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3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, FMF
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
c/o FPO San Francisco, California, 96602

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1 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
(ATTN: Field Historian)

Subj: Command Chronology 1-31 July 1966

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) DIVO 5750.2

Encl: (1) Summary of daily Int. Sum's for period 1-31 July 1966
(2) Sit Rep's of July 1966, # 87-117

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


J. L. SAUL
Executive Officer

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Command Chronology for 1-31 July 1966

1. Organizational Data:

a. 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, FMF

(1) Command Post: Chu Lai, RVN, BT 560048

(2) Command Structure:

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Commanding Officer: | Major W. J. DINSE |
| Executive Officer: | Major F. N. VAN SANT |
| S-1: | 2dLt. W. F. ELLIS Jr. |
| S-2: | Capt. R. E. BARKER |
| S-3: | Maj. L. J. PIANTADOSI |
| S-4: | Capt. E. G. GARBERE |

b. H&SCo. 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, FMF

(1) Command Post: Chu Lai, RVN, vicinity BT 560049

(2) Commanding Officer: 1stLt. T. J. SCHIPPOREIT

c. Co "A", 3d Amphibian Tractor Bn, FMF

(1) Command Post: Chu Lai, RVN, vicinity BT 570039

(2) Commanding Officer: Capt. R. H. DIETRICH

b. Co "B", 3d Amphibian Tractor Bn, FMF

(1) Command Post: Chu Lai, RVN, vicinity BT 560049

(2) Commanding Officer: Capt. R. C. ALBRO

2. Personnel and Administration:

a. Average Monthly Strengths:

| <u>MARINE</u> | |
|---------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
| 27 | 529 |

| <u>NAVY</u> | |
|-------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
| 2 | 11 |

b. General Information:

- (1) During the reporting period 7 enlisted related to CONUS. 2 Marine Corps Officers and 47 Marine Corps enlisted replacements were received. 1 Navy enlisted replacement was received.
- (2) During the reporting period the battalion had 5 WIA/NE.

3. Significant Events:

a. Intelligence.

- (1) Enemy activity: VC Mine and booby trap incidents continue to increase with (7) reported incidents during July 1966. Enclosure (1) contains Battalion Intelligence Summaries, ~~Summary~~ for period of 1-31 July 1966.
- (2) Intelligence: Normal administrative and Combat Intelligence during month of July 1966.

A rewards fund of 2000\$VN was obtained from Division CI. These funds are to be used as outlined in DivO 7000.4.

b. Training.

- (1) Formal training was conducted throughout the month of July in conjunction with operational commitments.
- (2) Live firing of the M-14, .45 caliber and .30 caliber MG constituted the practical application phase of weapons instructions.
- (3) An LVTP5 Crewmans Maintenance Pamphlet was published.
- (4) OJT and normal maintenance procedures were conducted throughout the month.
- (5) Communications procedures school was conducted for LVT crewman, by the communications section.

c. Schools.

- (1) (1) officer to Civic Action.
- (2) (1) ~~officer~~^{SUBSTITUTED} to Crypto Communication.
- (3) (1) man to M-16 Rifle Repair.

d. Special Operations.

- (1) During July this battalion participated in numerous small search and destroy operations in support of the infantry.
- (2) On the 31st of July (1) platoon consisting of (1) officer (41) enlisted and (11) LVTs returned from SLF duty with 3/5.
- (3) On two occasions during July provisional rifle platoons were attached to the Chu Lai Combat Defense, Sub-Sector V.
- (4) Enclosure (2) contains the Battalion Sit Reps for July 1966.

e. Logistics

- (1) Important Events: A 500 man galley was constructed by MCB-4 and is now in operation. A laterite road was constructed by 1st Eng. Bn. on the access road through the battalion area.
- (2) Supply. AMRD was computed using 12 months usage history, with the exception of selected LVT and Meter Transport repair parts which were computed on "In Country" usage only.

