HEADQUARTERS

3D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, FMF lst Marine Division (Rein), FMF FPO San Francisco, California, 96602

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2:REB:rkb 4 June 1966

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: Field Historian)

Subj: Command Chronology 1-31 May 1966

Ref:

(a) MCO 5750.2

(b) Divo 5750.2

Encl: (1) Summary of Daily Int. Sum's for period 1-31 May 1986

(2) Sit Rep of May 1966 27-56

1. In accordance with instructions contained in references (a) and (b) the following report with enlossures (1-2) are submitted as the Command Chronology for the period 1-31 May 1966.

Command Chronology for 1-31 May 1966

1. Organizational Data:

- a. 3d Amphibian Tractor Bettalion, FMF
 - (1) Command Post: Chu Lai, RVN, BT 560048
 - (2) Command Structure:

Commanding Executive (Maj. W. J. DINSE
S-1	1-6 May 1966 7-31 May 1966	lstLt J. G. BABCOCK SgtMaj D.P. BAILEY
S-2	1-27 May 1966 28-31 May 1966	Capt F.W. GILL Capt R.E. BARKER
S-3	Ma	Maj. L.J. PIANTADOSI
S-4		Capt E.M. BAIR

- b. "H&S" Co, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, FMF
 - (1) Command Post: Chu Lai, RVN, vicinity BT 560049
 - (2) Commanding Officer

Capt E.G. GARBEE

- c. "A" Co. 34 Amphibian Tractor Battalion, FMF
 - (1) Command Post: Chu Lai, RVN, vicinity BT 570039
 - (2) Commanding Officer

Capt R.H. DIETRICH

- d. Detachment "B" Co, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, FMF
 - (1) Command Post: Chu Lai, RVN, vicinity BT 560049
 - (2) Officer in charge 1-26 May 1966

Capt R.C.ALBRO

- e. "B" Co. 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, FMF
 - (1) Command Post: Chu Lai, RVN, vicinity BT 560049
 - (2) Commanding Officer 27-31 May 1966

Capt J.C. GREENE Jr.

2. Personnel and Administration.

a. Average monthly strength:

MARINE				NAVY	
<u>OFF</u>	ENL			<u>off</u>	ENL
24	495		1	4	12

b. On 27 May 1966, Headquarters, Company "B", 3d Amphibian Tractor Battarrived from Okinawa with RLT-5, and was chopped to this Headquarters. Reference CG, 1st Mar Div Rein msg 280120Z.

c. General Information.

(1) During the reporting period 95 men rotated, and 71 replacements were received.

- (2) Awards: During the reporting period the men of this Battalion received four Purple Hearts.
- (3) During the reporting period the Battalion had the following casualties: (1-KIA) (3-WIA)

3. Significant Events.

a. Intelligence:

- (1) Enemy Activity: Most significant weretthe numerous incidents of wire cutting between 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion and the 1/7 CP. There has been a significant increase in the VC's use of Booby Traps and AT mines within the newly expanded TAOR.
- (2) Enemy Activity: A summary of IntSuns for period 1-31 May are included as enchosure 1.
- (3) Intelligence activities: Normal administrative and Combat Intelligence functions were carried out during the month of May.

b. Training:

- (1) Formal training was conducted throughout the month of May in conjunction with increased operational commitments.
- (2) Supervised Life Saving instruction resulted in 4 Marines being certified as Senior Life Savers.
- (3) Live firing of the M-79 grenade launcher and .30 calibre machinegun constituted the practical application phase of weapons instruction.
- (4) Battalion personnel, communications, adminstration and supply inspections were conducted by the Commanding Officer.
- (5) A "High Wind and Heavy Weather Reaction Plan" was published.
- (6) Two persons were sent to Veitnamese Language School, Okinawa.
- (7) On the job training and normal maintenance procedures were conducted throughout the month.

c. Special Operations.

- (1) During May the battalion participated in three major operations and numerous small unit search and destroy operations. On Operations Montgomery, 14 LVTs and a liaison party were committed; on Operation Morgan, 2 LVTs; and on Operation Mebile, 27 LVTs, and a liaison party were employed.
- (2) On two eccasions during the month, a 50 man provisional rifle platoon was dispatched for convoy security.
- (3) Enclosure (2) contains the Battalion Sit Reps for the month of May.

d. Logistics:

- (1) Important Events:
 - a. On 9 May 1966, 9 LVTs were received as part of the RAE program.

 These LVTs greatly increased the operational capabilities of the Battalion.
 - b. Forty-three strongbacks for G.P. tents were received on 19 May 1966. With this material, all personnel now live in adequate shelters.
 - c. Headquarters of Company B, landed on 27 May 1966. The Battalion is new complete less one platoon of amphibian tractors attached to the Special Landing Force.
- (2) Supply: During the month supply has been busily engaged in gathering the assets from the two letter companies, who has perfectly from the Battalion for the last ten months.
- (3) Medical support: The medical section has set up a B.A.S. to handle the needs of the Battalion. In addition a dental clinic has been established to care for personnel from this Battalion and from 1st Recon Bn.
- (4) Motor Transport: The section accumulated 15,254 accident free miles on its 24 prime movers during the month, while holding the deadline rate at about 10%.
- (5) Maintenance: With the tramendous shortage of trained maintenance personnel, the section has had to exert an all out effort to support the Battalion. The situation was relieved somewhat by receiving six volunteers from the 1800 O.F. to retrain as mechanics.

e. Civil Affairs:

- (1) No significant civil affairs activities were conducted during the month of May.
- (2) On 31 May 4 cases of scap were received for distribution in civil affairs program.

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion IntSun Report Extracts for May 1966 Summary of Ground Activity:

- a. 060505, 3d Plt B Co, tractor 45 spotted 10 small boats vio 608021 their position vic 607019, illumination was requested and received. Requested from Casting to fire warning shots, request denied. Boats returned to sea.
- b. 060545, 1 small boat approached shore vic 573038, 3d Plt B Co tractor 310 fired 6 rds 30 cal over bow of boat from their position vic 571038, boat returned to sea.
- c. 101700, Sgt D. S. GARRISON, while serving as an LVT section leader supporting M/3/1, was wounded by an enemy grenade at coord 455159.
- (d) 151900, and LVT crew observed what appeared to be an exposed mortar round rigged as a mine at coord 470148. EOD unit was notified. At 161400 (2) LVTs transported the EOD personnel to coord 470148 and (1) 3.5 round was blown in place.
 - e. 191200, 4th Plt B Co sighted mine, (2) 81mm mortar rounds partically buried at coord. BT 424136 D/1/5 notified and mines were blown in place.
 - f. 211845 LVT 3-6 while on beach surveillance defense spotted body washed ashore BS 602021. Body was middle aged, male Vietnamese with half of his skull missing. Further indentification was impossible due to deterioration of body. Body was buried and reported to COC.
 - g. 220900 on frequency code 494 strong Vietnamese interference was picked up. COC was notified and they in turn notified NSO.
 - h. 272000, wire reported out between 3d Amphibian Tractor CP and 1st Bn 7th Marines CP. Incident investigated at daybreak. Wire appeared to be out with blunt instrument at BS 572034.
 - i. 290845 LVTP5 (B-46) hit a mine vic BT 412157. Blew off track, security out. Area sweep by engineers. I marine WIA, mine fragments forwarded to Div G-2.
 - j. 300745, elements of B Co received 1 rd sniper fire from vic BT 475125. During Fish Island sweep, No action taken.
 - k. 300815, wire cutting BT 571034 15 yd section removed of 1 strand 100 yds down line remaining strand cut. Recon patrol night of 29 May produced negative results. Ambush to be set again night of 30 May 1966.
 - 1. 301640 (1) LVTE1 experienced a malfunction of the rocket powered line charge causing pre-ignition of the rocket in vic BT 408152 and resulting in 1 KIA and 4 WIA (USMC).
 - m. 310200, wire out BT 571034 section of 100 yds removed.

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3:LJP:rkb 3121 1 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit Rep # 26 for period 010001H to 012400H May 1966

1. Battalion Operations.

- a. 010001 to 010500 and 011200 to 012400 provided 2 LVT orew chiefs as coxswains for outboard motor boats on the Truang Giang River for river patrol. This patrol leaves the LVT Splash Point coord 523120 and patrols the inhand river areas, to Ky Xuan, Sam Linh and the western side of Ky Hoa Island.
- b. 0100061to 010700 and 011800 to 012400 provided 2 LVTs in direct support of 3/1 as a reaction force. These LVTs depart the LVT Splash Point coord 523120 and proceed to coord 515155 where they standby for possible deployment to hill 12 coord 478144 or as directed.
- c. 010001 to 010700 and 011900 to 012400 provided 10 LVTs, (1) officer and (34) enlisted in direct support of 7th Marine Regiment as beach surveillance and beach defense from the Song Tra Bong River month to coord 651048.
- d. 010001 to 010800 and 011700 to 012400 provided 2 LVTs in direct support pd 3/7. The LVTs remain at the 3/7 CP for deployment as a reaction force in the 3/7 area of responsibility.
- e. 010001 to 010800 and 011800 to 012400 provided (1) LVT and (20) personnel to man positions for the Chu Lai Bse Defense. Provided an additional (2) LVTs and (10) personnel as a reaction force for the Combat Base Defense. The standby location for the reaction force is coord 554054 CP Co A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion.
- f. 010001 to 011630 and 010730 to 012400 provided (4) LVTs to A, B, and C Companies and 1/7 CP for logistical support. Two LVTs remain overnight at C. Co 1/7 as a reaction force.
- g. 010001 to 012400 provided (2) LVTs in direct support of 2/5 as security and reaction force at the An Tan Bridge, coord 497067.
- h. 010001 to 012400 provided (2) LVTs in support of 3/1 on Hoa Xuan Isaad coord of 6161 These LVTs rotated daily at 1200.

