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

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Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 June to 1 July 1968

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(c) DivO 5750.2B  
(d) RegtO 5750.2E

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  
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## PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Armored Amphibian Company  
 11th Marines  
 1st Marine Division

COMMANDER

Major R. R. BERLING  
 1-30 June 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Company HQ	Danang (AT 995723)	1-30 June 1968
1st Platoon		
One Section	Thuong Duc (ZC 151541)	1-30 June 1968
One Section	Hill 47 (AT 974703)	1430 June 1968
One Section	(AT 902662) (AT 921799)	1-5 June 1968 6-30 June 1968
2nd Platoon		
One Section	Dien Ban (BT 066585)	1-30 June 1968
Two Sections (-)	Hoi An (BT 110581)	1-30 June 1968
3rd Platoon	Gua Viet (YD 348698)	1-30 June 1968

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

(Billet)	(Rank and Name)	(Dates)
Executive Officer	Capt. J. M. BYRD	1-30 June 1968
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt. N. A. LIEURANCE	1-30 June 1968
Maintenance Officer	1stLt. L. A. CULBERTSON	1-30 June 1968
Supply Officer	1stLt. M. J. OCALLAGHAN	1-30 June 1968
1stPlt Leader	1stLt. J. F. FOWLER	1-30 June 1968
2ndPlt Leader	1stLt. J. E. PETERSON	1-30 June 1968
3rdPlt Leader	1stLt. P. J. BOSTROM	1-30 June 1968
Liaison Officer	2ndLt. J. R. GAZDAYKA	1-30 June 1968

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
OFF	ENL
9	235

<u>USN</u>	
OFF	ENL
0	5

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

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. From 1 June to 1 July 1968, the Company Headquarters remained at grid (AT 995723), providing logistic and administrative support to all platoons.
2. During the reporting period, one section from the 1st Platoon terminated participation in Operation MAMELUKE THRUST on 5 June and returned to the Company CP from its position at grid (AT 902662) (See Part III, paragraph 3). One section from the 1st Platoon remained at Thuong Duo, grid (ZC 151541) in support of Operation MAMELUKE THRUST (See Part III, paragraph 3). From 1 June to 1 July 1968, one section from the 1st Platoon was positioned on Hill 47, grid (AT 974703). From 1 June to 10 June, one tractor was positioned at the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery position, grid (AT 921799). One tractor, which returned from Operation MAMELUKE THRUST on 5 June, displaced to the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery position on 10 June 1968. The assigned tactical missions of the sections located on Hill 47 and at the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery position remained as general support with the section on Hill 47 having a priority of direct fire into the "rocket belt".
3. From 1 June to 1 July 1968, the 2nd Platoon Platoon (-) remained in the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade area near Hoi An (BT 110581) with the assigned tactical mission of direct support of the Brigade. One section remained at Dien Ban, grid (BT 066585) in direct support of the 6th Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade.
4. From 1 June to 1 July 1968, the 3rd Platoon remained at the mouth of the Qua Viet River, grid (YD 348698) firing in support of Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE which has been in process since 1 March 1968. OPCON of the 3rd Platoon remained with the 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines.

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## 5. TABLE OF FIRE MISSIONS AND ROUNDS EXPENDED

<u>DIRECT</u> <u>FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>OBSERVED</u> <u>FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u> <u>FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOT</u>	<u>H &amp; I</u>
9	235	708	53	1032

  

<u>105mm ROUNDS EXPENDED</u>	<u>FIRE FOR</u>
2047	ROK MARINES
420	U. S. ARMY
4892	3RD MARINE DIVISION
<u>2134</u>	11TH MARINES
9493 (TOTAL)	

CONSOLIDATED SURVEILLANCE

KIA - 72	Bunkers (Destroyed) - 3
Structures (Destroyed) - 27	Bunkers (Damaged) - 1
Structures (Damaged) - 44	Sampans (Sunk) - 3
Prisoners of War - 14	

(On 27 June 1968, an unknown number of prisoners were captured in the Cua Viet area. The 3rd Platoon was credited with capturing 14 NVA.)