Road wheel assembly FSN 2530-447-0723
Qty 31 and Track kit FSN 2530-523-541
Qty 20 were placed on "Red Ball"
- (3) Meter Transport wheeled vehicles in the battalion accumulated a total of 18,414 accident free miles during the month with a vehicle deadlining average of 20%.
- (4) Medical Support. The medical support was routine during the month with this battalion. The Battalion Surgeon and corpsman offered medical care to the Vietnamese in the village of Hai Ninh and Vinh An on a basis of three times a week. A total of 1074 patients were treated for a variety of ailments. The battalion surgeon was attached to the 7th Marines from 25 July to 29 July for Operation Franklin.
- (5) Battalion Maintenance. During the period Battalion Maintenance continued to exert all efforts in support of Co. "A" and "B". Highlight of the month was the recovery of a submerged LVTEL from the Song Ben Van river. Recovery was swiftly accomplished despite extremely muddy terrain.

f. Civic Action.

- (1) During period 1-31 July MED CAP Team made 13 visits to the hamlet of Vinh An and treated 1074 patients for a total 1169 ailments.
- (2) During the reporting period 600 bars of soap were handed out along with 100 lbs of clothing, 2 basketballs and 1 velleyball.
- (3) On 12 July 1966, 20 bags of cement were given to the village Chief for the construction of a water well in Vinh An. The villagers are constructing the well.

Intelligence Summaries for the month of July 1966

- ISUM No. 64 - 302240H Jun - Elms BCo 3dAmTracBn received mortar rd at coord BT(522142) & small arms fire. Returned (50) rds. M-14 fire results unknown. During incident (1) Marine suffered a broken leg.
- ISUM No. 65 - 031530H - Two 81mm mortar rds landed to the rear of BCo 1st Plt. position at coord BT (421065). 1st rd landed (150) meters to the rear, the second round landed (200) meters to the rear. No casualties.
- ISUM No. 66 - 051900H - Elms ACo. 3d AmTracBn. LVT located in vic of BT (588014) received (5) rds small arms from westerly direction. Marines returned (75) rds small arms with unknown results.
- ISUM No. 67 - 062040H - LVT from BCo. 3dAmTracBn. loc vic BT (424091) LVT hit mine believed to be either (105) rd or (4.2) rd. (2) men from H-2-5 were WIA. Damage to LVT, suspension system, No. (8) road wheel was blown off, (1) torsion arm damaged, ruptured deck plate, and one fuel cell. The LVT did not catch fire.
- ISUM No. 68 - 080440H - Elm BCo. 3dAmTracBn. located (100) meters east of BT (468068) received (4) rds SA from grave yard vic BT (468068). Marines illuminated area with neg. results.
- ISUM No. 69 - 101430H - Elm of BCo. 3dAmTracBn. loc BT (468068) Children alerted the Marines of Beeby trap located (100) yds east of position. It was investigated and found to be (1) M26 grenade rigged in G-ration can. Marines disarmed grenade.
- 102330H - Elm of BCo. 3dAmTracBn. observed (1) individual attempted to cross over wire, (2) bursts of M-14 & (2) rds of illumination in direction of individual and he fled. Vic BT(468068)
- 110400H - Elm ACo. 3dAmTracBn. received sniper fire from vic BT (581030), elm ACo. loc BT (581032) they received (2) rds sniper fire, returned (2) rds M-14 fire results unknown
- ISUM No. 70 - 111930H - Elm of ACo. 3dAmTracBn with 3d Plt ACo. 1/7 had a blocking force of (2) LVT's in river at coord BT (480020). Saw (3) VC running along river bank on rocks. Fired (50) rds of small arms and (4) rds M-79 at VC. (1) VC KIA, (1) WIA and (1) VCG, all were turned over to A/1/7.