- 1. 010630 to 011600 provided 2 LVTs to Co A, 1/7 to transport a patrol from Co A CP across the Song Tra Bong River to patrol an area. Later returning to a predetermined area to return to Co A CP.
- j. 010900 to 011600 provided (4) LVTs in direct support to companies L and I 3/1 for logistical resupply missions to Ky Hoa and Ku Xuan Islands. Scheduled runs leave the LVT Splash Point, coord 523120, 0900, 1200 and 1500 faily.
- k. 011600 to 012400 provided (5) Radio Communications to augment H&S Colst Recon Battalion.
- 2. Contacts. None
- 3. Battalion Plans.
- a. Will provide (2) LVTs to Co A 1/7 to transport a patrol from Co A Cp across the Song Tra Bong River to patrol area.
- b. Will continue to provide (5) Radio Communicators to augment HAS Collst. Recon Battalion.

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3:LJP:rkb 3121 2 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer

Te: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj. Sit Rep report # 27 for period 020001H to 022400H May 1966

1. Battalien Operations

- a. 020001 to 020500 and 021200 to 022400 provided 2 LVT crew chiefs as Conswains for outboard meter boats on the Truang Going River for river patrol. This patrol leaves the LVT Splash Point coordinates 523120 and patrols the inland river areas, to Ky Xuan, Sam linh and the western side of Ky Hea Island.
- b. 020001 to 020700 and 021800 to 022400 provided 2 LVT's in direct support of 3/1 as a reaction force. These LVT's depart the LVT Splash Point coordinates 523120 and preced to coordinates 515155 where they stands by for pessible deployment to Hill 12 operainates 478144 or as directed.
- c. 020001 to 020700 and 021900 to 022400 provided 10 LVT's, one efficer and 34 enlisted in direct support of 7th Marine Regiment as beach surveillance and beach defense from the Seng Tre Beng north to operations 551048.
- d. 020001 to 020800 and 021700 to 022400 provided 2 LVT's in direct support of 3/7. The LVT's remain at the 3/7 CP for deployment as a reaction force in the 3/7 area of responsibility.
- e. 020001 to 020800 and 021800 to 022400 provided 1 LVF and 20 personnel to man positions for the Chu Lai Combat Base defense. Provided an additional 2 LVT's and 10 personnel as a reaction force for the Combat Base defense. The standard location for the reaction force is operainates 554054 OP Co A 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalian.
- f. 020061 to 021630 and 020730 to 022400 provided 4 LVT's to A, B, and C Companies and 1/7 CP for legistical support. Two LVT's remain overnight at C Co 1/7 as a reaction force.
- g. 020001 to 022400 provided 2 LVT's in direct support of 2/5 as security and reaction force at the An Tan Bridge, coordinates 497067.
- h. 020001 to 022400 provided 2 LVT's in support of 3/1 on Hea Xuan Island coordinates 436161. These LVT's serve a dual purpose of legistical resupply and as a reaction force. They are retated daily at 1200.

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- i. 020630 to 021600 provided 2 LVT's to Co A 1/7 to transport a patrol from Co A CP across Song Tra Bong River to patrol area. Later returning to a predetermined area to return to Co A CP.
- j. 020900 to 021600 provided 4 NT's in direct support to companies L and I 3/1 for legistical resupply missions to Ky Hea and Ky Xuan Islands. Scheduled runs leave LV? Splash Feint, coordinates 523120, 0900, 1200 and 1500 deily.
- 2. Centacts. None
- 3. Battalion Plans. None

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HEAD WARTERS 3D AMERIBIAN TRACTOR BOTTALION, FOR lst Marine Division (Rein), FMF FEU San Francisco, California, 96002

3:LJP:rkb 3121 3 May 1966

From: Commanding of icer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit sep report 2 28 for period 030001H to 032400H May 1966

1. Battalion (perations

- a. 030001 to 030000 and 031200 to 032400 provided 2 LVT orew chiefs as Coxswains for outboard motor boats on the Truang Giang River for river patrol. This patrol leaves the LVT Splash Point goordinates 525120 and patrols the intend river ress, to ky Kuan, Sam Linh and the western side of Ky Hoa Island.
- b. 030001 to 030700 and 031800 to 032400 provided 2 LMT's in direct support of 3/1 as a raction force. These LVT's depart the LVT Splash Foint coordinates 525120 and proceed to coordinates 515155 where they stand-by for possible deployment to Hill 12 coordinates 478144 or as directed.
- c. 030001 to 030700 and 031900 to 032400 provided 10 LVC's, one officer and 3 entisted in direct support of 7th Marine Regiment as beach surveillance and beach defense from the Song Tra Bong north to coordistes 651048.
- d. 030001 to 030800 and 031700 to 032400 provided 2 bVP's in direct support of 3/7. The 1.47's remain at the 3/7 CF for deployment as a reaction force in the 3/7 area of responsibility.
- e. 030:01 to 030800 and 031:00 to 032400 provided 1 LVT and 20 personnel to man positions for the Chu Lai Combat Base defense. Provided andadditional 2 EVF's and 10 personnel as a resotion force for the Combat Base defense. The stand-by location for the reaction force is coordinates 554054 GF Co A 3d Amphibian Tractor Battelion.
- f. 030001 to 031630 and 030730 to 032400 provided 4 LVT's to 4, 8, and 3 Companies and 1/7 3% for logistical support. Two LVT's remain overnight at 3 to 1/7 as a reaction force.
- g. 030001 to 030400 provided 2 LVT's in direct support of 2/2 as security and rection force at the An San Bridge, coordinates 497067.
- h. 030001 to 032400 provided 2 LYT's in support of 3/4 on Hos Kuan Island coordinates 436161. These LYT's serve a dual purpose of logistical resupply and as a reaction force. They are rotated daily at 1200.

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i. 030900 to 031600 provided 4 LVT's in direct support to companies I and I 3/1 for logistical resupply missions to Ky Hos and Ky Xuan Islands. Scheduled runs leave LVT Splash Point, coordinates 523120. 0900. 1200 and 1500 daily.

- 2. Contacte. None
- 3. Battalion Plans.

Will provide 5 LVT's to 1/7, two to A Co 1/7 three to D Co 1/7 for transporting patrels across the Song Tra Bong River.

R. E. CAMPBELL

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HEADQUARTERS 3D AMPRICAN TRACTOR BATTALION, FMP 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF FFC San Francisco, California, 96602

3:LJP:rkb 3121 4 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP

Subj: Sit Rep report = 29 for period 040001H to 042400H May 1966

1. Battalion Operations

- a. 040001 to 040500 and 041200 to 042400 provided 2 LVT crew chiefs as Coxemins for outboard motor boats on the Truang Giang River for river patrol. This patrol leaves the LVT Splash Point coordinates 523120 and patrols the inland river areas, to Ky Xuan, Sam Linh and the western side of Ky Hoa Island.
- b. 040001 to 040700 and 041800 to 042400 provided 2 LVT's in direct support of 3/1 as a reaction force. These LVT's depart the LVT Splash Point coordinates 523120 and proceed to coordinates 515155 where they stand-by for possible deployment to Hill 12 coordinates 478144 or as directed.
- c. 040001 to 040700 and 041900 to 042400 provided 10 LVP's, one officer and 34 enlisted in direct support of 7th Marine Regiment as beach surveillance and beach defense from the Song Tra Bong north to coordinates 651048.
- d. 040001 to 040800 and 041700 to 042400 provided 2 LVF's in direct support of 3/7. The LVF's remain at the 3/7 CP for deployment as a reaction force in the 3/7 area of responsibility.
- e. 040001 to 040800 and 041800 to 042400 provided 1 LVT and 20 personnel to man positions for the Chu Lai Combat Base defense. Provided an additional 2 LVT's and 10 personnel as a reaction force for the Combat Base defense. The stand-by location for the reaction force is coordinates 554054 CF Co A 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion.
- f. 040001 to 041630 and 040730 to 042400 provided 4 LVT's to A, B, and C Companies and 1/7 CF for logistical support. Two LVT's remain overnight at C Co 1/7 as a reaction force.
- g. 040001 to 042400 provided 2 LVT's in direct support of 2/5 as security and reaction forc at the An Tan Bridge, coordinates 497067.
- h. 040001 to 042400 provide 2 LVT's in su port of 3/1 on Hos Muan Island coordinates 436161. These LNT's serve a dual purpose of logistical resupply and as a reaction force. They are rotated daily at 1200.

