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11th Marines
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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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. HARMES
 1-15 May 1969
 1stLt R. F. FULKERSON
 16-30 May 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Company CP	DaNang, RVN (AT 995723)	1-15 May 1969
Company CP	DaNang, RVN (BT 084707)	16-30 May 1969
1st Platoon		
one section	Hill 47 (AT 974703)	1-30 May 1969
two sections	Company CP (AT 995723)	1-13 May 1969
1st Platoon		
two sections	Company CP (BT 084707)	14-30 May 1969
2nd Platoon		
one section	Company CP (AT 995723)	1-19 May 1969
two section	Company CP (AT 995723)	1-18 May 1969
2nd Platoon		
one section	Company CP (BT 084707)	20-30 May 1969
two section	Company CP (BT 084707)	19-30 May 1969
3rd Platoon		
one section	Dien Ban, RVN (BT 066585)	1-30 May 1969
one section (Rein)	Hoi An, RVN (BT 110581)	1-30 May 1969

3. STAFF OFFICERS
(Billet)

	(Rank and Name)	(Dates)
Executive Officer	1stLt R. F. FULKERSON	1-15 May 1969
	1stLt L. E. ALLEN	16-30 May 1969
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt M. L. CAPIK	1-30 May 1969
Maintenance Officer (None Assigned)		
Supply Officer (None Assigned)	1stLt J. N. SCHUETTE	1-15 May 1969
1st Platoon Commander	1stLt L. K. THON	1-30 May 1969
2nd Platoon Commander	1stLt L. E. ALLEN	1-15 May 1969
3rd Platoon Commander	1stLt J. R. GAZDAYKA	1-30 May 1969
Liaison Officer	1stLt T. R. NISBET	1-8 May 1969
(None Assigned)		9-30 May 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
<u>4</u>	<u>133</u>

USN	
OFF	ENL
<u>0</u>	<u>2</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) until 15 May 1969. On 13 May 1969 a message was received extending the date of cadre until the 30th of May 1969. On 15 May 1969, Change of Command Ceremonies were held at the Company Headquarters, grid (AT 995723). The Company HQ was moved from grid (AT 995723) to grid (BT 084707) with all personnel and equipment on 15 May 1969. Supply and supply personnel were left at the old Company CP (AT 995723) and all remaining personnel were moved to the new Company CP (BT 084707) between 16 May and 19 May 1969. On 30 May 1969, the Company changed Commanding Officers and became operationally and administratively controlled by 3rd Amphibian Tractor Battalion, grid (BT 084707). (See Part III, section 2, paragraph d).
2. From 1 May 1969 to 30 May 1969, the 1st Platoon remained with two sections at the Company CP while the vehicles were being cosmoline. One section remained on Hill 47, grid (AT 974703) which observed two (2) enemy rocket launchings during the month. (See Part III, section 2, paragraph a).
3. From 1 May 1969 to 15 May 1969, the 2nd Platoon remained in the Company CP at grid (AT 995723), cosmoline four LVTH6's. Two LVTH6's were not cosmoline, only painted. The tractors were moved to the new Company CP (BT 084707) between 14 May 1969 and 19 May 1969. (See Part III, section 2, paragraphs b and d).
4. During the month of May 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 13 May 1969 one vehicle was placed in cosmoline at the Company CP (AT 995723). (See Part III section 2, paragraph c).

5. TABLE OF FIRE

DIRECT
FIRE MISSIONS
0

OBSERVED
FIRE MISSIONS
37

UNOBSERVED
FIRE MISSIONS
0

TOT
H&I
15 215

ROUNDS EXPENDED
1129

Missions Fired For
255 III MAF (1stMarDiv)
7 11th Marine Reg.
1 ARVN
4 United States Navy

CONSOLIDATED SURVEILLANCE

ENEMY KIA (Confirmed) - 2

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. With one LVTH6A1 platoon not under direct Company control, the personnel readiness category has been rated as C-4. Due to the cadre status of the Company the projected readiness category during June 1969 will remain as a C-4 rating.