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- ISUM No. 71 - 141610H - Elm BCo. 3dAmTracBn. found electric firing device searched area with EOD confirmed (1) battery. BT (441056)
- ISUM No. 72 - 161150H - Elm BCo. 3dAmTracBn. discovered hand grenade rigged as mine in road at BT (435055). Engineers blew in place.
- 161435H - Elm ACo. 3dAmTracBn. had two LVT's in the water Vic BT (663028) received enemy small arms fire from vic BT (661028). Returned (30) rds small arms fire neg results.
- 161505H - Elm BCo. 3dAmTracBn. were in vic BT(435055) when they received one 60mm mortar rd from BT (452039). No casualties.
- ISUM No. 73 - 181345H - Elm of BCo. 3dAmTracBn. observed (2) mortar rds explode opposite side of hill vic BT (455044). No action taken, continued on mission.
- ISUM No. 74 - 191545H - 3ElmTACoBn3dAmTracBn. (received (5) rds enemy small arms fire. Returned (20) rds small arms fire neg results.
- ISUM No. 75 - 201830H - Elm ACo. 3dAmTracBn. LVT recd (5) rds of enemy small arms fire from vic BS (623993), LVT was vic BT (622009). LVT crew returned (40) rds of small arms fire, results unk preceded on mission.
- ISUM No. 76 - 211730H - Elm BCo. 3dAmTracBn. observed (1) VC running in vic of BT (469071), VC fired (15) rds small arms fire. Squad of troops swept area, (1) VCS was captured without weapons or arms.
- 212245H - Elm BCo. 3dAmTracBn. received (1) grenade or mortar rd because of the rain and darkness the direction of the grenade or mortar could not be determine.
- ISUM No. 77 - 231648H - CommSec. 3dAmTracBn. had programmed interference on frequency M-240 it sounded like a womans voice speaking, garbled with music occasionally in the background. Effectiveness not known.
- ISUM No. 78 - 251100H - Elm BCo3dAmTracBn. encountered (4) to (5) mounds that appeared to be graves, engineers detected metal in two of the mounds they blew the two mounds, no secondary explosions, continued on mission. Mounds located Vic BT (452039)

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- ISUM No. 79 - 271145H - Elm BCo.3dAmTracBn. loc vic BT (434056) discovered (2) AT mines in the trail and (1) 81mm mortar rd rigged as beebie trap. Engineers blew in place.
- 271945H * Elm ACo.3dAmTracBn. loc vic BT (592007 received (5) rds enemy fire small arms from vic BT (592005). LVT continued on mission.
- ISUM No. 80 - 281545H - Elm ACo.3dAmTracBn. LVT hit AT Mine vic. BS (259985) blew off port track, damaged No. (7) road wheel and torsion arm portside No. (11) and (12) deck plates portside bulged, engine shifted off mounts, Mail dented. No casualties.
- ISUM No. 81 - 291115H - Elm BCo.3dAmTracBn. hit land mine at vic BT (438047), the mine blew off road wheel and torsion arm, and the track with multiple break.
- 291700H - Elm BCo.3dAmTracBn. loc vic BT (438047) encountered small anti-personnel mine it knocked rubber off tire, no other damage.
- ISUM No. 82 - 301340H - Elm ACo.3dAmTracBn. loc vic BT (662034) recd (1) mortar rd direction unknown. No casualties.

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 1 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Subj: Sit Rep #87 for period 010001H to 012400H July 1966
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. From 010001 to 012400 provided a provisional rifle company headquarters group consisting of (2) officers and (5) enlisted and a provisional rifle platoon consisting of (1) officer and (50) enlisted for the purpose of occupying positions in the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense.

3. Contacts. (Late Entry)

a. At 302240H the 4th Platoon, Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion received (1) mortar round at coord 323120. Approximately (90) rounds of M-14 fire was returned in the direction of coord 316119. Results unknown. During this incident (1) Marine suffered a broken leg.

4. Battalion Plans.

a. Will provide (6) LVT's to 2/5 at 020800H for resupply and tactical use.

L. J. PIANTADOSI
 By direction

Enclosure (2)

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 3121
 2 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 88 for period 020001H to 022400H July 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 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 (7) LVTs, (1) officer and (22) 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 OP (coord 538023) as a reaction force.

c. From 0730 to 1630 (4) LVTs were provided to companies B, C, and D of 1/7 for logistical support.

d. 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 OP (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 Point (coord 523120).

f. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs in direct support of Company A, 1/5 at coords 513158 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) LVTs in direct support of Company B, 1/5 (coord 437156). These vehicles remain at Company B, 1/5 OP and are used for the purpose of resupply and as a reaction force. On an every other day basis, a resupply mission is dispatched from Company B, 1/5 OP to the 1/5 OP Supply Point at coord 403147.

h. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to 1/7 (coord 588014) as a reaction force.

i. From 0001 to 2400 (3) LVTs were provided to Company A, 1/7 (coord 622004) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

j. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company B, 1/7 (coord 593994) as a reaction force.

k. From 0001 to 0500 and 2000 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company A, 1/5 for the purpose of patrolling the Truong Giang River. This patrol departs the LVT Splash Point at coord 523120 and patrols the river areas to Ky Xuan, Sam Linh and the western side of Ky Hoa Island.

l. From 1300 to 1600 provided (2) LVTs to 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. These vehicles are utilized Monday through Saturday for the purpose of patrolling the areas south from 1st Reconnaissance Battalion CP to highway 22A, west to highway 1 and north to highway 7.

m. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 2/5 (coord 468068) for the purpose of a reaction force, communications and resupply missions.

n. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 (coord 435078) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 020001 to 022400 provided a provisional rifle company headquarters group consisting of (2) officers and (5) enlisted and a provisional rifle platoon consisting of (1) officer and (50) enlisted for the purpose of occupying positions in the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense.

b. From 021500 to 021630 provided and LVTs to make repairs on the LCM-8 at the mouth of the Song Tra Bong River (coord 614018).

3. Battalion Plans.

a. At 030800H will provide (4) LVTs to 2/5 for the purpose of conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coords 4307, 4407, 4308, and 4408.

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 5121
 3 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Subj: Sit Rep # 89 for period 030001H to 032400H July 1966
 Ref: (a) Dyo 3480.1

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

a. From 030001 to 032400 provided a provisional rifle company headquarters group consisting of (2) officers and (5) enlisted and a provisional rifle platoon consisting of (1) officer and (50) enlisted for the purpose of occupying positions in the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense.

b. From 030000 to 031030 provided an LVRT to make repairs on the LCM-6 at the mouth of the Song Tra Bong River (coord 614018).

a. From 030800 to 031700 provided (4) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 for the purpose of conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coords 4307, 4407, 4308 and 4408.

3. Battalion Plans.

a. At 040700 will provide (4) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 for the purpose of conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coords 40899 and 452038.

b. At 041000H will provide (2) LVTs to 2/5 for the purpose of security and river patrols in the vicinity of coord 497066.

4. Contacts.

a. At 031530H the 1st Platoon Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion received (2) rounds of WP 81 MM mortar fire in the vicinity of coord 421065. Location of enemy position unknown. There was no damage to vehicles or injuries as a result of this action.

5. Command Post Locations.

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (-)
H&S Company
Company A
Company B

{coord 561048}
{coord 560049}
{coord 554056}
{coord 559051}

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 4 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Subj: Sit Rep # 90 for period 040001H to 042400H July 1966
 Ref: (a) DivO 3490.1

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

a. From 040001 to 041600 provided a provisional rifle company headquarters group consisting of (2) officers and (5) enlisted and a provisional rifle platoon consisting of (1) officer and (50) enlisted for the purpose of occupying positions in the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense.

b. From 040700 to 041330 provided (2) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 for the purpose of conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coords 408099 and 452038.

c. From 041000 to 042400 provided (2) LVTs to 2/5 for the purpose of security and river patrols in the vicinity of coord 497066.

3. Administrative.

a. From 041615 to 041630 General WESTMORELAND visited the officers and men of the 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion.

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 3121
 5 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Subj: Sit Rep # 91 for period 050001H to 052400H July 1966
 Ref: (a) DivO 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 (7) LVTs, (1) officer and (22) 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.

c. From 0730 to 1630 (5) LVTs were provided to Companies B, C, and D of 1/7 for logistical support.

d. 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).

e. 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 525120).

f. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs in direct support of Company D, 1/5 at coord 513158 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 D, 1/5.

g. From 0001 to 2400 provided (6) LVTs in direct support of Company D, 1/5 (coord 437156). These vehicles remain at Company D, 1/5 CP and are used for the purpose of resupply and as a reaction force. On an every other day basis, a resupply mission is dispatched from Company D, 1/5 CP to the 1/5 CP Supply Point at coord 403147.

h. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (1) LVT was provided to 1/7 (coord 568014) as a reaction force.