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- i. 040900 to 041600 provided 4 LVT's in direct support to companies L and I 3/1 for logistical resupply missions to Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan Islands. Scheduled runs leave the LVT Splash Point, coordinates 523120, 0900, 1200 and 1500 daily.
- j. 040900 to 041730 provided 3 LVT's to D Co 1/7 to transport a patrol across the Song Tra Bong River.
- k. 041045 to 041200 provided 2 LVT's to A Co 1/7 to transport & patrol across the Song Tra Rong River.
- 2. Contacts. None

3. Battalion Plans

Will provide A Co 1/7 2 LVT's for transporting a patrol across the Song Tra Bong River.

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Enclosure (1)

HEADQUARTERS 3D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTAL IN, FMF 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF FPO San Francisco, California, 96602

3:LJP:rkb 3121 5 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit Rep report # 30 for period 050001H to 052400H May 1966

1. Battalion Operations

- a. 050001 to 050500 and 051200 to 052400 provided 2 LVT crew chiefs as Coxswains for outboard motor boats on the Truang Giang River for river patrol. This patrol leaves the LVT Splash Point coordin tes 523120 and patrols the inland river areas, to Ky Xuan, Sam Linh and the western side of Ky Hoa Island.
- b. 050001 to 050700 and 041800 to 052400 provided 2 LVT's in direct support of 3/1 as a reaction force. These LVT's depart the LVT Splash Point coordinates 523120 and proceed to coordinates 515155 where they stand-by for possible deployment to Hill: 12 coordinates 478144 or as directed.
- c. 050001 to 050700 and 051900 to 052400 provided 10 LVT's, one officer and 34 enlisted in direct support of 7th Marine Regiment as beach surveillance and beach defense from the Song Tra Bong north to coordinates 651048.
- d. 050001 to 050800 and 041700 to 052400 provided 2 LVT's in direct support of 3/7. The LVT's remain at the 3/7 CP for deployment as a reaction force in the 3/7 area of responsibility.
- e. 050001 to 050800 and 051800 to 052400 provided 1 LVT and 35 personnel to man positions for the Chu Lai Combat Base defense. Provided an additional 2 LVT's and 10 personnel as a reaction force for the Combat Base defense. The stand-by location for the reaction force is coordinates 554054 CP Co A 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion.
- f. 050001 to 051630 and 050730 to 042400 provided 4 LVT's to A, B, and C Companies and 1/7 CP for logistical support. Two LVT's remain overnight at C Co 1/7 as a reaction force.
- g. 050001 to 052400 provided 2 LVT's in direct support of 2/5 as security and reaction force at the An Tan Bridge, coordinates 497067.
- h. 050001 to 052400 provided 2 LVT's in sumport of 3/1 on Hom Xuan Island coordinates 436161. These LVT's serve a dual purpose of logistical resupply and as a reaction force. They are rotated daily at 1200.

- i. 050645 to 051300 provided 2 LVT'S to A Co 1/7 to transport a patrol to BT 620018.
- j. 050900 to 051600 provided 4 LVT'S in direct support to companies L and I 3/1 for logistical resupply missions to Ky Hom and Ky Kuan Islands. Scheduled runs leave the LVT Splash Point, coordinates 523120, 0900, 1200 and 1500 daily.
- 2. Contacts. None

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will provide A Co 1/7 2 LVT'S for transporting a patrol aross the Song Tra Bong River.

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5D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, PMP let Marine Division (Rein), PMF FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding Concrat, 1st Marine Division (Reis), FAF

Subj: Sit Rep report # 31 for period 060001H to 062400 May 1966

1. Pattelion Operations

a. 060001 to 060500 and 06/200 provided 2 LVT error chiefs as Commains for outboard motor boats on the Truang Giang River for river patrol. This patrol leaves the LVT Splash Point secretizates 523120 and patrols the inland river areas. to Ky Kuan, San Linh and the western side of Ky Hos Island.

35 060001 to 060700 and 061800 to 062400 provided 2 LVT's in direct support of 3/1 as a resotion force. These LVT's depart the LVT Splash Point coordinates 523120 and proceed to coordinates 515155 where they stand-by for possible deployment to Hill 12 coordinates 478144 or as directed.

- e. 060001 to 060700 and 061900 to 062400 provided 10 LVT's, one officer and 34 enlisted in direct support of 7th Marine Regiment as beach surveillance and beach defence from the Song Tra Bong morth to coordinates 651048.
- d. 060001 to 060800 and 061700 to 062400 provided 2 LVT's an direct support of 3/7 CP. The LVT's remain at the 3/7 CP for deployment as a resultion force in the 3/7 area of responsibility.
- e. 060001 to 06800 and 061800 to 062400 provided 1 LVT and 35 parsonnel to man positions for the Chm Lai Combat Base defense. Provided and additional 2 LVT's and 10 personnel as a reaction force for the Combat Base defense. The stand-by location for the reaction force is coordinates 554054 CP 0s A 34 Amphibian Tractor Battalion.
- f. 060800 to 061630 provided 4 LYT's to A. B. and C Companies and 1/7 CP for logistical support. Two LYT's remain evernight at C Co 1/7 as a reaction force.
- g. 060001 to 062400 provided 2 LVT's in direct support of 2/5 as security and reaction force at the An Tan Bridge, coordinates 497067.
- h. 060001 to 062400 provided 2 LVT's in support of 3/1 on Hos Xuen Island coordinates 436161. These LVT's serve a dual purpose of logistical resupply and as a reaction force. They are rotated daily at 1200.

Enclosure (2)

- 1. 060645 to 061300 provided 2 LVT's to A Co 1/7 to transport a patrol screes the Song Tra Bong River.
- j. 060900 to 061600 provided 4 LVT's in direct support of Companies L and I 3/1 for logistical resupply missions to Ky Nos and Ky Xuan Islands. Scheduled runs leave the LVT Splach Point, commitmates 523120, 0900, 1200 and 1500 daily.
- k. 060920 received LVT platoon from Special Landing Force, 10 LVTF5, 1 LVT (ond) and 1 officer and 40 enlasted.

2. Contacte

- a. Ten VCS boats were sighted at 060505H approximately 200 meters from beach defense position coordinates 60202L. Illumination was requested and received. Upon being exposed by illumination the boats turned seaward.
- b. One VOS boat was sighted at 060545H approximately 100 meters from beach defense position coordinates 573038. Six rounds of 130 caliber were fixed in front of the boat, the boat turned examples of left the area.

3. Hettalion Plans.

- a. Will provide A Co 1/7 2 LVT's for transporting a patrol across the Secretar Bong River.
- b. Will provide 3/7 with 1 officer and 50 enlisted as a provisional platoon commencing 070600.

H. S. CAMPBRILL

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3D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, FMF let Marine Division (Rein), FMF FPO San Francisco, California, 96602

5: LJP: xkb 3121 7 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer

Te: Commanding Coneral, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit Rep Report # 32 for period 070001H to 072400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

1. Battalien Operations

- a. At 070530 the Battelien Executive Officer, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalien and liaison party departed for the 7th Marine CP in connection with Operation Mentgemery.
- b. At 070515 a previsional rifle plateen consisting of (1) efficer and (50) enlisted departed for the 3d Battalien, 7th Marines CP.
- o. At 070545 a limited party departed for the 7th Marines CP for further assignment to Guang Ngel for the purpose of establishing a Legistical Support Area.
- d. At 071445 (14) LVT's departed for the 1st Tank Battalien CP in connection with Operation Mentgemery.
- e. From 070001 to 070600 and 071900 to 072400 two LVT crew chiefs were provided as communing for cutbeard meter beats for the purpose of patroling the Truang Giang River. This patrol departs the LVT Splash Point at coordinates 523120 and patrol the inland river areas to Ky Kuan, Sam Linh and the western side of Ky Hea islands.
- f. From 070001 to 070700 and 071800 to 072400 (2) LVT's were provided to 3/1 in direct support as a reaction force. These LVT's depart the LVT Splash Point (coordinates 523120) and proceed to coordinates 515155 where they standby for possible deployment to hill 12 (coordinates 478144) or as directed.
- g. From 070001 to 070700 and 071900 to 072400 (10) LVT's, (1) efficer and (34) enlisted were provided in direct support of the 7th Marines for the purpose of beach surveillance and defense from the Seng Tra Beng River north to coordinates 561048.
- h. From 070001 to 070730 and 071730 to 072400 (2) LVT's were provided at 3/7 GP as a reaction force.

