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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 IORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

Major J. E. HARMS
 1-31 October 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATIONELEMENTLOCATIONDATES

Company HQ	DaNang, RVN (AT 995723)	1-31 Oct 1968
1st Platoon (-)		
one section	Dien Ban, RVN (BT 066585)	1-31 Oct 1968
one section(Rein)	Hoi An, RVN (BT 110581)	1-31 Oct 1968
2nd Platoon	Cua Viet, RVN (YD 348698)	1-31 Oct 1968
3rd Platoon (Rein)		
one section	Hill 47 (AT 974703)	1-4 Oct 1968
section (-)	Hill 47	1-4 Oct 1968
	Hill 52 (AT 787549)	5-29 Oct 1968
section (-)	Hill 47	30-31 Oct 1968
	Hill 47	1-31 Oct 1968
one section	Northern Artillery	
	Cantonment (AT 921799)	1-4 Oct 1968
	Hill 52	5-29 Oct 1968
	Company CP	30-31 Oct 1968
one section(Rein)	Company CP	1-4 Oct 1968
	Hill 52	5-29 Oct 1968
	Company CP	30-31 Oct 1968

3. STAFF OFFICERS

(Billet)

(Rank and Name)

(Dates)

Executive Officer	Capt. J. M. BYRD	1-31 Oct 1968
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(Billet)	(Rank and Name)	(Dates)
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt N. A. LIEURANCE	1-31 Oct 1968
Maintenance Officer	1stLt L. A. CULBERTSON	1-31 Oct 1968
Supply Officer	2ndLt J. N. SCHUETTE	1-31 Oct 1968
1st Platoon Commander	1stLt J. T. FOWLER	1-31 Oct 1968
2nd Platoon Commander	1stLt J. E. PETERSON	1-31 Oct 1968
3rd Platoon Commander	2ndLt J. R. GAZDAYKA	1-31 Oct 1968
Liaison Officer	2ndLt L. K. THON	9-31 Oct 1968
Liaison Officer	2ndLt L. E. ALLEN	8-31 Oct 1968

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
10	241	0	5	0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the reporting period, the Company Headquarters remained at grid (AT 995723); providing logistical and administrative support for all platoons.
2. From 1 October to 1 November 1968, the 1st Platoon remained in the 2nd Korean Marine Brigade area with the assigned tactical mission of general support. One section (rein) was positioned in the Brigade's Artillery Battalion cantonment at grid (BT 110581) and one section was positioned at Dien Ban, grid (BT 066585).
3. From 1 October to 1 November 1968, the 2nd Platoon remained in the Cua Viet River position, grid (YD 348698). This platoon is OPCON to the 12th Marines and assigned a priority mission of direct support of the 1st Amphibious Tractor Battalion.
4. From 1 October to 4 October 1968, the 3rd Platoon (Rein) (reinforced with one LVTH6A1 from the 1st Platoon) remained in the immediate DaNang area; with tractors located on CP HAWK, grid (AT 974703), Company HQ and the Northern Artillery Cantonment, grid (AT 921799). At this time, the assigned tactical mission was general support of the 1st Marine Division. On 5 October 1968, the 3rd Platoon displaced to Hill 52, grid (AT 787549), for participation in Operation MAUI PEAK (see Part III, paragraph 2a). The assigned tactical mission for Operation MAUI PEAK was reinforcing the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines. With the termination of the operation, the 3rd Platoon returned to the Company CP on 30 October 1968. One LVTH6A1 from the 3rd Platoon (Rein) remained on CP HAWK during the entire reporting period.

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&I</u>
1	325	40	24	1489

105mm ROUNDS EXPENDED


247
2254
5812
4746
13059 (Total)

FIRED FOR

ARVN
ROK Marines
11th Marines
3rd Marine Division

CONSOLIDATED SURVEILLANCE

KIA - 52
Bunkers (Destroyed) - 9
Bunkers (Damaged) - 6
Structures (Destroyed) - 11


Structures (Damaged) - 3
Trenchline (Destroyed) - 40 meters
Secondary Explosions - 3
Sampans (Destroyed) - 4

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. With the implementation of the FORSTAT reporting system, the Company's personnel readiness category has been rated as C-4. This rating has been assigned due to approximately one half of the Company's personnel assets not being directly under the control of the Company. One platoon is OPCON to the 3rd Marine Division and one platoon is supporting the 2nd Korean Marine Brigade. The shortage of SNCOs and Sergeants in OF 1831 continue. During the reporting period, the Company had a net loss of 16⁴ men. With an additional loss of 22 men this month and 14 men in December, the Company's operational readiness will be seriously hampered, unless timely replacements are made available. The Company is still without a Motor Transport Chief, OF 3516.

b.	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
(1) Losses				
Administration	0	26	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
Nonbattle	0	1	0	0
(2) Replacements	2	8	0	1
(3) Net losses	0	19	0	0
(4) Net gain	2	0	0	1

2. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. Operation MAUI PEAK. From 5 October to 30 October 1968, the 3rd Platoon (tractors 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 15), with one LVTP5A1 (CMD) attached, participated in Operation MAUI PEAK with the assigned tactical mission of reinforcing the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines.