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i. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company G, 1/7 (coord 574993) as a reaction force.

j. From 0001 to 2400 (3) LVTs were provided to Company A, 1/7 (coord 622004) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

k. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company B, 1/7 (coord 593994) as a reaction force.

l. From 0001 to 0500 and 2000 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company D, 1/5 for the purpose of patrolling the Truong Giang River. This patrol departs the LVT Splash Point at coord 523120 and patrols the river areas to Ky Xuan, Sam Linh and the western side of Ky Hoa Islands.

m. From 1300 to 1600 provided (2) LVTs to 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. These vehicles are utilized Monday through Saturday for the purpose of patrolling the areas south from 1st Reconnaissance Battalion CP to highway 22A, west to highway 1 and north to highway 7.

n. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 2/5 (coord 468068) for the purpose of a reaction force, communications and resupply missions.

o. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 (coord 435078) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

p. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 2/5 for the purpose of security and river patrols in the vicinity of coord 497066.

2. Battalion Plans.

a. At 060330 will provide (4) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 for the purpose of conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coord 445105.

3. Administrative.

a. From 051400 to 051415 Lt. General KRULAK visited the 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion and was given a briefing by the Commanding Officer.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 92 for period 060001H to 062400H July 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 060330 to 061600 provided (4) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 for the purpose of conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coord 497066.

3. Battalion Plans.

a. At 070800 will provide (2) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 for the purpose of conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coord 425066.

4. Late Entry.

a. At 051900 the 4th Platoon, Company A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion received (5) rounds of enemy small arms at coord 588014. Approximately (75) rounds of M-14 fire was returned in the direction of the enemy. Results unknown.

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 7 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Subj: Sit Rep # 93 for period 070001H to 072400H July 1966
 Ref: (a) DivO 3490.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 070800 to 071730 provided (2) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 for the purpose of conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coord 425066 and 455113

b. From 070730 to 071200 provided (2) LVTs to Company D, 1/5 for the purpose of transporting personnel to Fish Island. (coord 4712)

3. Battalion Plans.

a. Will provide (4) LVTs to the 5th Marines for the purpose of clearing mined areas in the vicinity of coords 425066 and 409099.

4. Late Entry.

a. At 062040 (1) LVT from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion detonated a mine in the vicinity of coord 424091. Extensive damage was done to the vehicle. As a result of this incident there were (2) personnel injured from Company H, 2/5.

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 6 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP
 Subj: Sit Rep # 94 for period 080001H to 082400H July 1966
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. From 080900 to 081530 provided (2) LVTP5s and (4) LVTE1s to the 5th Marines. These vehicles were utilized for the purpose of clearing mine fields in the vicinity of Coords 425066 and 409099. A total of (7) line charges were fired. There were (5) secondary explosions.

3. Contacts.

a. At 080440 the 1st Platoon, Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion received (4) rounds of enemy small arms fire at coord 468068. The direction of the enemy fire was approximately (100) meters east of coord 468068. The area was illuminated with negative results.

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9 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 95 for period 090001H to 092400H July 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. From 090600 to 090800 provided (2) LVTs to Company D, 1/5 for the purpose of transporting troops to Fish Island (coord 4712).

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10 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 96 for period 100001H to 102400H July 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Battalion Plans.

a. At 110730 will provide (5) LVTs to the Seabees for the purpose of transporting building material to the vicinity of coord 625987.

3. Administration.

a. At 101615 the damaged LVT which struck a mine on 6 July 1966 was towed from coord 435078 to the LVT Splash Point (coord 523120).

4. Command Post Locations.

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| 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion | (coord 561048) |
| H&S Company | (coord 560049) |
| Company A | (coord 554056) |
| Company B | (coord 559051) |

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 11 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Subj: Sit Rep # 97 for period 110001H to 112400H July 1966
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 110730 to 111630 provided (5) LVTs to the Seabees for the purpose of transporting building material to the vicinity of coord 624988.

b. From 110830 to 111200 provided (2) LVTs to the S-5 Officer, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion. These vehicles were utilized for transporting personnel and supplies to coord 614010 in connection with a civic action program.

