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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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(c) DivO 5750.2B
(d) RegtO 5750.2E

Encl: (1) First Armored Amphibian Company Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a) through (d), enclosure (1) is submitted.


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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ENCLOSURE (1)

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PART IORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

Major J. E. HARMS
 1-30 April 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

| <u>ELEMENT</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>DATES</u> |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Company HQ | DaNang, RVN (AT 995723) | 1-30 Apr 1969 |
| 1st Platoon (Rein) one section | Hill 47 (AT 974703) | 1-30 Apr 1969 |
| one section (-) | Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT 921799) | 1-18 Apr 1969 |
| two sections | Operation Oklahoma Hills (ZC 215554) | 1-20 Apr 1969 |
| 1st Platoon (-) one section (-) | Company CP | 19-30 Apr 1969 |
| two sections | Company CP | 21-30 Apr 1969 |
| 2nd Platoon | Gua Viet, RVN (ID 348698) | 1-30 Apr 1969 |
| 3rd Platoon (-) one section | Dien Ban, RVN (BT 066585) | 1-30 Apr 1969 |
| one section (Rein) | Hoi An, RVN (BT110581) | 1-30 Apr 1969 |

3. STAFF OFFICERS (Billet)

| | (Rank and Name) | (Dates) |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Executive Officer | 1stLt R. F. FULKERSON | 1-30 Apr 1969 |
| Fire Direction Officer | 1stLt M. L. CAPIK | 1-30 Apr 1969 |
| Maintenance Officer | 1stLt L. L. YOUNG | 1-9 Apr 1969 |
| (None Assigned) | | 10-30 Apr 1969 |
| Supply Officer | 1stLt J. N. SCHUETTE | 1-30 Apr 1969 |
| 1st Platoon Commander | 1stLt L. K. THON | 1-30 Apr 1969 |
| 2nd Platoon Commander | 1stLt L. E. ALLEN JR | 1-30 Apr 1969 |
| 3rd Platoon Commander | 1stLt J. R. GAZDAYKA | 1-30 Apr 1969 |
| Liaison Officer | 1stLt T. R. NISEET | 1-30 Apr 1969 |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| USMC | |
|----------|------------|
| OFF | ENL |
| <u>8</u> | <u>219</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. On 27 April 1969, the Company CP moved to OP HAWK, grid (AT 974703), due to a number of large explosions at ASP-1, grid (AT 9873). (See Part III, section 2, paragraph d).
2. From 1 April 1969 to 20 April 1969, the 1st Platoon (-) remained on Hill 52, grid (ZC 215554), in direct support of Operation Oklahoma Hills. (See Part III, section 2, paragraph a). One section remained at Hill 47, grid (AT 974703), and one section was located at the Northern Artillery Cantonment, grid (AT 921799). The section at Hill 47 observed two (2) enemy rocket launchings during the month. (See Part III, section 2, paragraph b).
3. From 1 April 1969 to 30 April 1969, the 2nd Platoon remained in the Cua 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 302796). The Fire Direction Center continued to be provided by the 12th Marines. On 30 April 1969, the 12th Marines dropped OPCON of the 2nd Platoon to the 11th Marines. (See Part III, section 2, paragraph c).
4. During the month of April 1969, the 3rd Platoon (-) remained 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), with a primary mission of direct fire for the Korean Cantonment. The Company's Organic Fire Direction Center is located with the Platoon's 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 ARVN units within the Hoi An area. On 1 April 1969, in relation to this mission, the 3rd Platoon (-) fired a mission for an Aerial Observer at grid (BT 043560). (See Part III, section 2, paragraph c).

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Enclosure (1)

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> |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|------------|----------------|
| 0 | 166 | 51 | 31 | 1007 |

105mm ROUNDS EXPENDED

558
705
1006
1856
2753

FIRE FOR

ARVN
ROK Marines
11th Marines
3rd Marine Division
OPERATION OKLAHOMA HILLS

CONSOLIDATED SURVEILLANCE

KIA (Confirmed) - 1
KIA (Probable) - 8
Sampans (Destroyed) - 1
Sampans (Damaged) - 1

PART III**SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS****1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION**

a. With two LVTH6AL platoons not being under direct Company control, the personnel readiness category has been rated as C-4. Due to the cadre of the Company the projected readiness category during May 1969 will remain as a C-4 rating.

| b. | (1) Losses | USMC | | USN | |
|----|-----------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| | | OFF | ENL | OFF | ENL |
| | Administration | 1 | 13 | 0 | 1 |
| | 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 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| | (3) Net Losses | 1 | 7 | 0 | 1 |
| | (4) Net Gain | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

2. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. OPERATION OKLAHOMA HILLS - 20 April 1969. From 29 March 1969 to 20 April 1969, the 1st Platoon (-) provided general support for Operation Oklahoma Hills.