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- 1. From 070600 to 071300 (2) LVT's were provided to A Co 1/7 for the purpose of transporting a patrol scress the Song Tra Bong River and returning.
- j. From 070730 to 071630 (4) LVT's were provided to companies of 1/7 for logistical support.
- k. From 070001 to 070600 (2) LYT's were provided to 0 Co 1/7 as a reaction force and (4) LYT's from 071900 to 072400.
- 1. From 070001 to 072400 (2) LVT's were in direct support of 2/5 at the An Tan Bridge (coordinates 497067). These LVT's and crows are provided for the purpose of security of the bridge and as a reaction force.
- m. From 070001 to 072400 (2) LVT's were in direct support of 3/1 on Hea Xuan Island (coordinates 436161). These LVT's serve a dual purpose of legistical resumply and as a reaction force. They are retated daily at 1200.
- n. From 070900 to 071600 (4) LVT's were in direct support of 3/1 for legistical recupply on Ky Hos and Ky Xuan Island. Schoduled runs depart the LVT Splash Point (coordinates 523120) daily at 0900, 1200 and 1500.
- e. From 070001 to 070600 and 071900 to 072400 (15) personnel were prewided to the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense at the LVT Splash Point.
- p. From 070001 to 070800 and 071800 to 072400 (1) LVT and (20) personnel were provided to man positions for the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense. An additional (2) LVT's and (10) personnel were provided as a reaction force for the Combat Base Defense. The standby location for the reaction force is at Ge A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Pattalion OP (coordinates 554056).
- q. At 071800 the previsional rifle plateen, assigned to convey guard to the 7th Marines, was secured and returned to the 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion CP.
- 2. Contacts None
- 3. Battalien Plans None

HEADQUARTERS 3D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, PMF lst Marine Division (Rein), FMF FPO San Francisco, California, 96602

3:LJP:rkb 3121 8 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit Rep report # 33 for period 080001H to 082400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations

- a. From 080001 to 080600 and 081900 to 082400 two LVT crew chiefs were provided as coxswains for outbeard motor boats for the purposs of patroling the Truang Giang River. This patrol departs the LVT Splash Point at coordinates 523120 and patrol the inland river areas to Ky Xuan, Sam Linh and the western side of Ky Hoa islands.
- b. From 080001 to 060700 and 061800 to 082400 (2) LVTs were provided to 3/1 in direct support as a reaction force. These LVTs depart the LVT Splash Point (coordinates 523120) and proceed to coordinates 515155 where they standard for possible deployment to hill 12 (coordinates 478144) or as directed.
- c. From 080001 to 080700 and 081900 to 082400 (10) LVTs, (1) officer and (34) enlisted were provided in direct support of the 7th Harines for the purpose of beach surveillance and defense from the Song Tra Bong River north to coordinates 561048.
- d. From 080001 to 080730 and 081730 to 082400 (2) LVTs were provided at 3/7 CP as a reaction force.
- e. From 080730 to 081630 (4) LVTs were provided to companies of 1/7 for logistical support.
- f. From 080001 to 080600 and 081900 to 082400 (2) LVTs were provided to C Co 1/7 as a reaction force.
- g. From 080001 to 082400 (2) LVTs were in direct support of 2/5 at the An Ten Bridge (coordinates 497067). These LVTs and crews are provided for the purpose of security of the bridge and as a reaction force.
- h. From 080001 to 082400 (2) LVTs were in direct support of 3/1 on Hoa Suan Island (coordinates 436161). These LVTs serve a dual purpose of log-istical resupply and as a reaction force. They are rotated daily at 1200.
 - i. From 080900 to 081600 (4) LVTs were in direct support of 3/1 for logistical resupply on Ky Hos and Ky Xuan Island. Scheduled runs depart the LVT Splash Point (coordinates 523120) daily at 0900, 1200 and 1500.

- j. From 080001 to 080600 and 081900 to 082400 (15) personnel were provided to the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense at the LVT Splash Point.
- k. From 080001 to 080800 and 081800 to 082400 (1) LVT and (20) personnel were provided to man positions for the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense. An additional (2) LVTs and (10) personnel were provided as a reaction force for the Combat Base Defense. The standby location for the reaction force is at Co A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion CP (coordinates 554056).
 - 1. C.P. location 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (-) 561048

HAS Co (-) 560049 A Co 554056 Det. B Co 559051

- 2. Contacts None
- 3. Battalion Plans None

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Enclosure (2)

HEADQUARTERS 3D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, PMF let Marine Division (Rein), PMF PFO San Francisco, California, 96602

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From: Commanding Officer

Te: Commanding Conerel, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Hit Rep report # 34 fer period 090001H to 092400H May 1966.

Ref: (a) DivC 3480-1

1. Battalien Operations

- a. From 090001 to 090600 and 091900 to 092400 two LVT grow chiefs were provided as communing for outboard motor boats for the purpose of patroling the Truang Giang River. This patrol departs the LVT Splash Point at coordinates 523120 and patrols the inland river areas to Ky Xuan, Sam Linh and the western side of Ky Hea Island.
- b. From 090001 to 090700 and 091800 to 092400 (2) LVTs were provided to 3/1 in direct support as a reaction force. These LVTs depart the LVT Splash Point (coordinates 523120) and proceed to coordinates 515155 where they standby for possible deployment to hill 12 (coordinates 478144) or as directed.
- G. From 090001 to 090700 and 091900 to 092400 (10) LVTs, (1) efficer and (34) enlisted were provided in direct support of the 7th Marines for the purpose of beach surveillance and defense from the Seng Tra Beng River morth to coordinates 561048.
- d. From 090001 to 090730 and 091730 to 092400 (2) LVTs were provided at 3/7 CP as a reaction force.
- e. From 090730 to 091630 (4) LVTs were provided to companies of 1/7 for legistical support.
- f. From 090001 to 090600 and 091900 to 092400 (2) LVTs were provided to C Co 1/7 as a reaction force.
- g. From 090001 to 092400 (2) LVTs were in direct support of 2/5 at the An Tan Bridge (seerdinates 497067). These LVTs and crows are provided for the purpose of security of the bridge and as a reaction force.
- h. From 090001 to 092400 (2) LVTs were in direct support of 3/1 on Heal Xuan Litand (seerdinates 436161). These LVTs serve a dual purpose of legistical resupply and as a reaction force. They are retated daily at 1200.
- i. From 090900 to 091600 (4) LVTs were in direct support of 3/1 for legistical resupply on Ky Hea and Ky Xuan Island. Scheduled runs depart the LVT Splash Point (operdinates 523120) daily at 0900, 1200 and 1500.

- j. From 090001 to 090600 and 091900 to 092400 (15) personnel were prewided to the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense at the LVT Splash Point.
- k. From 090001 to 090800 and 091800 to 092400 (1) LVT and (20) personnel were provided to man positions for the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense. An additional (2) LVTs and (10) personnel were provided as a reaction force for the Combat Base Defense. The standby location for the reaction force is at Co A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalian CP (coordinates 554056).
- 1. From 090001 to 090600 and 091900 to 092400 (2) LVTs were provided to $\Delta/1/7$ as a reaction ferce.
- m. From 091830 to 092400 (2) LVTs were placed in direct support of 3/1 in preparation for a search and destrey operation.
- n. From 090700 to 091400 a previous rifle plateen consisting of (1) efficer and (50) enlisted participated in convey security to Guang Ngai.
- 2. Centucts None
- 3. Battalien Plans
- a. Will furnish (2) LVTs to 3/1 for search and destroy speration on Long Thanh Tay Island.

HEADQUARTERS 3D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, PMP 1st Marine Division (Rein), PMF FPO San Francisco, California, 96602

3:1JP:::kb 3121 10 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer

Ter Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit Rep Report # 35 for period 100001H to 102400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. Battalian Operations. The following battalian operations are conducted an a continuous daily basis.
- a. From 0001 to 0600 and 1900 to 2400 two LVT once thiefs were previded as communing for outboard meter beats for the purpose of patroling the Trung Giang River. This patrol departs the LVT Splash Point at coordinates 523120 and patrols the inland river areas to Ky Xuan, Sam Linh and the western side of Ky Hea Island.
- b. From 0001 to 0700 and 1800 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to 3/1 in direct surport as a reaction force. These LVTs depart the LVT Splash Point (secretinates 525120) and proceed to coordinates 515155 where they standby for possible deployment to hill 12 (coordinates 478144) or as directed.
- G. From 0001 to 0700 and 1900 to 2400 (10) LVTs, (1) efficer and (34) enlisted were provided in direct support of the 7th Marines for the purpose of beach surveillance and defense from the Seng Tra Bong River north to coordinates 561048.
- d. From 0001 to 0750 and 1750 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided at 3/7 CP as a reaction force.
- e. From 0730 to 1630 (4) LVTs were provided to companies of 1/7 for legistical support.
- f. From 0001 to 0600 and 1900 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to C Co 1/7 as a reaction force.
- g. Frem 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were in direct support of 2/5 at the An Van Bridge (coordinates 497067). These LVTs and crews are provided for the purpose of security of the bridge and as a reaction force.
- h. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were in direct support of 3/1 on Hea Xuan Island (coordinates 436161). These LVTs serve a dual purpose of legistical resupply and as a reaction force. They are retated daily at 1200.
- 1. From 0900 to 1600 (4) LVTs were in direct support of 3/1 for legistical resupply on Ky Hea and Ky Kuan Island. Scheduled runs depart the LVT Splash Peint (seerdinates 523120) daily at 0900, 1200 and 1500. Enclosure (2.)

j. From 0001 to 3600 and 1900 to 2400 (15) personnel were provided to the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense at the LVT Splash Point.

k. From 0001 to 0800 and 1800 to 2400 (1) LVT and (20) personnel were previded to man positions for the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense. An additional (2) LVTs and (10) personnel were provided as a reaction force for the Combat Base Defense. The standby location for the reaction force is at Co A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion CP (coordinates 554056).

