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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 January 1968 to 31 January 1968

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1st Armored Amphibian Company
11th Marine Regiment

COMMANDER

Major P. J. SAXTON
1-31 January 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Company HQ	DaNang RVN	1-31 Jan 1968
1st Platoon, 1st Section	DaNang RVN	1-25 Jan 1968
	Cua Viet RVN	26-31 Jan 1968
2nd Section	DaNang RVN	1-30 Jan 1968
	Cua Viet RVN	31 Jan 1968
3rd Section	DaNang RVN	1-31 Jan 1968
2nd Platoon, 1st Section	Cua Viet RVN	1-26 Jan 1968
	DaNang RVN	27-31 Jan 1968
2nd Section	Cua Viet RVN	1-31 Jan 1968
3rd Section	Cua Viet RVN	1-31 Jan 1968
3rd Platoon, 1st Section	DaNang RVN	1-13 Jan 1968
	Hoi An RVN	13-31 Jan 1968
2nd Section	DaNang RVN	1-16 Jan 1968
	Hoi An RVN	16-31 Jan 1968
3rd Section	DaNang RVN	1-16 Jan 1968
	Hoi An RVN	16-31 Jan 1968

3. STAFF OFFICERS

<u>(Billet)</u>	<u>(Rank and Name)</u>	<u>(Dates)</u>
Executive Officer	Capt. J. M. BYRD	1-31 Jan 1968
Fire Direction Officer	Capt. R. S. MCLELLAN	1-31 Jan 1968
1st Platoon Leader	1stLt T. C. GOSCH	1-31 Jan 1968
2nd Platoon Leader	1stLt C. L. PHILLIPS	1-31 Jan 1968
3rd Platoon Leader	1stLt P. J. OBRIEN	1-31 Jan 1968
Liaison Officer	2ndLt P. J. BOSTROM	1-31 Jan 1968
Liaison Officer	2ndLt J. T. FOWLER	1-31 Jan 1968
Supply Officer	1stLt M. J. OCALLAGHAN	1-31 Jan 1968
Maintenance Officer	1stLt L. A. CULBERTSON	1-31 Jan 1968

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
10	245

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	3

OTHER	
OFF	ENL
0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. From 1 January through 25 January 1968, the First Platoon(-) was located at the Company CP, grid (AT 995723), with the assigned tactical mission of general support. The platoon provided a section of LVTH6s for Hill 47 OP, 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 fired a total of 108 rounds, 105mm direct fire on active enemy rocket positions on 3 January 1968. (See Part III, paragraph 4a). On 9 January 1968, the second section displaced to the 3rd 8-inch Howitzer Battery position, grid (AT 921799). The first section embarked for the Cua Viet on 25 January 1968, as part of the planned rotation of platoons. The second section displaced from the 3rd 8-inch Howitzer Battery position to the Bridge Ramp, DaNang, on 29 January. On 30 Jan, the second section assisted the ARVN 4th Armored Regiment in a sweep in the vicinity of the Bridge Ramp. (See Part III, paragraph 4b). The second section embarked from the Bridge Ramp for the Cua Viet at approximately 1500 on 30 January and arrived on 31 January. On 31 January, the first section was committed to support M Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines in an attack on Thon Mai Xa Thi, grid (YD 286672). (See Part III, paragraph 4c).

2. The Second Platoon (-) remained at the mouth of the Cua Viet River, grid (YD 348698), with the tactical mission of general support reinforcing of the 12th Marines, with priority of fires to the 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion. On 26 January, the 1st section was relieved by the 1st section, 1st Platoon, and embarked for DaNang; arriving at the Company CP on 27 January and being positioned at the 3rd 8-inch Howitzer Battery position on 28 January. The second section was relieved by the 2nd section, 1st Platoon, on 31 January and embarked for the DaNang area.

3. From 1 January to 16 January 1968, the 3rd Platoon (-) was located at the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines CP, grid (AT 984675), with the assigned tactical mission of general support reinforcing. From 1 January to 9 January, the 1st section was located at the 3rd 8-inch Howitzer Battery, 11th Marines position. On 9 January, the 1st section displaced to the Company CP for 2nd echelon maintenance in preparation for the move to Hoi An. On 13 January, the 1st section displaced to Hoi An, grid (AT 110581) in support of the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade. The remainder of the platoon (minus one LVTH6) displaced to Hoi An on 16 January. The third platoon was assigned the tactical mission of direct support of the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade. From 29-31 January, the platoon participated in a sweep operation in support of the brigade. (See Part III, paragraph 4d).