(1) 191300H April 1969. The 1st Platoon (-) received orders to depart Hill 52, grid (ZC 215554), en 20 April 1969.

(2) 201200H April 1969. The 1st Platoon (-) departed Hill 52 enroute to Company CP.

(3) 201700H April 1969. The 1st Platoon (-) set in a night defensive position on Hill 65, grid (AT 878576).

(4) 211000H April 1969. The 1st Platoon (-) departed Hill 65 enroute to Company CP.

(5) 211200H April 1969. The 1st Platoon (-) arrived at their destination, the Company CP.

b. Rocket Launchings Observed by OP HAWK - 24 April 1969. During the reporting period, OP HAWK observed two (2) separate enemy rocket launchings.

(1) 202050H April 1969. OP HAWK, grid (AT 974703), reported rockets being launched at an azimuth of 2160 and a range of 9000 meters to the 11th Marines' FDC.

(2) 240120H April 1969. OP HAWK observed a valley of 4 to 6 rockets being launched at grid (AT 953683). Due to U. S. Marines near the rocket site, the guns on OP HAWK were unable to direct counter-rocket fire.

c. Fire Support Delivered by 3rd Platoon (-) - 1 April 1969. On 1 April 1969, the 3rd Platoon (-) delivered over forty (40) HE rounds in support of an Aerial Observer.

(1) 011740H April 1969. An Aerial Observer called a fire mission on VC in sampans at grid (BT 043560).

(2) 011745H April 1969. The 3rd Platoon's FDC received clearance to fire on the target area.

(3) 011800H April 1969. After expending 48 HE rounds, the 3rd Platoon received an end of mission.

(h) Surveillance:

- 1 Confirmed KIA
- 1 Sampan Destroyed
- 1 Sampan Damaged

d. Evacuation of Company CP - 27 April 1969. Due to numerous large explosions at ASP-1, grid (AT 9873), the Company, plus all equipment, were moved to OP HAWK.

(1) 270930H April 1969. The Company Headquarters received word that ASP-1 had a small fire in their grade three ammunition.

(2) 271115H April 1969. The fire at ASP-1 had become uncontrollable spreading throughout the ammunition dump.

(3) 271125H April 1969. The Company CP reported large pieces of shrapnel landing in the CP area.

(4) 271130H April 1969. Major HARMS gave the order to move all personnel and equipment to OP HAWK.

(5) 271140H April 1969. The Company with all equipment completed the move to OP HAWK.

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(6) 271945H April 1969. Major HARMS, along with ten (10) other Marines, returned to the Company CP for damage assessment. Approximately ninety per cent of the structures in the CP had serious damage.

(7) 280800H April 1969. The remainder of the Company returned to the CP in order to initiate reconstruction of damaged structures.

e. OPCON of 2nd Platoon changed - 30 April 1969. On 30 April 1969, the 12th Marines released the 2nd Platoon to the 11th Marines.

(1) 301600H April 1969. Due to the cadre of the Company, the 2nd Platoon was ordered to return to the Company CP.

(2) 301600H April 1969. The 2nd Platoon reported all personnel and gear safely aboard LST 1150 at the Cua Viet River position.

(3) 011300H May 1969. All vehicles and personnel from the 2nd Platoon had completed their move to the Company CP.

PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTSREFERENCE MAPSATTACHED

- a. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000
Series L7014, Sheet 6641 III
DANANG
- b. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000
Series L7014, Sheet 6642 IV
QUANG TRI
- c. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000
Series L7014, Sheet 6640 I
HOI AN
- d. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000
Series L7014, Sheet 6640 IV
DAI LOC

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