2. Additional Battalian Operations.

a. From 100001 to 100600 and 101900 to 102 \pm 00 (2) LVTs were provided to A/1/7 as a reaction ferce.

b. From 100700 to 101430 (2) LVTs were placed in direct support of 3/1 for the purpose of participating in a search and destroy operation on Long Thanh Tay Island.

- 3. Centacts. None
- 4. Battalien Plans. None

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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FAF

Subj: Sit kep Report # 36 for period 110001H to 112400H May 1966

Hef: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. Battalion Operations. No change (see Sit kep # 35)
- 2. Additional Battalion Operations.
- a. From 110001 to 110600 and 111900 to 112400 (2) LVTs were provided to $\frac{1}{7}$ as a resotion. force.
- b. From 110700 to 111430 (2) LVTs were provided to M/3/1 for the purpose of partisipating in a search and destroy operation on Long Thanh Tay Island.
- c. From 110800 to 111200 (2) LVTs transported a command group from 5/1 to Hog Kuan Island.
- 3. Contacts. None
- 4. Battalion Plans.
- a. Will provide (5) LVTs to the lst Marines for the purpose of conducting a road reconnaissance to hill 54.
- 5. Late Entry. At 101700H 3gt D.S. GARRISON while serving as an LVT section leader supporting N/3/1, was slightly wounded by an enemy grenade at coordinates 455159.

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From: Commanding Officer

Te: Commanding General, , let Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subje Sit Rep Report # 37 for period 120001H to 122400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. Battalien Operations. Ne change (see Sit Rep # 35)
- 2. Additional Battalian Operations.

a. From 120001 to 120600 and 121900 to 122400 (2) LVTs were provided to $\Delta/1/7$ as a reaction force.

b. From 120800 to 121130 provided (5) LYTs to a command group from the lat Marines for the purpose of conducting a read recommaissance to hill 54.

- 3. Contacts. None
- 4. Bettalien Plans.

m. At 131000 (2) LVTs will be provided to 3/1 for the purpose of transporting a command group to Ky Hoa Island (coordinates 517121).

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3:LJP:rkb 3121 13 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit Rep # 38 for Period 150001H to 132400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. Battalion Operations. We change (see Sit Rep # 35)
- 2. Additional Battalion Operations.
- a. From 130001 to 130600 and 131900 to 132400 (2) LVTs were provided to A/1/7 (coordinates 609016) as a reaction force.
- b. From 130730 to 131630 a provisional rifle platoon consisting of (1) officer and (50) enlisted were provided to 3/7 for the purpose of convoy security to Quang Ngmi (coordinates 645728).
- 3. Contacts. None
- 4. Battalion Plans. None

HEADQUARTERS 3D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, MMF let Marine Division (Rein), FMF FPO Sen Francisco, California, 96602

5:LJP:rkb 3121 14 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit Rep Report # 39 for Period 140001H to 142400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. <u>Battalion Operations.</u> The following battalion operations are conducted on a continuous daily basis.
- a. From COO1 to 0600 and 1900 to 2400 two LVT erew chiefs were provided as communing for outboard motor beats for the purpose of patroling the Trung Giang River. This patrol departs the LVT Splash Point at coordinates 523120 and patrols the inland river areas to Ky Xuan, Sam Linh and the western side of Ky Hoa Island.
- b. From 0001 to 0700 and 1800 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to 3/1 in direct support as a reaction force. These LVTs depart the LVT Splash Point (coordinates 523120) and proceed to coordinates 515155 where they standby for possible deployment to hill 12 (coordinates 478144) or as directed.
- c. From 0001 to 0700 and 1900 to 2400 (10) LVTs, (1) officer and (34) enlisted were provided in direct support of the 7th Harines for the purpose of beach surveillance and defense from the Song Tra Bong River north to coordinates 561048.
- d. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided at 3/7 CP (coordinates 538023) as a reaction force.
- e. From 0730 to 1630 (4) LVTs were provided to companies of 1/7(Courdinates 588014) for logistical supports
- f. From 0001 to 0600 and 1900 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to 0/1/7 (coordinates 574993) as a reaction force.
- g. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVIs were in direct support of 2/5 aV the Am Tan Bridge (coordinates 497067). These LVIs and crews are provided for the purpose of security of the bridge and as a reaction force.
- h, From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were in direct support of 3/1 on Hoa Xuan Island (coordinates 436161). These LVTs serve a dual purpose of logistical resupply and as a reaction force. They are rotated daily at 1200.
- 1. From 0900 to 1600 (4) LWTs were in direct support of 3/1 for logistical resupply on Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan Island. Scheduled runs depart the LVT Splash Point (523120) daily at 0900, 1200 and 1500.

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- j. From 0001 to 0600 and 1900 to 2400 (15) personnel were provided to the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense at the LVT Splash Point.
- k. From 0001 to 0800 and 1800 to 2400 (1) LVT and (20) personnel were provided to man positions for the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense. An additional (2) LVTs and (10) personnel were provided as a reaction force for the Combat Base Defense. The standby location for the reaction force is at Co A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Bettalion CP (coordinates 554056).
- 1. From 0001 to 0600 and 1900 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to A/1/7 (coordinates 609016) as a reaction force.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

- a. From 140845 to 141425 a provisional rifle platoom consisting of (1) officer and (50) enlisted were provided to 3/7 for the purpose of convoy security to Quang Ngai (coordinates 645728).
- 3. Contacts. None
- 4. Battalion Plans.
- a. Will provide (8) LVTs to 3/1 for the purpose of transporting a reinforced company to Hos Xuan Island (coordinates 426161).

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From: Commanding Officer

Te: Commanding General, 1st Harine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit Rep # 40 for Period 150001H to 152400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. Battalian Operations. No change (see Sit Rep # 39)
- 2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 151030 to 151430 provided (8) LYTs to 1/5 for the purpose of transporting a reinforced rifle company to Hoa Xuan Island (coordinates 426161).

- 3. Contacts. None
- 4. Battalion Plans.

a. Will provide (2) LVTs to A/1/7 for the purpose of transporting a patrol across the Song Tra Bong River.

5. Command Post Locations.

3d Amphibian Tractor Battali n (-)	(coordinates 561048) (coordinates 560049)
HAS Co	(coordinates 560049)
A 00	(coordinates 554056)
Det. B Co	(coordinates 554056) (coordinates 559051)

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3:LJP:zkb 3121 16 Hay 1966

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit Rep Report # 41 for Period 160001H to 162400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. <u>Battalion Coerations</u>. The following battalion operations are conducted on a continuous daily basis.
- a. From 0001 to 0600 and 1900 to 2400 two LVT crew chiefs were provided as communing for outboard moter boats for the purpose of patroling the Truang Giang River. This patrol departs the LVT Splash Point at coordinates 523120 and patrols the inland river areas to Ky Xuan, Sam Linh and the western side of Ky Hoa Island.
- b. From 0001 to 0700 and 1800 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to 3/1 in direct support as a reaction force. These LVTs depart the LVT Splash Point (coordinates 523120) and proceed to coordinates 515155 where they standby for possible deployment to hill 12 (coordinates 478144) or as directed.
- c. From 0001 to 0700 and 1900 to 2400 (10) LVTs, (1) officer and (34) enlisted were provided in direct support of the 7th Marines for the purpose of beach surveillance and defense from the Song Tra Bong River north to coordinates 561048.
- d. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided at 3/7 CP (coordinates 538025) as a reaction force.
- e. From 0730 to 1630 (4) LVTs were provided to companies of 1/7(coordinates 588014) for logistical support.
- f. From 0001 to 0600 and 1900 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to C/1/7 (coordinates 574993) as a reaction force.
- g. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were in direct support of 2/5 at the An Tan Bridge (coordinates 497067). These LVTs and crows are provided for the purpose of security of the bridge and as a reaction force.
- h. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were in direct support of 3/1 on Hoa Xuan Island (coordinates 436161). These LVTs serve a dual purpose of logistical resupply and as a reaction force. They are rotated daily at 1200.
- i. From 0900 to 1600 (4) LVTs were in direct support of 5/1 for logistical resupply on Ky Hos and Ky Xuan Island. Scheduled runs depart the LVT Splash Point (coordinates 523120) daily at 0900, 1200 and 1500.

