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11th Marines  
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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(c) DivO 5750.2B  
(d) RegtO 5750.20

Encl: (1) First Armored Amphibian Company Command Chronology

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

  
P. J. SAXTON

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 November 1967 to 30 November 1967

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PART IORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Armored Amphibian Company  
11th Marine Regiment

COMMANDER

Capt R. W. SCHMID  
1-17 November 1967  
Major P. J. SAXTON  
18-30 November 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATIONELEMENTLOCATIONDATES

Company CP  
1st Platoon  
2nd Platoon  
3rd Platoon

DaNang RVN  
DaNang RVN  
Dong Ha Cua Viet RVN  
DaNang RVN

1-30 Nov 1967  
1-30 Nov 1967  
1-30 Nov 1967  
1-30 Nov 1967

3. STAFF OFFICERS(Billet)(Rank and Name)(Dates)

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

1stLt R. S. MCLELLAN  
Capt. R. W. SCHMID  
1stLt R. W. MCLELLAN  
2ndLt P. J. BOSTROM  
1stLt T. C. GOSCH  
1stLt C. L. PHILLIPS  
1stLt P. J. OBRIEN  
2ndLt P. J. BOSTROM  
2ndLt J. T. FOWLER  
2ndLt M. J. OCALLAGHAN

10-17 Nov 1967  
18-30 Nov 1967  
1-30 Nov 1967  
1-9 Nov 1967  
10-30 Nov 1967  
1-30 Nov 1967  
1-30 Nov 1967  
10-30 Nov 1967  
26-30 Nov 1967  
1-30 Nov 1967

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC  
OFF ENL  
8 203

USM  
OFF ENL  
0 3

OTHER  
OFF ENL  
0 0

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. From 1 November to 30 November 1967, the First Platoon was located at the Company CP grid (AT 995723), performing the mission of General Support. On 17 November 1967, the second section moved to Hill 47 OP grid (AT 974703). Although in General Support of the 11th Marines, this section has a priority mission of direct fire into the rocket belt in a counter rocket capacity. On 27 November 1967, tractor 12 was deadlined to FSR for a warped turret ring.

2. The 2nd Platoon remained at the mouth of the Gue Viet River grid (YD 348698) performing its mission of General Support Reinforcing for the 12th Marine Regiment, with priority of fires to 1st Am Trac Bn.

3. From 1 November to 30 November 1967, the 1st section of the 3rd Platoon was located at 3rd 8" Battery, 11th Marines grid (AT 921799). From 1 November to 15 November 1967, the remainder of the 3rd Platoon was located at the Company CP grid (AT 995723). On 15 November 1967, the 3rd Platoon, minus the first section, moved from the Company CP to the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines CP grid (AT 984675). They were assigned the mission of General Support Reinforcing.

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&amp;I</u>
1st	18	93	0	4
2nd	67	0	0	396
3rd	23	661	5	26

  

<u>PLT</u>	<u>TOTAL RDS FIRED</u>	<u>SUPPORTING</u>
1st	567	III MAF
2nd	3070	III MAF
3rd	1218	III MAF

  

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

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Due to the rotation of 48% of its total strength, the First Armored Amphibian Company has been engaged in a rebuilding and retraining program during the month of November. A rapid influx of personnel quickly enabled the organization to attain a C1 personnel readiness rating. C1 personnel readiness relates only to overall on board manning level strength. The unit is seriously short of SNCOs, Sgts and corporals MOS 1831. A comparison of MOS 1831 T/O, M/L and O/H strength is reflected below:

	<u>T/O</u>	<u>M/L</u>	<u>O/H</u>
SNCO	14	4	3
SGT	10	0	2
CPL	20	40	8

The substitution of other skills in lieu of MOS 1831, i.e., 0811, 1833, has been of major assistance in our current strength, however, the shortage of qualified SNCOs and Sgts is a critical problem and is not likely to improve. One GySgt Plt Sgt is hospitalized now and will be noneffective for perhaps one month. Another GySgt rotates 22Feb68. The remaining GySgt 1831 will probably become the Company GySgt in lieu of the MSgt 1831 whom we rate but do not have on board. A possible solution to the SNCO problem would be assigning SNCOs with an additional MOS 1831.

b. This Company requires a Maintenance Officer, MOS 2010 in order to maintain its current state of combat readiness. The Company will experience a loss of approximately 25% of its on board strength during May and June 1968. This loss will include the Company Commander and Company Executive and Fire Direction Officers. During November 1968 approximately 40% of the unit will rotate. Unless staggered RTDs are established for the unit, the same unwarranted personnel loss experienced during October 1967 will occur twice during 1968.

c. While the high rate of extensions of overseas tours has, in the past, maintained a measure of continuity in the Company, this rate may be expected to decline as the unit continues to fail to be employed in its amphibious and mobile artillery role. Below are listed the significant personnel occurrences during the month:

- (1) Joinings: 3 Officers, 4 Enlisted
- (2) Transfers: 5 Enlisted
- (3) Not present for duty (man days)

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	OFF	ENL
R&R	4	61
Hosp(WIA)	0	0
Hosp(NBC)	0	37
Confined	0	33

(4) Promotions: None  
(5) Awards: None

2. TRAINING. Due to the large turnover of personnel, the Company embarked on a concentrated training program during the first two weeks of November. The training was programmed primarily towards familiarizing the new personnel on firing battery procedures, to include indirect and direct fire, safety and occupation of a new position. This was accomplished by conducting live direct fire exercises and three RSOPs, two of which included live firing. Upon completion of the training cycle, the Company again proceeded on its planned program of GMST and on the job training.

On 14 November 1967, the Company received its issue of M-16 rifles. Refresher instructions were on nomenclature, care and cleaning, weapons safety and functioning. All personnel have fired their weapons for battle sights. In addition, familiarization firing of individual and crew served weapons has been incorporated into the monthly training schedule on a bimonthly basis. Officers and Staff School has continued on a weekly basis.

3. LOGISTICS. This unit is awaiting arrival of LVTEL suspension components to effect conversion of the current LVTP5A1 suspension system.

4. OPERATIONS. This unit has not participated in a named operation since Operation VICTOR 11-13 Sep67, in which one section took part.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

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

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