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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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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
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PART IORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1st Armored Amphibian Company
 11th Marines
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Major J. E. HARMS
 1-30 September 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Company HQ	DaNang, RVN (AT 995723)	1-30 Sep 1968
1st Platoon		
one section	Company CP Dien Ban, RVN (BT 066585)	1-2 Sep 1968 3-30 Sep 1968
one section	Hill 47 (AT 974703) Hoi An, RVN (BT 110581)	1-2 Sep 1968 3-30 Sep 1968
one section	Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT 921799)	1-2 Sep 1968
section (-)	Hoi An, RVN (BT 110581)	3-30 Sep 1968
section (-)	Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT 921799)	1-30 Sep 1968
2nd Platoon		
one section	Dien Ban, RVN (BT 066585) Company CP Cua Viet, RVN (YD 348698)	1-2 Sep 1968 3-11 Sep 1968 12-30 Sep 1968
one section (Rein)	Hoi An, RVN (BT 110581)	1-2 Sep 1968
section	Hill 47 (AT 974703) Company CP Cua Viet, RVN (YD 348698)	3-17 Sep 1968 18-20 Sep 1968 21-30 Sep 1968

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<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
section (-)	Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT 921799)	3-14 Sep 1968
one section (-)	Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT 921799)	1-14 Sep 1968
one section	Cua Viet, RVN (YD 348698)	15-30 Sep 1968
3rd Platoon	Cua Viet, RVN (YD 348698)	1-13 Sep 1968
one section	Northern Artillery Cantonment 11th Marines CP (AT 960758)	14-21 Sep 1968 22-30 Sep 1968
one section	Cua Viet, RVN Hill 47	14-17 Sep 1968 18-30 Sep 1968
one section	Cua Viet, RVN Company CP	14-21 Sep 1968 22 Sep 1968
section (-)	Northern Artillery Cantonment	23-30 Sep 1968
section (-)	Company CP	23-30 Sep 1968

3. STAFF OFFICERS

(Billet)

Executive Officer	Capt. J. M. BYRD	1-30 Sep 1968
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt N. A. LIEURANCE	1-30 Sep 1968
Maintenance Officer	1stLt L. A. CULBERTSON	1-30 Sep 1968
Supply Officer	2ndLt J. N. SCHUETTE	1-30 Sep 1968
1st Platoon Commander	1stLt J. T. FOWLER	1-30 Sep 1968
2nd Platoon Commander	1stLt J. E. PETERSON	1-30 Sep 1968
3rd Platoon Commander	2ndLt J. R. GAZDAYKA	1-30 Sep 1968

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
8	243	0	5	0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. From 1 September to 1 October 1968, the Company Headquarters remained at grid (AT 995723); providing logistical and administrative support for all platoons.
2. From 1 September to 3 September 1968, the 1st Platoon remained in the DaNang area. On 3 September, the 1st Platoon displaced to the 2nd Korean Marine Brigade area to replace the 2nd Platoon. While in the DaNang area, the 1st Platoon was assigned the tactical mission of general support of the 1st Marine Division, with one section on OP HAWK, grid (AT 974703), with priority of fires into the "Rocket Belt". Upon arrival of the 1st Platoon in the 2nd Korean Marine Brigade area, it assumed the tactical mission of general support of the brigade.
3. From 1 September to 3 September 1968, the 2nd Platoon remained in the 2nd Korean Marine Brigade area near Hoi An. On 3 September 1968, the 2nd Platoon displaced to the DaNang area and replaced the 1st Platoon. Upon arrival in the DaNang area, the 2nd Platoon was assigned the tactical mission of general support. One section was positioned on OP HAWK; one section at the Northern Artillery Cantonment, grid (AT 921799); and one section at the Company CP. On 20 September 1968, the 2nd Platoon commenced movement, by section, to the Cua Viet area where it was to replace the 3rd Platoon. This movement was completed on 21 September with the arrival of the last section at the Cua Viet River position. Upon arrival at the Cua Viet, the 2nd Platoon became OPCON to the 12th Marines.
4. From 1 September to 13 September 1968, the 3rd Platoon remained at the Cua Viet River position, grid (YD 348698). On 13 September 1968, the 3rd Platoon began displacement, by section, to the DaNang area. This displacement was completed on 22 September with the arrival of the last section. The section that was originally emplaced at the Northern Artillery Cantonment displaced to the 11th Marines CP on 22 September in order to provide indirect fire support for the Northern Artillery Cantonment against an anticipated enemy offensive in the vicinity. This section returned to the Company CP on 30 September after the offensive failed to materialize. On 26 September 1968, the section from the 3rd Platoon positioned on OP HAWK fired 65 rounds of 105mm HE, direct fire, in support of an ARVN unit from the HOA CAM Training Center, who claimed to be in contact with a large enemy force. No surveillance was obtained.

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 MISSION</u>	<u>TOT</u>	<u>H&I</u>
1	401	115	52	1284

<u>105mm ROUNDS EXPENDED</u>	<u>FIRE FOR</u>
1921	ARVN
1450	ROK Marines
2551	11th Marines
4431	3rd Marine Division
10,353 (Total)	

CONSOLIDATED SURVEILLANCE

KIA - 15
 Bunkers (Destroyed) - 8
 Bunkers (Damaged) - 11
 Structures (Destroyed) - 31
 Structures (Damaged) - 23
 Trenchline (Destroyed) - 120 Meters
 Sampans (Destroyed) - 12
 Secondary explosions - 11
 Fighting positions (Destroyed) - 5
 VC Crops Destroyed - 50 Sq. Meters

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 continued. The Company is still without a Motor Transport Chief, OF 3516.

b.	(1) Losses	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
		OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
	Administration	0	9	0	0
	Battle WIA(Evac)	0	0	0	0
	Battle WIA(Non-evac)	0	0	0	0
	Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
	Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
	Non-battle	0	2	0	0
	(2) Replacements	1	29	0	0
	(3) Net losses	0	0	0	0
	(4) Net gain	1	18	0	0

2. CEREMONIES

a. On 27 September 1968, Colonel H. E. DICKINSON, Commanding Officer, 11th Marines fired the 200,000th round fired by the Company since being in the Republic of Vietnam. A Bronze Star was awarded to Corporal Ronald S. COFFEY 2359049, for heroric acts during the TET Offensive.

3. LOGISTICS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY

a. During the reporting period, the Company received the last two of the new LVTH6Als as part of the Fiscal 68 R&E program.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

REFERENCE MAPS

ATTACHED

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| 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 |