displaced from Coordinates (AT 782553), provisional battery Oscar's position, to Plaid November's position, Coordinates (AT 922692) where a contact relief was conducted with the 1st Section of the 2nd Platoon. On 9 September 1967, the 2nd Section of the 1st Platoon displaced from the Plaid November position to the 3rd 8" Battery complex Coordinates (AT 921799). On 11 September 1967, the 2nd Section moved to Coordinates (AT 854851) Elephant Valley, and participated in Operation Victor in support of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines. The operation terminated on 13 September and the section returned to the 3rd 8" complex. On 20 September 1967, the 1st Section displaced from the platoon C. P. to Coordinates (AT 892772) where contact relief was conducted with the 3rd Section of the 1st Platoon. The 3rd Section returned to the Platoon Command Post.

2. The 2nd Platoon was located at the Command Post Coordinates (AT 995723) where they performed the mission of General Support Reinforcing. On 2 September 1967 at 0015, the Plaid November Battery position, Coordinates (AT 922692) came under enemy small arms fire and ground attack. The 1st section received two WIA's, both medically evacuated. The Section Chief, Staff Sergeant Frederick COSTA, one of the WIA's has been recommended for the Bronze Star for his actions during the enemy attack. On 4 September 1967 the 1st Section, 2nd Platoon was relieved at the Plaid November position by the 2nd Section of the 1st Platoon. On 9 September 1967 the 3rd Section, 2nd Platoon displaced from Coordinates (HT 104581) where they were OPCON to the 3rd 155 Gun Battery, and returned to the Platoon Command Post. The 2nd Platoon left the Command Post on 15 September 1967 by low boy to the Bridge Ramp, DaNang where it boarded LST 1077, Park County. The ship departed from DaNang on 16 September 1967 for the Cua Viet. Due to extreme weather conditions the 2nd Platoon was unable to off load until 20 September in order to initiate the rotation with the 3rd Platoon. From 20 September 1967 to 30 September 1967 the 2nd Platoon remained at the mouth of the Cua Viet River, Coordinates (YD 348698) performing the mission of General Support Reinforcing.

3. The 3rd Platoon remained at the Cua Viet River (YD 348698) until 20 September 1967. On 2 September 1967 at 0615, the 3rd Platoon's position received incoming enemy rocket and artillery fire. The billeting bunker for the 3rd Section received a direct hit from a 140 millimeter rocket. The bunker was completely destroyed and two Marines were KIA, and one WIA, required medical evacuation. On 20 September 1967 the 3rd Platoon departed from its position at the mouth of the Cua Viet. They arrived at the Company Command Post (AT 995723) on 22 September 1967 where they performed the mission of General Support Reinforcing through 30 September 1967.

4. TABLE OF INDIRECT AND DIRECT FIRE MISSIONS

<u>PIF</u>	<u>OBSERVED FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOT</u>	<u>H&I</u>
1st	21	24	16	5258
2nd	104	4	4	124
3rd	68	22	0	1316

<u>PIF</u>	<u>TOTAL RDS FIRED</u>	<u>SUPPORTING</u>
1st	7918	III MAF
2nd	1531	III MAF
3rd	4474	III MAF

<u>PIF</u>	<u>DIRECT FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL ASSESMENTS</u>
1st	2	None
2nd	0	1 Confirmed KIA - 2 Probable KIA
3rd	2	2 Confirmed KIA

PART III**SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

a. Personnel and Administration. Routine administration was carried out during the month with no significant problem areas. Below are listed the significant personnel occurrences during the month:

- (1) Joinings: 13 Enlisted
- (2) Transfers: 13 Enlisted
- (3) Not present for duty (man days)

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
TAD	30	91
TEMUINS	0	76
LV(Spl)	0	520
R&R	19	113
HOSP(WIA)	0	34
HOSP(NBC)	30	104
CONFINED	0	50

- (4) Promotions: 2 to 1st Lt, 13 to Sgt
- (5) 2 KIA's
- (6) 3 WIA's (MEDEVAC)

b. Training. This Company continued on a planned program of GMSP subject classes and on the job training. Officers and Staff School was conducted on a weekly basis. Emphasis was placed on preparation for the monsoon season, to include proper care of equipment and personal health, particularly the proper care of feet. Instruction of the M-16 rifle was again stressed to include safety, care and cleaning, and familiarization firing of individual and crew served weapons.

c. Special Operations

(1) Operation VICTOR. The 2nd Section of the 1st Platoon displaced to the Elephant Valley area, Coordinates (AT 854851) in order to provide direct fire support for a reinforced platoon from "F" Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines on a search and destroy mission. No significant events occurred and the section returned to its position in the 3rd 8" Battery's cantonment. A total of 26 HE and 20 WP rounds were expended.

