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#### FIRST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY 11th Marines 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF FPO San Francisco 96602

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Commanding Officer From:

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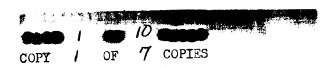
(d) RegtO 5750.2E

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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 JUNE 1968 TO 1 JULY 1968

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### PART I

### ORGANIZATION DATA

COMMANDER

Major R. R. BERLING

1-30 June 1968

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1. DESIGNATION

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

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. IOCATION

io tervior/Ar	LOCATION	DATES
Company HQ	Danang (AT 995723)	1-30 June 1968
1st Platoon One Section	Thuong Duc	1-30 June 1968
One Section	(ZC 151541) 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	1-30 June 1968
Two Sections (-)	(BT 066585) Hoi An (BT 110581)	1-30 June 1968
3rd Platoon	Cua Viet (YD 348698)	1-30 June 1968

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# 3. STAFF OFFICERS

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Executive Officer
Fire Direction Officer
Maintenance Officer
Supply Officer
1stPlt Leader
2ndPlt Leader
3rdPlt Leader
Liaison Officer

## (Rank and Name)

(Dates)

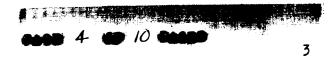
Capt. J. M. BYRD	1-30 June	1968
1stLt. N. A. LIEURANCE	1-30 June	1968
1stLt. L. A. CUIBERTSON	1-30 June	1968
1stLt. M. J. OCALLACHAN	1-30 June	1968
1stLt. J. F. FOWIER	1-30 June	1968
1stLt. J. E. PETERSON	1-30 June	1968
1stLt. P. J. BOSTROM	1-30 June	1968
2ndId. J. R. GAZDAYKA	1-30 June	1968

## 4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>US</u>	<u>MC</u>
OFF	ENL
9	235

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

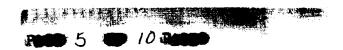
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#### PART II

#### 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 MAMEIUKE 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 MAMEIUKE 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 MAMEIUKE 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 Cua 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

DIRECT FIRE MISSIONS 9	OBSERVED FIRE MISSIONS 235	UNOBSERVED FIRE MISSIONS 708	<u>TOT</u> 53	H & I 1032
105mm ROUNDS	EXPENDED		FIRED	FOR
2047 420 4892 <u>2134</u> 9493				

#### CONSOLIDATED SURVEILLANCE

KIA - 72		Bunkers (Des	
Structures (Destroyed)	- 27	Bunkers (Des	
Structures (Damaged)	<b>-</b> 44	Sampans (Sur	<b>1k)</b> - 3
Prisoners of War	-1A		

(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.)



#### PART III

### SECUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## 1. 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.

ъ.		USMC		<u>usn</u>	
٥.	(1) Losses	off	ENL	OFF	ENL
	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) <u>02June1968</u>. 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) <u>071130H June \$968</u>. Position received 5 enemy mortar rounds. No casualties of damage to tractors.

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- (5) <u>071615H June 1968</u>. 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 MANEIUKE THRUST. From 1 June to 5 June, Tractors 12, and 13 remained at grid (AT 902662) in support of Operation MANEIUKE 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.

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- (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 founds 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) <u>061330H June 1968.</u> 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. <u>IOGISTICS & MAINTENANCE</u>. During the reporting period, the maximum tube life of 7500 EFC rounds on two INTH6A1 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.

	References		Attached
a.	Map, Vietnam, Series 17014, DANANG	1:50,000 Sheet 6641III	Not Attached
ъ.	Map, Vietnam, Series L7014, QUANG TRI	1:50,000 Sheet 6442IV	Not Attached
c.	Map, Vietnam, Series L7014, HOI AN	1:50,000 Sheet 6640I	Not Attached
đ.	Map, Vietnam, Series 17014, DAI IOC	1:50,000 Sheet 6640IV	Not Attached
0.	Map, Vietnam, Series L7014, THUONG IUC	1:50,000 Sheet 6540I	Not Attached

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