- (1) 051230H Oct 1968. Platoon displaced from GP enroute to Hill 52.
- (2) 051410H Oct 1968. Platoon arrived at Hill 65, grid (AT 878572), and waited for convoy to form up.
- (3) 051500H Oct 1968. Platoon departed Hill 65 for Hill 52.
- (4) 051717H Oct 1968. Platoon arrived at Hill 52.
- (5) 051730H Oct 1968. Guns laid on azimuth 4500. BC at coordinates AT 78705490.

(6) 060001H-062400H Oct 1968. Fired two (2) observed missions and two (2) TOTs. Total rounds fired - 295. Excellent coverage of targets. No confirmed damage assessment.

(7) 07001H-072400H Oct 1968. Fired two (2) observed missions, three (3) TOTs and nine (9) H&Is. Total rounds fired - 185. No damage assessments.

(8) 071845H Oct 1968. Area received two (2) rounds incoming 57mm recoilless rifle fire and four (4) mortar rounds. No casualties or damage to equipment.

(9) 080001H-082400H Oct 1968. Fired eight (8) observed missions and ten (10) H&Is. Total rounds fired - 374. No damage assessments.

(10) 090001H-092400H Oct 1968. Fired nine (9) observed missions and 30 H&Is. Total rounds fired - 239. No damage assessments.

(11) 100001H-102400H Oct 1968. Fired seven (7) observed missions, two (2) unobserved missions and three (3) TOTs. Total rounds fired - 433. No damage assessments.

(12) 110001H-112400H Oct 1968. Fired four (4) observed missions, four (4) unobserved missions, and 14 H&Is. Total rounds fired - 260. No damage assessments.

(13) 111600H Oct 1968. CH46 and CH34 crashed approximately 300 meters from position. One tractor assisted in the recovery of 12 bodies.

(14) 120001H-122400H Oct 1968. Fired six (6) observed missions, one (1) TOT and 11 H&Is. Total rounds fired - 239. Credited with three (3) confirmed KIAs.

(15) 130001H-132400H Oct 1968. Fired three (3) observed missions and 12 H&Is. Total rounds fired - 200. No damage assessments.

(16) 140001H-142400H Oct 1968. Fired six (6) observed missions, one (1) unobserved mission and 20 H&Is. Total rounds fired - 379. No damage assessments.

(17) 150001H-152400H Oct 1968. Fired eight (8) observed missions and one (1) unobserved mission. Total rounds fired - 206. No damage assessments.

(18) 160001H-162400H Oct 1968. Fired four (4) observed missions, two (2) unobserved missions, three (3) TOTs and 21 H&Is. Total rounds fired - 335. No damage assessments.

(19) 170001H-172400H Oct 1968. Fired two (2) observed missions, four (4) TOTs and 22 H&Is. Total rounds fired - 144. No damage assessments.

(20) 180001H-182400H Oct 1968. Fired two (2) observed missions, three (3) unobserved missions and five (5) H&Is. Total rounds fired - 59. No damage assessments.

(21) 181015H Oct 1968. Platoon moved to higher ground due to flooding condition of river. Guns relaid on azimuth 4800. BC at coordinates AT 789553.

(22) 190001H-192400H Oct 1968. Fired 23 H&Is. Total rounds fired - 270. No damage assessments.

(23) 200001H-202400H Oct 1968. Fired two (2) observed missions and 24 H&Is. Total rounds fired - 354. No damage assessments.

(24) 210001H-212400H Oct 1968. Fired one (1) observed direct fire mission, three (3) unobserved missions and 32 H&Is. Total rounds fired - 281. Damage assessment - 3 KIA as result of direct fire mission.

(25) 220001H-222400H Oct 1968. Fired five (5) observed missions, one (1) unobserved mission, one (1) TOT and 32 H&Is. Total rounds fired - 185. No damage assessments.

(26) 230001H-232400H Oct 1968. Fired one (1) observed fire mission. Target was reported as an NVA battalion. Expended a total of 116 rounds, including 54 rounds of M444. Damage assessment - 24 KIAs.

(27) 240001H-242400H Oct 1968. Fired five (5) TOTs and 59 H&Is. Total rounds fired - 228. No damage assessments.

(28) 250001H-252400H Oct 1968. Fired four (4) observed missions, two (2) TOTs and 69 H&Is. One observed mission target was reported as an enemy rocket site. Prior to completion of this mission, an ECM was given due to "gunships" firing in the area. Total rounds fired - 420. No damage assessments.

(29) 260001H-262400H Oct 1968. Fired 39 H&Is. Total rounds fired - 324. No damage assessments.

(30) 270001H-272400H Oct 1968. Fired two (2) observed missions, and 31 H&Is. Total rounds fired - 262. No damage assessments.

(31) 280001H-282400H Oct 1968. No firing.

(32) 291415H Oct 1968. Platoon displaced from Hill 52.

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- (33) 291800H Oct 1968. Platoon arrived at Hill 65.
- (34) 301125H Oct 1968. Platoon displaced from Hill 65.
- (35) 301345H Oct 1968. Platoon arrived at Company CP.
- (36) Total Damage Assessments - 30 KIA
Total Rounds Expended - 5788

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

REFERENCE MAPS

ATTACHED

- a. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000
Series L7014, Sheet 6641III
DANANG
- b. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000
Series L7014, Sheet 6442IV
QUANG TRI
- c. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000
Series L7014, Sheet 6640I
HOI AN
- d. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000
Series L7014, Sheet 6640IV
DAI LOC

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