b.	(1) Losses	USMC		USN	
		OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
	Administration	3	110	0	0
	Battle WIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
	Battle WIA (Non-evac)	0	1	0	0
	Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
	Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
	Non-battle	0	7	0	0
	(2) Replacements	0	2	0	0
	(3) Net Losses	3	116	0	0
	(4) Net Gain	0	1	0	0

2. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. From 1 May 1969 to 30 May 1969 the 1st Platoon (+) remained with 5 LVTH6's in the cantonment and two vehicles on OP Hawk. During the reporting period, OP Hawk observed two (2) separate enemy rocket launchings and was probed by an estimated five NVA/VC.

(1) 100800 May 1969. 5 LVTH6's were finished being placed in cosmoline.

(2) 110400 May 1969. OP Hawk, grid (AT 974703), reported rockets being launched at an azimuth of 3237 at a range of 3400 meters to 11th Marines' FDC.

(3) 162140 May 1969. OP Hawk was hit by small arms fire and one small explosion in front of bunker 3A. Five NVA/VC were spotted in the tree line and taken under fire with 50cal., 30cal., and small arms.

(4) 162200 May 1969. One wounded (non-evac) Marine.

(5) 170800 May 1969. Sweep of area around OP Hawk revealed four heavy blood trails.

(6) 191430 May 1969. OP Hawk spotted a boat floating down river flying an NVA flag. A patrol from OP Hawk blew up the propaganda boat.

(7) 190300 May 1969. OP Hawk sighted six volleys of rockets from the following azimuths: 2770, range 3500m; AZ 2870, range 3500m; AZ 2895, range 4500m; AZ 2885, range 4500m; and AZ 2904, range 5000m.

b. 2nd Platoon completed cosmolining vehicles at Company CP on 18 May 1969.

c. 3rd Platoon (-) received rockets at 192215 May 1969. Six (6) 122mm rockets exploded in the wire at Hoi An, grid (BT 109582) and two duds were found the next morning.

d. Movement of personnel and equipment to 3rd Amtrac Battalion, grid (BT 084707).

(1) 141800 May 1969. Navy Seabees started moving three (3) LVTP5's to 3rd Amtrac compound on two (2) low-boys.

(2) 151300 May 1969. Change of Command Ceremonies were held and Company office moved to 3rd Amtrac Battalion compound.

(3) 151800 May 1969. Navy Seabees moved two (2) LVTH6A1 vehicles to 3rd Amtrac Battalion.

(4) 160800 May 1969. Communication and Maintenance equipment and personnel moved to 3rd Amtrac Battalion.

(5) 170800 May 1969. Seabees moved five (5) LVTH6A1's to 3rd Amtrac Battalion. Remainder of Maintenance equipment moved to 3rd Amtrac Battalion.

(6) 180800 May 1969. Seabees moved three LVTH6A's and one R-1 to 3rd Amtrac Battalion. Moving transfer personnel to 3rd Amtrac Battalion.

(7) 190800 May 1969. Seabees moved one LVTH6A1 to 3rd Amtrac Battalion, which completed moving the tracked vehicles. Moved wheeled vehicles to 3rd Amtrac Battalion and remainder of personnel.

(8) 200900 May 1969. All personnel and equipment moved to 3rd Amtrac Battalion except for supply and personnel.

e. OPCON AND ADCON of 1stALVT's changed on 30 May 1969. On 30 May 1969, the 11th Marine Regiment released 1st Armored Amphibian Company to 3rd Amtrac Battalion.

f. OPCON OF OP HAWK, grid (AT 974703), changed on 30 May 1969. On 30 May 1969 11th Marine Regiment passed OPCON from 1st Armored Amphibian Company to 4th Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

REFERENCE MAPS

ATTACHED

- a. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000
Series L7014, Sheet 6641 III
DANANG
- b. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000
Series L7014, Sheet 6641 II
KAU PHO NAM THO
- 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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