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- j. From 0001 to 0600 and 1900 to 2400 (15) personnel were provided to the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense at the LVT Splanh Point.
- k. From 0001 to 0800 and 1800 to 2400 (1) LVT and (20) personnel were provided to man positions for the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense. An additional (2) LVTs and (10) personnel were provided as a reaction force for the Combat Base Defense. The standby location for the reaction force is at Co A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion CP (coordinates 554056).

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

- a. From 160745 to 161330 provided (2) LVTs to A/1/7 for the purpose of transporting a patrol across the Song Tra Bong River (coordinates 626013).
- b. From 161030 to 161600 (2) LVTs were provided to 3/1 for the purpose of conducting a search and destroy operation on Hoa Xuan Island (coordinates 431123).
- 3. Contacts. None

4. Battalion Plans.

a. Will provided (2) LVTs to A/1/7 for the purpose of transporting a patrol across the Song Tra Bong River.

5. Late Entry.

a. At 151900H an LVT crew observed what appeared to be an exposed mortar round rigged as a mine at coordinates 470148. EOD unit was notified. At 161400H (2) LVTs transported the EOD personnel to coordinates 470148 and (1) 3.5 round was blown in place.

HEADQUARTERS 3D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, PMF 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF FPO Sen Francisco, California, 96602

3:1.JF:rkb 3121 17 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Bubj: Sit Rep Report # 42 for Period 170001H to 172400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. Buttalion Operations. No change (see Sit Rep # 41)
- 2. Additional Battalion Operations.
- a. From 170945 to 171730 provided (2) LVTs to A/1/7 for the purpose of transporting a patrol across the Song Tra Bong River (coord 620019).
- b. From 171500 to 171700 provided (5) LVTs in direct support of 1/5. These vehicles departed in Tan Bridge (coord 497067) and proceeded to 1/5 CP hill 54 (coord 396145) where they will remain overnight.
- 3. Contacts. None
- 4. Battalion Plans.
- a. Will provide (2) LVTs in direct support of A/1/7 to transport a patrol across the Song Tra Beng River.
- b. Will provide (7) personnel and (5) LVTs for resonnaissance of area from hill 54 (coord 396145) west to Hoa Xuan Island (coord 436161).
- c. Will provide (8) LVTs in direct support of H/3/1 to transport a reinforced rifle company from Hoa Xuan (coord 436161) to Splash Point (coord 523120).

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Note: (3) of the (5) LVTs mentioned in paragraph 2.b. above proceeded to hill 54. The remaining (2) LVTs are located at coord 430109 where mechanical repair is being conducted on (1) LVT.

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5:LJP:xkb 3121 18 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit Rep Report # 45 for Period 180001H to 182400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3480-1

- 1. <u>Battalion Operations</u>. The following battalion operations are conducted on a continuous daily basis.
- a. From 0001 to 0700 and 1900 to 2400 (10) LVTs, (1) officer and (34) enlisted were provided in direct support of the 7th Marines for the purpose of beach surveillance and defense from the Song Tra Bong River north to coordinates 561048.
- b. From 0001 to 0750 and 1750 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided at 5/7 CP (doord 558025) as a reaction force.
- c. From 0750 to 1630 (4) LVTs were provided to companies of 1/7 (coord 588014) for logistical support.
- d. From 0001 to 0600 and 1900 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to C/1/7 (coord 574995) as a reaction force.
- e. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were in direct support of 2/5 at the Am Tan Bridge (coord 497067). These LVTs and crews are provided for the purpose of security of the bridge and as a reaction force.
- f. From 0001 to 0800 and 1800 to 2400 (1) LVT and (20) personnel were provided to man positions for the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense. An additional (2) LVTs and (10) personnel were provided as a reaction force for the Combat Base Defense. The standby location for the reaction force is at Co A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion CP (coord 554056).
- g. From 0001 to 0600 and 1900 to 2400 two LVT error chiefs were provided as consuming for outboard motor boats for the purpose of patroling the Truang Giang River. This patrol departs the LVT Splash Point at coord 523120 and patrols the inland river areas to Ky Kuan, Sam Linh and the western side of Ky Hon Island.
- h. From 0001 to 0600 and 1900 to 2400 (15) personnel were provided to the Ohn Lai Combat Base Defense at the LVT Splash Point.

- 1. From 0001 to 0700 and 1800 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to 1/5 and 3/1 in direct support as a reaction force. These LVTs depart the LVT Spissh Point (coord 523120) and proceed to coord 515155 where they standby for possible deployment to hill 12 (coord 478144) or as directed.
- j. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were in direct support of D/1/5 on Hoa Xuan Island (coord 425161). These LVTs serve a dual purpose of logistical resupply and as a reaction force. They are rotated daily at 1500.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

- a. From 181500 to 181600 (4) LVTs were in direct support of I/3/1 for resupply missions on Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan Islands.
- b. From 181300 to 182400 (5) LVTs were in direct support of 1/5 for the purpose of conducting a recommaissance from hill 54 (coord 596145) west to Hom Xuan (coord 436161).
- c. From 180745 to 180900 (2) LVTs were provided to A/1/5 to transport a rifle platoon from the LVT Splash Point (coord \$25120) to Ky Xuan (coord 484111).
- d. From 180745 to 181000 (6) LVTs were provided to A/1/5 for the purpose of transporting troops from the LVT Splash Point to Ky Hoa (goord 523122).
- e. From 181000 to 181400 (6) LVTs were provided to M/3/1 for the purpose of transporting troops from Hom Xuan (coord 426161) to the LVT Splash Point.

3. Contacts. None

4. Battalion Plans.

- a. Will provide (2) LVTs in direct support of A/1/7 to transport a patrol across the Song Tra Bong River.
- b. Will provide (4) LVTs to I/3/1 for the purpose of transporting troops from Ky Hos (coord 515155) to the LVT Splash Point.
 - c. Will provide (5) LVTs in direct support of D/1/5.
 - d Will provide (3) LVTS TO 3/7 For Forth Coming Operation.

HEADQUARTERS 3D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, PMP 1st Narine Division (Rein), PMP FPC San Francisco, California, 96602

3:LJP:rkb 3121 19 Hay 1966

From: Commanding Officer

Te: Commanding Ceneral, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit Rep Report # 44 for Period 190:01H to 192400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

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- 1. <u>Pattalion Operations.</u> The following battalion operations are conducted on a continuous daily basis.
- a. From 0001 to 0700 and 1900 to 2400 (10) LVTs, (1) officer and (34) enlisted were provided in direct support of the 7th Marines for the purpose of beach surveillance and defense from the Song Tra Bong River north to coord 561048.
- b. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided at 3/7 CP (coord 538023) as a reaction force.
- o. From 0730 to 1630 (4) LVTs were provided to companies of 1/7 (coord 588014) for logistical support.
- d. From 0001 to 0600 and 1900 to 2400 (2) LaTs were provided to C/1/7 (coord 574993) as a reaction ferce.
- e. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were in direct su port of 2/5 at the An Tan Bridge (coord 497067). These LVTs and crews are provided for the purpose of security of the bridge and as a reaction force.
- f. From 0001 to 0800 and 1800 to 2400 (1) LVT and (20) personnel were provided to man positions for the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense. An additional (2) LVTs and (10) personnel were provided as a reaction force for the Combat Base Defense. The standby location for the reaction force is at H&S Co, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion CP (coord 560049).
- g. From 0001 to 0600 and 1900 to 2400 two LVT crew chiefs were provided as consuming for outboard motor boats for the purpose of patroling the Truang Giang River. This patrol departs the LVT Splash Point at coord 523120 and patrols the inland river areas to Ky Xuan, Sam Linh and the western side of Ky Hoa Island.
- h. From 0001 to 0600 and 1900 to 2400 (15) personnel were provided to the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense at the LVT Splash Point.

- 1. From 0730 to 1630 (4) LVTs were provided to A/1/5 (coord 325112) for the purpose of resupply missions.
- j. From 0001 to 2400 (5) LVTs were provided to D/1/5 (coord 426161). These vehicles remain at D/1/5 CP and have a duel mission of resupply and as a reaction force. On an every other day basis a resupply mission is conducted from D/1/5 CP to the 1/5 CP supply point in the vicinity of hill # 10 (coord 403147).

