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Encl: ✓(1) First Armored Amphibian Company Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 February 1968 to 29 February 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Armored Amphibian Company  
11th Marines

COMMANDER

Major P. J. SAXTON  
1-29 February 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Company HQ	DaNang RVN	1-29 Feb 1968
1st Platoon, 1st Section	Cua Viet RVN	1-29 Feb 1968
2nd Section	Cua Viet RVN	1-29 Feb 1968
3rd Section	DaNang RVN	1-19 Feb 1968
	Cua Viet RVN	20-29 Feb 1968
2nd Platoon, 1st Section	DaNang RVN	1-29 Feb 1968
2nd Section	Cua Viet RVN	1-2 Feb 1968
	DaNang RVN	3-29 Feb 1968
3rd Section	Cua Viet RVN	1-6 Feb 1968
	DaNang RVN	7-29 Feb 1968
3rd Platoon (-)	Hoi An RVN	1-29 Feb 1968

3. STAFF OFFICERS

<u>(Billet)</u>	<u>(Rank and Name)</u>	<u>(Dates)</u>
Executive Officer	Capt. J. M. BYRD	1-29 Feb 1968
Fire Direction Officer	Capt. R. S. MCIEILLAN	1-29 Feb 1968
1st Platoon Leader	1stLt T. C. GOSCH	1-29 Feb 1968
2nd Platoon Leader	1stLt C. L. PHILLIPS	1-29 Feb 1968
3rd Platoon Leader	1stLt P. J. O'BRIEN	1-29 Feb 1968
Liaison Officer	2ndLt P. J. BOSTROM	1-29 Feb 1968
Liaison Officer	2ndLt J. T. FOWLER	1-29 Feb 1968
Supply Officer	1stLt M. J. O'CALLAGHAN	1-29 Feb 1968
Maintenance Officer	1stLt L. A. CULBERTSON	1-29 Feb 1968

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
10	243

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	5

OTHER	
OFF	ENL
0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. From 1 February through 29 February 1968, the Company CP remained at grid (AT 995723) providing logistic and administrative support for all platoons.

2. The First Platoon completed movement to the mouth of the Cua Viet River, grid (YD 348698), with the 3rd Section departing the DaNang area on 19 February 1968. On 21 February 1968, Vehicle 13 received a direct hit from enemy rocket fire. The vehicle caught fire, detonating the on-board ammunition and a nearby ammunition bunker. Vehicle 13 was completely destroyed by the blast. The crew suffered two (2) WIANE and one (1) WIA. The First Platoon continued the assigned tactical mission of general support reinforcing the 12th Marines, with priority of fires to the 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion.

3. The Second Platoon completed its movement to the DaNang Area with the arrival of the Third Section on 7 February 1968. Due to operational necessities, the First and Second Section, Second Platoon had been split for movement to the DaNang area. On 18 February, the integrity of the two sections was reestablished with the 1st Section being positioned at Hill 47 OP, grid (AT 974703) and the Second Section positioned at 3rd 8-inch Howitzer Battery, grid (AT 921799). On 19 February the Second Platoon was reinforced with the attachment of tractor 34, which was redesignated as tractor 27. The Third Section (Rein) (With tractor 27) displaced to the 3rd 8-inch Howitzer Battery position on 19 February, to reinforce the defense of the area. On 22 February, tractor 27 displaced to the 4th Battalion, 11th Marines area, grid (AT 986716) (approx) to provide direct fire support for the perimeter security. From 22 February to 29 February, one tractor from the Second Platoon (Rein) has been displacing nightly to the 4th Battalion, 11th Marines area and returning to the Company CP during the daylight hours. On 27 February, the Third Section returned to the Company CP. The assigned tactical mission of the Second Platoon (Rein) remained as general support. Although in general support of the 11th Marines, the First Section, located at Hill 47 OP, has a priority mission of direct fire into the rocket belt.

4. From 1 February to 29 February 1968, the Third Platoon (-) remained at the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade CP at Hoi An, grid (AT 110581). The Third Platoon (-) was performing the mission of direct support of the Brigade. On 21 February, the Third Section displaced to Dien Ban in direct support of the 6th Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade. From 21 February to 29 February, this section has provided both direct and indirect fire support for the 6th Battery.

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<u>PLT</u>	<u>OBSERVED FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOT</u>	<u>H&amp;I</u>
1st	185	44	16	598
2nd	273	194	72	276
3rd	65	71	44	74

  

<u>PLT</u>	<u>TOTAL RDS FIRED</u>	<u>SUPPORTING</u>
1st	9589	III MAF
2nd	5665	III MAF
3rd	3209	2nd ROKMC Brigade

  

<u>PLT</u>	<u>DIRECT FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</u>
1st	3	8 KIA
2nd	0	None
3rd	1	2 KIA

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. During the reporting period, the Company increased from 98.3% of manning level to 111% of manning level. The Company's C1 personnel readiness rating was 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	17

b. During the period of 1 April to 1 July 1968, the Company's communication section will lose 33% of its personnel. The fire direction section will lose 64% and the motor transport section will lose 39%. The Company Commander and two Platoon Commanders will be transferred in April. The Fire Direction Officer will leave in May.

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

- (1) Joinings: 0 Officers, 50 Enlisted
- (2) Transfers: 0 Officers, 20 Enlisted

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- (3) KIA: 1 Enlisted (Navy)  
 (4) Not present for duty (man days)

	OFF	ENL
TAD	0	59
Lv(Spl)	0	36
R&R	0	107
Annual Lv (Hums)	0	56
Hosp(WIA)	0	9
Hosp(NBC)	0	32
Confined	0	29

2. TRAINING. The Company's training program was reduced during the month due to operational commitments and continued alert conditions.

3. LOGISTICS. Two of the four LVTEL suspension components have not been received. Four (4) direct fire sights continue on "Red Ball." The replacement vehicle for tractor 13, which was destroyed at the Cua Viet River, was issued without the LVTEL suspension system and without the new VRC series radios.

4. OPERATIONS. The Company participated in no named operations or special operations during this reporting period.

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Annex A (list of references) to 1st Armored Amphibian Company Command  
Chronology of 1 February to 29 February 1968.

ReferencesAttached

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| a. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000<br>Series L7014, Sheet 6641III<br>DANANG   | Not Attached |
| b. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000<br>Series L7014, Sheet 6442IV<br>QUANG TRI | Not Attached |
| c. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000<br>Series L7014, Sheet 6640I<br>HOI AN     | Not Attached |