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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

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11th Marine Regiment

COMMANDER

LtCol D. L. HOWARTH
1-30 October 1967
Capt R. W. SCHMID
31 October 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

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2. LOCATION

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Company CP	DaNang RVN	1-31 Oct 1967
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3rd Platoon	DaNang RVN	1-31 Oct 1967

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
12	324	0	3	0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. On 1 October 1967, the 1st Platoon CP and the 1st and 3rd section of the 1st Platoon displaced from grid (AT 984675) to G Battery 3rd Bn 11th Marines position at Hill 10, grid (AT 922693). The 2nd section of the 1st Platoon remained at 3rd 8 inch position, grid (AT 921799). On 14 October 1967, the 2nd section of the 1st Platoon displaced from the 3rd 8 inch complex to H Battery 3rd Bn 11th Marines position at grid (AT 921795). There they joined the 1st section of the 3rd Platoon. This unit was designated as Report Card X-ray. On 18 October 1967, the 3rd section of the 1st Platoon departed G Battery's position at Hill 10 and moved to 2nd Bn 11th Marines position at grid (AT 984675). On 18 October 1967, the 1st and 2nd section of the 1st Platoon moved from the 3rd 8 inch position to the Company Command Post at grid (AT 995723). Tractors 12 and 14 departed the Company CP and moved to FSR for repair. On 27 October 1967, a new tractor arrived at the Company CP to replace tractor 14 which was surveyed.

2. The 2nd Platoon remained at the mouth of the Cua Viet River grid (YD 348698) performing its mission of general support reinforcing for the 12th Marine Regiment.

3. On 1 October 1967 tractors 31 and 33 of the 3rd Platoon moved from the Company CP to the 1st Bn 11th Marines position at grid (AT 984675). The remainder of the 3rd Platoon, located at the Company CP, was assigned a new mission of general support. Priority of fires to 1st Bn 11th Marines and 3rd Bn 11th Marines and to plan defensive fires for 1st Tank Bn. On 3 October 1967, the 3rd Platoon and the Company Fire Direction Center displaced from the Company CP to 1st Bn 11th Marines position where they joined tractors 31 and 33 of the 3rd Platoon in providing fire support to cover the movement of 2nd Bn 11th Marines who was moving into the position formerly occupied by 1st Bn 11th Marines. On 7 October 1967, the 3rd Platoon Headquarters and the Company Fire Direction Center returned to the Company CP. Tractors 33 and 35 remained at 2nd Bn 11th Marines position. On 14 October 1967, tractors 33 and 35 returned from 2nd Bn 11th Marines to the Company CP. The 1st section of the 3rd Platoon displaced from the Company CP to H Battery 3rd Bn 11th Marines at grid (AT 921795). There they joined the 2nd section of the 1st Platoon. This unit was designated Report Card X-ray. On 18 October 1967, tractor 31 displaced from H Battery 3rd Bn 11th Marines position to FSR for repair. Tractor 34 displaced from Company CP to H Battery 3rd Bn 11th Marines to replace tractor 31.

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	24	8	5	2084
2nd	44	0	0	441
3rd	5	175	0	16

<u>PLT</u>	<u>TOTAL RDS FIRED</u>	<u>SUPPORTING</u>
1st	6504	III MAF
2nd	1308	III MAF
3rd	586	III MAF

<u>PLT</u>	<u>DIRECT FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL ASSESMENTS</u>
1st	6	None
2nd	0	None
3rd	0	None

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION. During the month 48% of the Company rotated to CONUS. This caused a considerable increase in administrative functions to insure timely and accurate rotation of personnel and proper processing of replacement personnel. Due to the lack of sufficient replacement personnel the Company was left with a shortage of Officers and Staff NCOs. This shortage is currently being filled by personnel on TAD status. No future administrative problems are foreseeable. Below are listed the significant personnel occurrences during the month:

- (1) Joinings: 64 Enlisted
- (2) Transfers: 6 Officers, 104 Enlisted
- (3) Not present for duty (man days)

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
TAD	18	69
LV(Spl)	29	187
R&R	12	65
Hosp(WIA)	0	0
Hosp(NBC)	0	26
Confined	0	40

- (4) Promotions: 1 to LtCol, 1 to Capt, 2 to 1stLt, 16 to LCpl, 24 to Cpl
- (5) Awards: 5 Bronze Stars, 1 Purple Heart

b. TRAINING. This Company continued on a planned program of GMSP subject classes and on the job training. Officer and Staff School was conducted on a weekly basis. Emphasis was placed on the indoctrination of newly arrived personnel, to include weapons safety, proper care of equipment, personal health, and preparation for the monsoon season. Instruction of the M16 rifle was again stressed to include safety, care and cleaning, and familiarization firing. Familiarization firing of individual weapons was conducted on a biweekly basis.

PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

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