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

- a. From 191500 to 191900 (2) LVTs were in direct support of D/1/5 (coord 426161) for the purpose of a cave blowing operation at coord 427155.
- b. From 190845 to 191730 (2) LVTs were in direct support of A/1/7 to insert a patrol at coord 635024 and retract at coord 620017. The same (2) LVTs were provided to A/1/7 for patrol action at coord 630023 and 635025.
- o. From 191000 to 192400 (2) LVTs were provided to 3/7 for the purpose of a forth soming operation.
- d. From 191800 to 192400 (2) LVTs were provided to D/1/5 (coord 426161) for the purpose of transporting supplies from the LVT Splash Point (coord 525120) to D/1/5 CP.

3. Contacts.

a. At 191200 Slock Brove Four sighted a mine, (2) 81 MM mortar rounds partially buried in the ground at coord 424156. D/1/5 was notified and the mine was blown in place.

4. Battalion Plans.

- a. Will provide (2) LVTs to A/1/7 to transport a patrol across the Song Tra Bong River.
 - b. Will provide (2) LVEs to 3/7 for a forth coming operation.
 - c. Will provide (2) LVTs to A/1/5 to transport supplies.
 - d. Will provide (5) LVTs to 3/1 to transport troops.

HEADQUARTERS 3D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, FMF 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF FPO San Francisco, California, 96602

3:LJP:rkb 3121 20 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit Rep Report # 45 fer Period 200001H to 202400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. Buttalion Operations. No change (see Sit Rep # 44)
- 2. Additional Battalion Operations.
- a. From 200001 to 201400 (2) LVTs were in direct support of 3/7 for Operation Morgan. These LVTs with tanks were utilised in an amored column movement. They proceeded to coord 581925 at which point the tanks became mired and the armored column was cancelled. The LVTs and tanks returned to the 3/7 area (coord 538023). At 1400 the (2) LVTs were released to their parent unit.
- b. From 200645 to 201530 (2) LVTs were in direct support of Company A 1/7 (coord 609017) to insert a patrol at coord 629022 and retract the same patrol in the vicinity of coord 620018.
- c. From 200715 to 201600 (5) LVTs were provided to Company I 3/1 for the purpose of transporting troops from coord 513158 to the LVT Splash Point (coord 523120).
- d. From 200715 to 201530 (3) LVTs were provided to Company I 3/1 for the purpose of transporting troops from goord 489118 to the LVT Splash Point (coord 523120).
- 5. Contacts. None
- 4. Battalion Plans.
- a. Will provide (2) LVTs to Company A 1/7 to transport a patrol across the Song Tra Bong River.

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HEADQUARTERS 3D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, PMF let Marine Division (Rein), PMF FPO San Francisco, California, 96602

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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit Rep # 46 for Period 210001H to 212400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. <u>Retalion Operations.</u> The following battaliem operations are conducted on a continous daily basis.
- a. From 0001 to 0700 and 1900 to 2400 (10) LVTs, (1) efficer and (34) emlisted were provided in direct support of the 7th Marines for the purpose of beach surveillance and defense from the Song Tra Bong River north to coord 561048.
- b. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided at 3/7 CP (coord 538025) as a reaction force.
- o. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were in direct support of 2/5 at the An Tan Bridge (coord 497067). These LVTs and execute are provided for the purpose of security of the bridge and as a reaction force.
- d. From 0001 to 0600 and 1900 to 2400 (2) LYFe were provided to Company B, 1/7 (goord 574993) as a reaction force.
- e. From 0001 to 0800 and 1800 to 2400 (1) LVT and (20) personnel were provided to man positions for the Chu Lai Combat Base Befanse. An additional (2) LVTs and (10) personnel were provided as a reaction force for the Combat Base Defense. The standby location for the reaction force is at HAS Co, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion CP (coord 560049).
- f. From 0001 to 0600 and 1900 to 2400 (12) personnel were provided to the Ohn Lai Combat Base Defense at the LVT Splash Point.
- g. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs in direct support of Company A, 1/5. These vehicles are used for the purpose of resupply. During the hours of darkness (2) of these LVTs remain at coord 513158 as a resetion force for Company A, 1/5.
- h. From 0001 to 2400 provided (5) LVTs in direct support of Company D, 1/5 (coord 437156). These vehicles recalisma for company as 4/5 CP to the 1/5 CP Supply Point at coord 403147.

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i. From 0730 to 1630 (4) LVTs were provided to companies of 1/7 for logistical support.

2. Additional Dattalion Operations.

a. From 211045 to 211200 (2) LVTs were provided for the purpose of transporting (4) VCS from Nos Xuan (coord 457156) to the 1/6 OP in the vicinity of coord 403147.

b. From 210745 to 211130 (2) LVTs were in direct support of Company A, 1/7 (coord 609017) to insert a patrol at coord 629025 and retract the same patrol at coord 618017.

3. Contacts. None

4. Battalion Plans.

a. Will provide (2) LYTs to Co A, 1/7 to transport a patrol scross the Song Tra Bong River.

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3:LJP:::kb 3121 22 Nay 1966

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subja Sit Rep # 47 for Period 220001H to 222400H May 1966

Hef: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. Battalion Operations. No change (see Sit Rep # 46)
- 2. Additional Battalian Operations.
- a. From 220845 to 221750 (2) LVTs were provided to Company A, 1/7 (coord 609017) to insert a patrol at soord 629025 and retract the same patrol at coord 618017.
- 3. Contacte. Home
- 4. Battalion Flans. Will provide (2) LVPs to Company A, 1/7 to transport a patrol across the Song Tra Bong River.
- 5. Command Post Locations.

3d Amphibian	Tractor	Battalion	(-)	coord	561048) 560049) 554056) 559051)
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BRADQUARTERS 3D AMPRIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, FMF let Marine Division (Rein), FMF FPO San Francisco, California, 96602

5:LJP:186 3121 25 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commending General, let Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit Rep # 48 for Period 250001H to 252400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. Enttalion Operations. No change (see Sit Rep # 46)
- 2. Contacts. None
- 3. Battalion Plans.

a. Will provide (2) LVTs to $\Lambda/1/7$ to transport a patrol across the Song Tra Bong River.

b. Will provide (2) LYTs to A/1/5 for the purpose of transporting troops.

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5:LJP: zkb 3121 24 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding Coneral, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit Rep # 49 for Period 240001H to 242400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change (see Sit Rep # 46)

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 240830 to 241300 (2) LVTs were provided to Company A, 1/7 (coord 609017) to insert a patrol at goord 624021 and retract the same patrol at coord 619018.

b. From 241800 to 242400 (27) LVTs were provided in direct support of 1/7 (goord 588014) for Operation Mebile.

e. From 240830 to 241600 (6) LVTs were provided to D/1/5 for a search and destroy operation from coord 426161 to coord 424179.

3. Contacts.

a. At 241230 (2) LVTs were retracting a patrol from Company A, 1/7. At this time the patrol received enemy emiper fire from coord 619018. At the request of the Patrol Leader, Company A, 1/7 the LVTs returned 20 rounds of .30 cal into the suspected enemy position. The enemy broke contact, no enemy fire returned. The patrol departed with results unknown.

4. Battalion Plans.

a. Will provide (27) LVTs in direct support of 1/7 for a search and destroy mission on the Nam Tram Peninsula.

b. At 250600 the Battalian Commander, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalian and a linious party will depart for the 7th Marines CP in connection with Operation Mobile.

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HRADQUARTERS 5D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, FMF let Marine Division (Rein), FMP FPO San Francisco, California, 96602

5: MT:rkb 3121 25 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit Rep # 50 for Period 250001H to 252400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. Battalion Operations. The following battalion operations are conducted on a continuous daily basis.
- a. From 0001 to 0700 and 1900 to 2400 (10) LFTs, (1) officer and (34) enlisted were provided in direct support of the 7th Marines for the purpose of beach surveillance and defense from the Song Tra Bong River north to cound 561048.
- b. From 0001 to 0730 to 1730 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided at 3/7 CP (sect 538023) as a resetion force.
- e. From 0750 to 1630 (4) LVTs were provided to companies of 1/7 (soord 588014) for logistical support.
- d. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were in direct support of 2/5 at the An Tan Bridge (coord 497067). These LVTs and crows are provided for the purpose of security of the bridge and as a reaction force.
- e. From 0001 to 0800 and 1800 to 2400 (1) LVT and (20) personnel were provided to man positions for the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense. An additional (2) LVTs and (10) personnel were provided as a reaction force for the Combat Base Defense. The standby location for the reaction force is at RAS Co, 5d Amphibian Tractor Battalion CP (coord 560049).
- f. From 0001 to 0600 and 1900 to 2400 (12) personnel were provided to the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense at the LVT Splash Point (coord 523120).
- g. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs in direct support of Company A, 1/5 at coord 513158 and 489118. These vehicles are used for the purpose of resupply missions to the LVT Splash Point (coord 523120). During the hours of darkness, (2) of these LVTs remain at coord 513158 as a resetion force for Company A, 1/5.
- h. From 0001 to 2400 provided (5) LVTs in direct support of Company D, 1/5 (coord 457156). These vehicles remain at Company D, 1/5 CP and are used for the purpose of resupply and reaction. On an every other day basis, a resupply mission is dispatched from Company D, 1/5 CP to the 1/5 FF Supply Peint at second 405147.

