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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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1. In accordance with 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 March 1969

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 Mar 1969
1st Platoon (-)		
one section	Dien Ban, RVN (BT 066585)	1-3 Mar 1969
one section	Hoi An, RVN (BT 110581)	1-3 Mar 1969
1st Platoon (Rein)		
one section	Hill 47 (AT 974703)	3-31 Mar 1969
one section (Rein)	Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT 921799)	3-29 Mar 1969
one section	Company CP	3-29 Mar 1969
two sections	Operation Oklahoma Hills (ZC 215554)	29-31 Mar 1969
2nd Platoon	Gua Viet, RVN (YD 348698)	1-31 Mar 1969
3rd Platoon (Rein)		
one section	Hill 47 (AT 974703)	1-3 Mar 1969
one section (Rein)	Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT 921799)	1-3 Mar 1969
one section	Company CP	1-3 Mar 1969

2. LOCATION (continued)

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
3rd Platoon (-) one section	Dien Ban, RVN (BT 066585)	3-31 Mar 1969
one section	Hoi An, RVN (BT 110581)	3-31 Mar 1969

3. STAFF OFFICERS
(Billet)

	(Rank and Name)	(Dates)
Executive Officer	1stLt R. F. FULKERSON	1-31 Mar 1969
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt M. L. CAPIK	1-31 Mar 1969
Maintenance Officer	1stLt L. L. YOUNG	1-31 Mar 1969
Supply Officer	1stLt J. N. SCHUETTE	1-31 Mar 1969
1st Platoon Commander	2ndLt L. K. THON	1-31 Mar 1969
2nd Platoon Commander	2ndLt L. E. ALLEN JR	1-31 Mar 1969
3rd Platoon Commander	1stLt J. R. GAZDAYKA	1-31 Mar 1969
Liaison Officer	2ndLt T. R. NISBET	1-31 Mar 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
<u>9</u>	<u>231</u>

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

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

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the reporting period, the Company Headquarters remained at grid (AT 995723); providing logistical and administrative support for all platoons/sections.
2. On 3 March 1969, the 1st Platoon moved from the 2nd Korean Marine Brigade to the immediate DaNang area. (See Part III, section 2, paragraph a.) After taking over their new fire positions, the 1st Platoon was reinforced with one LVTH6A1 from the 3rd Platoon. One section (Rein) was positioned at the Northern Artillery Cantonment, grid (AT 921799); one section at OP HAWK, grid (AT 974703), and one section at the Company CP, grid (AT 995723). The 1st Platoon assigned tactical mission was general support of the 1st Marine Division. The primary mission of the section located at OP HAWK was direct counterrocket fire. In relation to this mission, on 21 March 1969 and 24 March 1969 OP HAWK fired on two separate rocket sites. (See Part III, section 2, paragraph c.) During this month, one LVTH6A1 from the Company CP displaced nightly to the 4th Battalion, 11th Marines cantonment to provide direct fire support for the perimeter security. On 26 March 1969, lead elements from the 1st Platoon displaced to Hill 52, grid (ZC 215554), in support of Operation Oklahoma Hills. (See Part III, section 2, paragraph d.) The enemy initiated a mortar attack against Hill 52 on 31 March 1969. (See Part III, section 2, paragraph d.)
3. From 1 March 1969 to 1 April 1969, the 2nd Platoon remained in the Qua Viet River position, grid (YD 348698), OPCON to the 12th Marines. The Platoon's primary mission was direct support of the 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion. In connection with this mission, the 2nd Platoon displaced one section of guns to C-4, grid (YD 302736). The Fire Direction Center continued to be provided by the 12th Marines.
4. From 3 March 1969 to 1 April 1969, the 3rd Platoon (-) was in general support of the 2nd Korean Marine Brigade. One section (Rein) was positioned in the Brigade's Artillery Battalion Cantonment at grid (BT 109582). One section was positioned at Dien Ban, grid (BT 066585). The Company's Organic Fire Direction Center is located with the Platoon Headquarters at the Artillery Battalion Cantonment. In addition to providing direct and indirect fire support for the Korean Marines, the 3rd Platoon (-) fires missions for ANGLICO, Civic Action Platoons and RVN units within the Hoi An area. In relation to this mission, located at grid (BT 065583). (See Part III, section 2, paragraph b.)

