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11th Marines
1st Marine Division, (Rein) FMF
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1. In accordance with the provisions of references(a) through (d), enclosure (1) is submitted.


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 December 1967 to 31 December 1967

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PART IORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Armored Amphibian Company
11th Marine Regiment

COMMANDER

Major P. J. SAXTON
1-31 December 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

(Billet)	(Rank and Name)	(Dates)
Executive Officer	Capt. R. W. SCHMID	1-7 Dec 1967
Executive Officer	Capt. J. M. BYRD	8-31 Dec 1967
Fire Direction Officer	Capt. R. S. MCLELLAN	1-31 Dec 1967
1st Platoon Leader	1stLt T. C. GOSCH	1-31 Dec 1967
2nd Platoon Leader	1stLt G. L. PHILLIPS	1-31 Dec 1967
3rd Platoon Leader	1stLt P. J. OBRIEN	1-31 Dec 1967
Liaison Officer	2ndLt P. J. BOSTROM	1-31 Dec 1967
Liaison Officer	2ndLt J. T. FOWLER	1-31 Dec 1967
Supply Officer	1stLt M. J. OCALLAGHAN	1-31 Dec 1967
Maintenance Officer	1stLt L. A. CULBERTSON	22-31 Dec 1967

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
OFF	ENL
9	237

<u>USN</u>	
OFF	ENL
0	3

<u>OTHER</u>	
OFF	ENL
0	0

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. From 1 December to 31 December 1967, the First Platoon was located at the Company CP, grid (AT 995723), performing the mission of General Support. In addition, the platoon provided a section of LVTH-6s for Hill 47 CP, grid (AT 974703); a section being rotated every two weeks from the Company CP. Although in General Support of the 11th Marines, this section has a priority mission of direct fire into the rocket belt. In fulfilling this mission, the section, on 9 December 1967, fired six rounds direct fire at a group of Viet Cong who were evading the forward elements of an ARVN sweep. Although there were several confirmed kills, it was not possible to determine whether the ARVN or the How-6s had delivered the lethal blow. On 16 December 1967, the 2nd section displaced to the Hill 41 complex grid (AT 934663) for a direct fire exercise. The section returned to the Company CP on 17 December 1967.

2. The Second 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, with priority of fires to the 1st AmTrac Bn. Two LVTH-6s participated in an unnamed operation in support of "F", 2/4. (See Part III, Special Operations).

3. From 1 December to 31 December 1967, the 3rd Platoon (-) was located at 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines CP, grid (AT 984675), performing the mission of General Support Reinforcing. During the period, the 1st section was located at the 3rd 8 inch Howitzer Battery, 11th Marines, grid (AT 921799).

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	31	478	14	0
2nd	104	8	0	586
3rd	114	784	2	71

<u>PLT</u>	<u>TOTAL RDS FIRED</u>	<u>SUPPORTING</u>
1st	2170	III MAF
2nd	6401	III MAF
3rd	2287	III MAF

<u>PLT</u>	<u>DIRECT FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</u>
1st	5	None
2nd	1	9 KIA (Conf) 22 KIA (Prob)
		DIRECT
		3 KIA (Conf) 7 KIA (Prob)
		INDIRECT
3rd	0	None

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. During the reporting period, the Company was built up to a 105% manning level. As a result of this build up, the Company's C1 personnel readiness rating was maintained. The serious shortage of SNCOs, Sergeants and Corporals, MOS 1831 continued. A comparison of MOS 1831 by T/O, M/L, and O/H follows:

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

The actual on board strength of SNCOs is two (2). One GySgt Platoon Sergeant has been evacuated to Guam for hospitalization. Another GySgt rotates 22 March 1968.

b. Below are listed significant personnel occurrences during the month:

- (1) Joinings: 2 Officers, 22 Enlisted
- (2) Transfers: 1 Officer, 2 Enlisted
- (3) Not present for duty (man Days)

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
TAD	0	48
LV(Sp1)	0	258
R&R	14	97
Annual LV(Hums)	0	8
Hosp(WIA)	0	7
Hosp (NBC)	0	77
Confined	0	9

- (4) Promotions: 1 to Capt, 1 to 1stLt, 2 to Sgt, 28 to Cpl, 1 to LCpl, 1 to PFC
- (5) Awards: 3 Purple Hearts

2. TRAINING. The Company continued on its planned program of GMSF subjects and on the job training. In addition, an RSOP and direct fire training exercise was conducted by the 1st Platoon. Instruction on the M-16 rifle was again stressed with familiarization firing of individual weapons being conducted on a bimonthly basis. Staff and Officer school was conducted on a weekly basis.

3. LOGISTICS. This unit is still awaiting the arrival of LVTEL suspension components to effect conversion of the current LVTF5A1 suspension system.

4. SPECIAL OPERATIONS

a. Unnamed Operation. On 11 December 1967, the third section, 2nd Platoon was committed to support F Company, 2/4 in a one day sweep south from grid (YD 305768).

(1) 110930Z Dec67. Contacted F Company, 2/4 at YD 305768 and immediately engaged 10-15 NVA firing five HE and 200 .50 caliber. Received 4 RPG rounds with no damage. Two (2) KIA (Prob),

(2) 111030Z Dec67. Infantry began sweep south and again engaged NVA Forces. Employed section in an envelopment maneuver and engaged a mortar section under direct fire from 200 meters. Rounds fired: 10 HE, 5 WP, and 500 .50 caliber. Results: mortars silenced with 2 KIA(Prob).

(3) 111100Z Dec67. Northern edge of perimeter hit by small arms and mortars. Maneuvered tractor 25 to a firing position and engaged 10-20 NVA. Fired 6 HE, 2 WP and 300 .50 caliber resulting in 1 KIA(Conf) and 3 KIA(Prob).

(4) 111200Z Dec67. Southern edge of perimeter again receiving small arms and RPG. Both tractors are maneuvered into firing positions and engage 15 NVA in treeline. Fired 15 HE, 5 WP and 400 .50 caliber resulting in 1 KIA(Conf) and 4 KIA(Prob).

(5) 111300Z Dec67. Northern perimeter again under heavy fire. Tractors are maneuvered into position. During the fire fight, 21 HE, 3 WP, and 700 .50 caliber were fired resulting in 5 KIA(Conf) and 8 KIA(Prob). The section took 1 WIA(Evac) and 2 WIA(Non Evac).

(6) 111400Z Dec67-111630Z Dec67. Remained in tight perimeter defense awaiting reinforcements. Fired 17 HE, 7 WP and 900 .50 caliber at snipers, RPG teams and assault troops.

(7) 111600Z Dec67. Position evacuated, tractor provides covering fire: 8 HE, 3 WP and 600 .50 caliber. This final engagement resulted in 2 KIA(Conf) and 3 KIA(Prob).

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(8) Total Analysis:Rounds Fired

82 HE
25 WP
3600 .50 caliber

Assessments

9 KIA (Conf)
22 KIA (Prob)

Friendly Damage or Casualties

1 WIA (Evac)
2 WIA (Non Evac)

Damage

Both tractors received RPG hits resulting in minor damage. Repairs have been made on station.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

References

Attached

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