2. Additional Battelion Operations.

- a. From 250001 to 252400 provided (8) LVTe in direct support to Company C, 1/7 for Operation Mobile. These LVTs transported the Company to Beach Blue court 646030 to 648032 and continued to provide support.
- b. From 250001 to 251530 provided (6) LVTe to Company A, 1/7 for Operation Mebile. At 0950 these LVTe landed the Company to Beach Red coord 630023 and Beach Green coord 620015. They then continued temperate support until released by 1/7.
- 6. From 251000 to 251530 provided (8) LVTs to 1/7 for Operation Hobile. These LVTs were utilised as a blocking force in the Song Tru Bong from coord 620994 to 617017.
- 4. From 251000 to 251550 provided (3) LVTs for Operation Mobile, which were used to form an LSA for LVTs at soord 609017.
- e. From 250600 to 252400 the Battalion Commander, 34 Amphibian Tractor Battalion and a limiton party participated in Operation Mobile and were located in the vicinity of Binh Sem coord 601922.
- 3. Contacts. None
- 4. Battalion Plans.
 - a. Will continue to provide LVT support in connection with Operation Mobile.

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HEADQUARTERS 3D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, PAP 1st Marine Division (Rein), PAF FPO Son Francisco, California, 96602

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From: Commending Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit Rep # 51 for Period 260001H to 262400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 5480.1

- 1. Nattalion Operations. No change
- 2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 260001 to 262400 provided (24) LVTs in direct support of 1/7 for Operation Mobile. (8) LVTs were in support of Gompany C in the vicinity of courd 653025. (8) LVTs were in support of Company A in the vicinity of 622004. (8) LVTs were in general support on a standby basis.

b. From 260001 to 262400 (2) LVPs were provided to a company from 3/7 (scord 574993) for use as a reaction force.

- c. From 260001 to 261030 s (4) man LVT reconnecesance party was provided to 1/7 to determine possible LVT routes within the Operation Mobile area.
- d. Prom 260001 to 261800 the Battalion Commander, 34 Amphibian Tractor Enttalion and a liaison party participated in Operation Mobile in the vicinity of Rinh Son coord 601922.
- 3. <u>Contacts</u> None
- 4. Bettalion Plans.
 - a. Will continue to provide LVT support in connection with Operation Mobile.

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5: LJP: xkb 3121 27 May 1966

From: Germanding Officer

To: Commanding Command, let Marine Division (Reis), PMF

Subj: Sit Rep # 52 fer Period 270001H to 272400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3480-1

- 1. <u>Nattalion Operations.</u> The following battalion operations are conducted on a continuous daily basis.
- a. From 0001 to 0700 and 1900 to 2400 (10) LVTs, (1) officer and (54) enlisted were provided in direct support of the 7th Marines for the purpose of beach surveillance and defense from the Song Tru Bong River north to coord 561048.
- b. From 0001 to 0750 and 1750 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided at 5/7 CP (quord 538023) as a reaction ferce.
- e. From 0730 to 1630 (4) LWTs were provided to companies of 1/7 (coord 588014) for logistical support.
- 4. From 0001 to 0800 and 1800 to 2400 (1) LYT and (20) personnel were provided to man positions for the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense. An additional (2) LYTs and (10) personnel were provided as a reaction force for the Combat Base Defense. The standby location for the reaction force is at MAS On, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion CP (coord 560049).
- e. From 0001 to 0600 and 1900 to 2400 (12) personnel were provided to the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense at the LVT Splash Paint (coord 523120).
- f. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs in direct support of Company A, 1/5 at coord 515156 and 489118. These vehicles are used for the purpose of resupply missions. During the hours of darkness, (2) of these LVTs remain at coord 513158 as a reaction force for Company A, 1/5.
- g. From 0001 to 2400 provided (5) LVPs in direct support of Company D, 1/9 (seems 437156). These vehicles meanin at Company D, 1/5 OP and are used for the purpose of resupply and as a reaction force. On an every other day backs, a resupply mission is dispatched from Company D, 1/5 OP to the 1/5 OP Supply Point at seed 403147.
- h. From 6001 to 0750 and 1750 to 2400 (2) LYTE were provided to 1/7 (deepli 500014) as a reaction force. ()

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2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 270430 to 272400 (8) LVTs were provided to Company C, 1/7 in conjunction with Operation Mebile. These LVTs were used in search and clear operations in the vicinity of coord 645005.

3. Contacts. None

4. Battalion Flens.

a. Will continue to provide LVT support in connection with Operation Mobile.

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Note: At 1415 B Company Headquarters, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, landed at the battallion OP (good 561048) with 3 officers and 52 enlisted men as part of RIF-5.

HEADQUARTERS 3D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, FMF let Marine Division (Rein), FMF PPO San Francisco, California, 96602

5:JMT:zkb 3121 28 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding Ceneral, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit Rep # 55 for Period 280001H to 282400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3460.1

- 1. <u>Battalion Operations</u>. No change
- 2. Additional Battalion Operations.
- a. From 280730 to 281730 (3) LVTs were provided to Company A, 1/7 (coord 622004) for the purpose of transporting equipment across the Tra Bong River.
- b. From 280001 to 281300 (16) LVTs were in direct support of the 7th Harines for Operation Mobile. These vehicles were in a standhy status to transport ARVN forces across the Tra Bong River.
- o. From 280001 to 281600 (5) LVTs were in direct support of Company C, 1/7 for Operation Mobile. These vehicles were utilized for patrols in the vicinity of coord 650998 and 654040. They were then secured and all returned to the Company A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion CP.
- 3. Contacts. None
- 4. Battalion Plans. None

HEADQUARTERS 3D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, FMF let Marine Division (Rein), FMF FFO San Francisco, California, 96602

3:LJP:rkb 3121 29 Nay 1966

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj. Sit Rep # 54 for Period 290001H to 292400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 290730 to 291700 (3) LVTs were provided to Company A, 1/7 (coord 622004) for logistical support.

3. Contacts.

a. At 290845 LVT 3-B-46 detonated a mine at coord 409155 on Hea Xuan Island. Security was immediately set up and the area searched with negative results. Type of mine is unknown. One marine WIA (not evacuated). Vehicle was damaged to the extent of a broken track and damaged roadwheel. Vehicle will be repaired. Vehicle was retreived to the LVT Splash Point (coord 523120).

4. Battalion Plans.

- a. Will provide (2) LVTs to Company D, 1/7 for transporting personnel.
- b. Will provide (6) LVTs to Company A, 1/5 for the purpose of conducting a search and destroy operation on Fish Island (coord 4712).

5. Command Post Logations.

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (-)	(noord 561048) (noord 560049) (noord 554056)
HAS Company	(coord 560049)
Company A	(coord 554056)
Company B	(coord 559051)

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HEADQUARTERS 5D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, FMF let Marine Division (Rein), FMF FPO San Francisco, California, 96602

3:LJP:rkb 3121 30 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit Rep # 55 for Period 30001H to 302400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. Battalion Operations. No change
- 2. Additional Battalion Operations.
- a. From 300730 to 301650 (3) LVTs were provided to Company A, 1/7 (coord 622004) for logistical susport.
- b. From 300515 to 301000 provided (4) LVTs to Company A, 1/5. These LVTs were used as a blocking force in connection with the search and destroy operation on Fish Island (coord 4712).
- c. From 300515 to 301000 provided (2) LYTs to Company A, 1/5 for a search and destroy operation on Fish Island (coord 4712).
- d. From 301230 to 301700 (2) LVTE1s were provided to 1/5. These vehicles were utilized for the purpose of clearing a route between coord 408152 and coord 409155. At approximately 301640 (1) LVTE1 experienced a malfunction of its rocket-powered line charge at coord 408152, resulting in 1 KIA and 4 WIA (USMC). All wounded were help evacuated to Brave Company, 1st Medical Battalion, and the affected LVTE1 was evacuated to the LVT Splash Point coord 523120. The Commanding Officer, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, and the 1st Marine Division Ordnance Officer departed to the scene to evaluate the damage.
- 3. Contacts. None
- 4. Battalion Flans, None

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> 5:LJP:zkb 3121 31 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Sit Rep # 56 for Period 310001H to 312400H May 1966

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. Battalion Operations. No change
- 2. Additional Battalion Operations.
- a. From 510700 to 311000 provided (2) LVTs to 1st Marine Division FSCC to transport equipment from the LVT Splash Point (coord 523120) to Ky Hea Island.
- b. From 310900 to 311700 (3) LVTs were provided to Company A, 1/7 (coord 622004) for logistical support.
- c. From 310001 to 312400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company B, 1/7 (coord 593994) as a reaction force.
- 3. <u>Contacts</u>. None
- 4. Battalion Plans. None

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