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5. TABLE OF FIRE

<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>
2	326	0	83	1502

105mm ROUNDS EXPENDED

300
338
1138
5059
2276

FIRED FOR

ARVN
ROK Marines
11th Marines
3rd Marine Division
1st Marine Division

CONSOLIDATED SURVEILLANCE

KIA - (17 confirmed) - (21 probables)
Bunkers - (10 destroyed)
2 - 140mm rockets found on their launching pads.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. With two LVTH6A1 platoons not being under direct Company control, the personnel readiness category has been rated as C-4. The projected readiness category during April 1969, if all elements were under Company control, is C-2 due to T/E deficiencies not yet received by this unit.

b.	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
(1) Losses				
Administration	0	30	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	2	0	0
(2) Replacements	0	14	0	0
(3) Net Losses	0	18	0	0
(4) Net Gain	0	0	0	0

2. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. Rotation of Platoons - 3 March 1969. On 3 March 1969, 1st and 3rd Platoons changed positions with one another.

(1) 030930H Mar 1969. Both 1st and 3rd Platoons departed their respective positions enroute to their new positions.

(2) 031800H Mar 1969. Both Platoons completed their moves, layed the guns and submitted an Executive Officer's Report.

b. Fire Support for CAP4 - 20 March 1969. On 20 March 1969, CAP4, grid (BT 065583), called in two fire missions on VC movement.

(1) 200220H Mar 1969. The 3rd Platoon received a fire mission at grid (BT 079576). After receiving clearance, the target was taken under fire.

(2) 200245H Mar 1969. An end of mission was given on grid (BT 079576). Total rounds expended - 21 HE.

(3) 202155H Mar 1969. CAP4 requested a TOT on grid (BT 078570).

(4) 202205H Mar 1969. After expending 10 HE, the 3rd Platoon ceased fire.

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(5) Surveillance - 17 confirmed enemy KIA.

c. Counterrocket Fire by OP HAWK - 21 March and 24 March 1969.

(1) 210154H Mar 1969. OP HAWK observed one volley of three (3) rockets being launched at grid (AT 959694). After ascertaining that the target met established criteria for direct counterrocket fire, OP HAWK commenced firing.

(2) 210159H Mar 1969. The 11th Marine Regiment placed OP HAWK in a check-fire; total rounds expended, 37 HE and 10 WP. Surveillance - negative.

(3) 240530H Mar 1969. The Forward Observer located at OP HAWK observed six (6) rockets being launched at grid (AT 979679). After receiving clearance, the section located at OP HAWK commenced firing.

(4) 240533H Mar 1969. After firing 15 HE and 4 WP, OP HAWK was placed in a check fire by the 11th Marine Regiment. Surveillance - two (2) 140mm rockets found on launching pads.

d. OPERATION OKLAHOMA HILLS - 26 March 1969.

(1) 260900H Mar 1969. The advance party from the 1st Platoon departed for Hill 65 in order to establish liaison with 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines.

(2) 261300H Mar 1969. The Company Commander, along with the 1st Platoon Commander, conducted a vertical reconnaissance of the 1st Platoon's new position.

(3) 291030H Mar 1969. The 1st Platoon (-) departed from the Company CP enroute to Hill 52, grid (ZC 215554).

(4) 291620H Mar 1969. The 1st Platoon arrived at their destination, layed the guns, and turned in an Executive Officer's Report.

(5) 312110H Mar 1969. The 1st Platoon received 25 to 30 unknown caliber enemy mortar rounds. Negative casualties.

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PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTSREFERENCE MAPSATTACHED

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| a. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000
Series L7014, Sheet 6641 III
DANANG | Not Attached |
| b. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000
Series L7014, Sheet 6642 IV
QUANG TRI | Not Attached |
| c. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000
Series L7014, Sheet 6640 I
HOI AN | Not Attached |
| d. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000
Series L7014, Sheet 6640 IV
DAI LOC | Not Attached |