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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	8	1911	1	27
2nd	117	6	1	553
3rd	28	339	1	216

<u>PLT</u>	<u>TOTAL RDS FIRED</u>	<u>SUPPORTING</u>
1st	2837	III MAF
2nd	5718	III MAF
3rd	1643	III MAF
3rd	1283	2nd KMC Brigade

<u>PLT</u>	<u>DIRECT FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</u>
1st	2	4 KIA (Conf)
2nd	0	10 KIA (Conf), 12 KIA (Prob)
3rd	0	Indirect Fire
		8 KIA (Conf), destroyed
		1 warehouse and 2 buildings,
		Indirect Fire

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. During the reporting period, the Company dropped from 105% to 98.3% of manning level. The Company's C1 personnel readiness rating was still maintained. The serious shortage of SNCOs, sergeants and corporals, MOS 1831 continued. A comparison of MOS by T/O, M/L and O/H is as 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

One GySgt Platoon Sergeant rotates 22 March 1968.

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

- (1) Joinings: 0 Officers, 15 Enlisted
- (2) Transfers: 0 Officers, 19 Enlisted
- (3) Not present for duty (man days)

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
TAD	0	96
lv(Spl)	0	146
R&R	4	124

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	OFF	ENL
Annual Lv(Hums)	0	62
Hosp(WIA)	0	0
Hosp(NBC)	0	59
Confined	0	31

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

2. TRAINING. No significant changes from last report.

3. LOGISTICS. This Company is still awaiting the arrival of two of the four LVTEL suspension components to effect complete conversion of the current LVTP5A1 suspension system. The Company is presently operating without four (4) direct fire sights which have been placed on "Red Ball."

4. SPECIAL OPERATIONS

a. Counterrocket Fire (3 January 1968)

(1) 030406H Jan68. Section of LVTH6s on Hill 47 sighted the initial volleys of enemy rockets launched against the DaNang complex on an initial azimuth of 215 degrees magnetic. Rockets appeared to be launched in clusters of three or four. Attack was immediately reported to the 1st Tank Battalion and 1st Armored Amphibian Company and clearance to fire was requested.

(2) 030410H Jan68. Clearance to fire was given by the 1st Tank Battalion in coordination with 1st Battalion, 7th Marines.

(3) 030411H Jan68. Commenced firing at a range of 3000 to 3400 meters on the direct fire sight.

(4) 030421H Jan68. Ceased firing. Fired a total of 86 HE, 14 WP and 8 HEPT rounds. Surveillance: 10 to 15 secondary explosions were sighted and section was credited with 4 confirmed KIAs.

b. 2nd Section, 1st Platoon (Bridge Ramp)

(1) Approx. 300900H Jan68. CO, 1st Armored Amphibian Company visited the second section staged for embark at the Bridge Ramp, DaNang, grid (AT 033762). ARVN air and ground forces were engaged in sweep operations in vicinity of I Corps compound and APBA village and appeared to require additional fire support. The section was volunteered to the I Corps G-3 advisor for use in the sweep.

(2) Approx. 300930H Jan68. The section moved out in support of the ARVN 4th Armored Regiment. Direct 105mm fire was delivered against VC forces in the vicinity of grids 027755, 033749 and 037744. Twelve rounds of HE/PD and approximately 1500 rounds of .50 caliber were fired. There were no friendly casualties or damage. No estimate of enemy casualties.

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(3) Approx. 301330H Jan68. Section secured from the operation and returned to the Bridge Ramp.

c. 1st Section, 1st Platoon (Unnamed Operation). On 31 January 1968, the 1st section, 1st Platoon was committed to support M Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines in an attack on Thon Mai Xa Thi, grid (YD 286673).

(1) Attack commenced on the morning of 31 January. Enemy strength unknown. First contact met with heavy resistance from well emplaced bunkers and trench lines.

(2) 312100H Jan68. Village was approximately 80% secured. Received sporadic light to heavy artillery and small arms fire. Suffered two minor WIANE from RPG hit on tractor 11. Only minor damage to vehicle. Fired a total of 300 rounds of 105mm HE. No surveillance available.

d. 3rd Platoon (Unnamed Operation). On 29 January, the Third Platoon was committed to a sweep operation in support of elements of the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade.

(1) 281730H Jan68. Displaced to grid (BT 158605), azimuth of fire 4800 mils (grid).

(2) 291700H Jan68. Displaced to grid (BT 220534), azimuth of fire 3200 mils (grid).

(3) 301600H Jan68. Displaced to grid (BT 178593), azimuth of fire 3200 mils (grid).

(4) Analysis

(a) Total Rounds Fired - 270 (Indirect)
0 (Direct)

(b) Surveillance - None

(c) Friendly Casualties and Damage - None

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PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Annex A (list of references) to 1st Armored Amphibian Company Command
Chronology of 1 January to 31 January 1968.

ReferencesAttached

- a. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000
Series L7014, Sheet 6641III
DANANG
- b. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000
Series L7014, Sheet 6442IV
QUANG TRI
- c. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000
Series L7014, Sheet 6640I
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