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. This Company's personnel strength is presently at 95% of manning level. The shortage of 1831 SNCOs and Sergeants remained critical.

b.

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
(1) Losses	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Administration	0	34	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	1	0	0
Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	0	1	0	0
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle MIA	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle	0	1	0	0
(2) Replacements	0	10	0	1
(3) Net Loss	0	26	0	0
(4) Net Gain	0	0	0	1

2. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. Operation MAMELUKE THRUST. From 1 June to 1 July, Tractors 11, 16 remained at Thuong Duc, grid (ZC 151541) providing direct fire support for the "fire base" in support of Operation MAMELUKE THRUST.

(1) 02June1968. Fired 6 rounds 105mm HE direct fire at suspected enemy positions. No surveillance.

(2) 02-05June 1968. No incidents.

(3) 062230H June 1968. Position received 5 - 10 enemy mortar rounds. No casualties or damage to tractors.

(4) 071130H June 1968. Position received 5 enemy mortar rounds. No casualties or damage to tractors.

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(5) 071615H June 1968. Position received 5 enemy mortar rounds. No casualties and no damage to tractors.

(6) 072355H June 1968. Position received 15 to 20 enemy mortar rounds and small arms fire. Fired 3 rounds 105mm Beehive and 1 round 105mm HE. Small arms fire silenced.

(7) 08-09 June 1968. NO incidents.

(8) 102000H June 1968. Position received 25 to 30 enemy mortar rounds. No casualties and no damage to tractors.

(9) 11 June 1968. No incidents.

(10) 12 June 1968. Fired 8 rounds of 105mm HE and 8 rounds of 105 WP at suspected enemy positions. No surveillance.

(11) 13-30 June 1968. No incidents.

(12) Total Surveillance - NONE

(13) Total Rounds Fired

(a)	HE -	15
(b)	Beehive	3
(c)	WP -	8

b. Operation MAMELUKE THRUST. From 1 June to 5 June, Tractors 12, and 13 remained at grid (AT 902662) in support of Operation MAMELUKE THRUST.

(1) 010001 - 010005H June 1968. Tractors fired a total of 10 rounds 105mm HE as direct fire H&Is.

(2) 012100- 020500H June 1968. Tractor 12 fired 9 rounds 105mm HE as direct fire H&Is. Tractor 13 could not fire due to its unfavorable position.

(3) 021815H June 1968. Moved Tractor 13 to more favorable position to fire direct fire.



(4) 022100-030400H June 1968. Tractors fired a total of 16 rounds 105mm HE as direct fire H&Is.

(5) 032000-040500H June 1968. Tractors fired a total of 19 rounds 105mm HE and 4 rounds WP as direct fire H&Is.

(6) 042100-050500H June 1968. Tractor 13 fired 9 rounds 105mm HE. Tractor 12 unable to fire due to suspension system failure (broken stub shafts).

(7) 051530H June 1968. Tractors closed position at grid (AT 902662) and displaced to Hill 41, grid (AT 935665). They arrived at Hill 41 at 051745H June 1968.

(8) 061330H June 1968. Tractors displaced from Hill 41 for Company CP. They arrived at 061630H June 1968.

(9) Total Surveillance - NONE

(10) Total Rounds Expended

(a) HE - 63  
WP - 4

4. LOGISTICS & MAINTENANCE. During the reporting period, the maximum tube life of 7500 EFC rounds on two LVTH6A1 105mm tubes (M49) was reached. Only one replacement tube was available. Therefore one tractor has been "deadlined" for 10 days. With two other tubes rapidly approaching maximum tube life and no replacements available from "In-Country" sources, longer gun "downtime" can be expected.

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## PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

ReferencesAttached

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

c. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000  
Series L7014, Sheet 6640I  
HOI AN

Not Attached

d. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000  
Series L7014, Sheet 6640IV  
DAI LOC

Not Attached

e. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000  
Series L7014, Sheet 6540I  
THUONG DUC

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Annex A to  
Enclosure (1)