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1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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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  
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## PART I

### ORGANIZATION DATA

#### 1. DESIGNATION

1st Armored Amphibian Company  
11th Marines  
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMT

#### COMMANDER

Major R. R. BERLING  
1-31 July 1968

### SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

### ATTACHED UNITS

None

#### 2. LOCATION

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Company HQ	DaNang, RVN (AT 995723)	1-31 July 1968
1st Platoon-one section	Thuong Duc (ZC 151541)	1-12 July 1968
	Company CP (AT 995723)	13-31 July 1968
one section	Hill 47 (AT 974703)	1-31 July 1968
one section	Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT 921799)	1-31 July 1968
2nd Platoon-one section	Dien Ban (BT 066585)	1-31 July 1968
two sections(-)	Hoi An (BT 110581)	1-31 July 1968
3rd Platoon	Gua Viet (YD 348698)	1-31 July 1968

#### 3. STAFF OFFICERS

(Billet)	(Rank and Name)	(Dates)
Executive Officer	Capt. J. M. BYRD	1-31 July 1968
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt. N. A. LIEURANCE	1-31 July 1968
Maintenance Officer	1stLt L. A. CULBERTSON	1-31 July 1968
Supply Officer	1stLt M. J. OCALLAGHAN	1-31 July 1968
Asst. Supply Officer	2ndLt J. M. SCHUETTE	22-31 July 1968
1stPlt Commander	1stLt J. T. FOWLER	1-31 July 1968
2ndPlt Commander	1stLt J. E. PETERSON	1-31 July 1968
3rdPlt Commander	1stLt P. J. BOSTROM	1-31 July 1968
Liaison Officer	2ndLt J. R. GAZDAYKA	1-31 July 1968

#### 4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
9	223	0	5	0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. From 1 July to 1 August 1968, the Company Headquarters remained at grid (AT 995723), providing logistical and administrative support for all platoons.
2. On 12 July 1968, one section from the 1st Platoon terminated participation in Operation MAMELUKE THRUST. This section closed its position at Thuong Duc, grid (ZC 151541), on 12 July and commenced movement back to the Company CP. After experiencing mechanical difficulties on return trip, this section arrived at the Company CP on 13 July 1968. The section remained in the CP from 14 July to 1 August 1968. During the reporting period, one section from the 1st Platoon remained on Hill 47, grid (AT 974703), with the assigned mission of general support and priority mission of direct fire into the "Rocket Belt." One section from the 1st Platoon remained at the Northern Artillery Cantonment, grid (AT 921799), from 1 July to 1 August 1968. On 22 July 1968, one additional LWTH6A1 (tractor 16) was displaced to the Northern Artillery Cantonment to reinforce the perimeter security due to a threatened ground attack against the cantonment. This tractor was positioned at the cantonment for the remainder of the month.
3. From 1 July to 1 August 1968, the 2nd Platoon(-) remained in the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade area near Hoi An, with the assigned tactical mission of direct support of the Brigade. On the morning of 24 July 1968, the three LWTH6A1 located at grid (BT 110581) provided direct fire for the ROK artillery cantonment security force against an estimated two company NVA/VC ground attack. (See Part III, paragraph 2). One section of the 2nd Platoon remained at Dien Ban, grid (BT 066585) in support of the 6th Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade.
4. From 1 July to 1 August 1968, the 3rd Platoon remained at the mouth of the Cua Viet River, grid (YD 348698) firing in support of Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE. During this period, OPCON of the 3rd Platoon was assumed by the 1st Battalion, 11th Marines which replaced the 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines.

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>
2	162	29	46	1210
<u>105mm ROUNDS EXPENDED</u>				
4589				<u>FIRED FOR</u>
3898				ROK Marines
2402				3rd Marine Division
10889 (Total)				11th Marines

CONSOLIDATED SURVEILLANCE

KIA - 5  
Structures (Destroyed) - 34  
Structures (Damaged) - 65  
Bunkers (Destroyed) - 7  
Bunkers (Damaged) - 3  
Sampans (Sunk) - 5  
Trenchline (Destroyed) - 350 meters  
Bridges (Destroyed) - 1  
Secondary Explosions - 3

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. During the reporting period, the Company's personnel readiness rating of C1 was maintained. The shortage of SNCOs and Sgts in OF 1831 is rapidly becoming a critical problem area. A comparison of MOS 1831 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	2
SGT	10	3	4

Of the two remaining 1831 SNCOs, both are GySgts filling the billet of Platoon Sergeants. One GySgt rotates during August and one during September. One platoon is presently operating with a Sgt filling the GySgt's billet. Of the four Sgts O/H, two will rotate during August. Timely replacement of rotating SNCOs and Sgts is essential if this Company is to maintain its present operational readiness status. One platoon commander is due to rotate the last of August, with the Commanding Officer rotating the 1st of September.

b.

(1) Losses

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Administration	0	17	0	0
Battle WIA(Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA(Non-evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle MIA	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non-battle	0	0	0	0

(2) Replacements(3) Net losses(4) Net gain

1	10	0	0
0	7	0	0
1	0	0	0

2. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONSa. Operations

(1) Attack on 2nd Korean Marine Brigade Artillery Cantonment. On 24 July 1968, three LVTH6Als located at the Brigade Artillery Cantonment, grid (BT 110581), provided direct fire for the perimeter security force when the cantonment was attacked by an estimated force of two NVA/VC companies.

(a) 240330H-240355H July 1968. Position received approximately 40 rounds of enemy 82mm mortar fire. No friendly casualties or damage to equipment.

(b) 240545H July 1968. VC/NVA force began probe of position from the southeast with small arms fire, RPG fire and ground attack.

(c) 240547H July 1968. Three LVTH6Als pulled out of gun pits and were dispatched to prearranged locations on perimeter and commenced delivering direct fire on enemy troops and suspected RPG positions.

(d) 240715H July 1968. All enemy activity ceased. No friendly casualties or damage during action.

(e) Surveillance. Although the tractors from the 2nd Platoon were not officially credited with any of the enemy losses, these losses included:

- (1) KIA - 32
- (2) POW - 6
- (3) 6 RPG-2 Launchers (captured)
- (4) 14 AK-47 Rifles (captured)

### 3. LOGISTICS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY

a. During the reporting period, the Company received two new LVTH6Als as part of the Fiscal 68 R&E program. The arrival of these tractors and the anticipated arrival of additional R&E vehicles has considerably enhanced the operational readiness status of this Company.

b. With the arrival of 8 new T96E1 105mm howitzer tubes at 1st FSR, the problem area of longer gun "downtime" due to lack of replacement tubes, as previously reported, has been alleviated.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

REFERENCE MAPS

ATTACHED

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| a. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000<br>Series L7014, Sheet 6641111<br>DAMANG   | 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 |
| d. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000<br>Series L7014, Sheet 6540I<br>THUONG DUC | Not Attached |