3. Contacts.

a. At 110400 the 3d Platoon, Company A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion received (2) rounds of enemy sniper fire in the vicinity of coord 581032. There were (2) rounds of M-14 fire returned in the direction of coord 581030. Results unknown.

4. Late Entries.

a. At 102125 the 3d Platoon, Company A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion received (2) rounds of enemy sniper fire in the vicinity of coord 607020. Approximately (7) rounds of M-14 fire were returned in the direction of coord 607019. Results unknown.

b. At 102330 personnel from Headquarters Platoon, Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion observed (1) VCS attempting to cross over a barbed wire entanglement in the vicinity of coord 468068. There were (2) bursts of M-14 fire and (2) illumination rounds fired in the direction of the enemy and the VCS fled.

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12 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP
Subj: Sit Rep # 98 for period 120001H to 122400H July 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Late Entry.

a. At 111930 (2) LVTs from Company A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion with a platoon from Company A, 1/7 patrolled the Song Tra Bong River in the vicinity of coord 620020. There were (3) VC sighted running along the bank. Approximately (50) rounds of small arms fire and (4) M-79 rounds were fired at the (3) VC. Results were (1) KIA, (1) WIA and (1) captured. All were turned over to Company A, 1/7.

3. Battalion Plans.

a. Will provide (2) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 at 130730 for the purpose of conducting a search and clear operation in the vicinity of coord 425066.

b. Will provide (3) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 at 131800 for the purpose of a blocking force in the vicinity of coords 4512, 4611 and 4610.

c. Will provide (3) LVTs to Company A, 1/7 at 130600 for the purpose of conducting a search and clear mission in the vicinity of coord 6403.

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 13 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP
 Subj: Sit Rep # 99 for period 130001H to 132400H July 1966
 Ref: (a) DivO 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 (7) LVTs, (1) officer and (22) 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.
- c. From 0730 to 1630 (5) LVTs were provided to companies B, C, and D of 1/7 for logistical support.
- d. 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).
- e. 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).
- f. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs in direct support of Company D, 1/5 at coord 513158 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 D, 1/5.
- g. From 0001 to 2400 provided (6) LVTs in direct support of Company D, 1/5 (coord 437156). These vehicles remain at Company D, 1/5 CP and are used for the purpose of resupply and as a reaction force. On an every other day basis, a resupply mission is dispatched from Company D, 1/5 CP to the 1/5 CP Supply Point at coord 403147.
- h. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (1) LVT was provided to 1/7 (coord 588014) as a reaction force.

i. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company C, 1/7 (coord 574993) as a reaction force.

j. From 0001 to 2400 (3) LVTs were provided to Company A, 1/7 (coord 622004) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

k. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company B, 1/7 (coord 593994) as a reaction force.

l. From 0001 to 0500 and 2000 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company D, 1/5 for the purpose of patrolling the Truong Giang River. This patrol departs the LVT Splash Point at coord 523120 and patrols the river areas to Ky Xuan, San Linh and the western side of Ky Hoa Islands.

m. From 0830 to 1300 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (2) LVTs are provided to the S-5 Officer, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion. These vehicles are utilized for the purpose of transporting personnel and supplies to coord 614010 in connection with the civic action program.

n. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 2/5 (coord 468068) for the purpose of a reaction force, communication and resupply missions.

o. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 (coord 435078) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

p. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 2/5 for the purpose of security and river patrols in the vicinity of coord 497066.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 130640 to 131130 provided (3) LVTs to Company A, 1/7 for the purpose of conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coord 6403.

b. From 130730 to 131300 provided (2) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 for the purpose of conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coord 425066.

c. From 131800 to 132400 provided (2) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 for the purpose of a blocking force in the vicinity of coords 4512, 4611 and 4610.

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14 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 100 for period 140001H to 142400H July 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Battalion Plans.

a. At 150600 will provide (2) LVTEs and (2) LVTPs to 3/7 for the purpose of clearing mined areas in the vicinity of coord 5792.

3. Late Entry.

a. At 132145 (1) LVT from Company A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion received (30) rounds of enemy small arms fire in the vicinity of coord 590988. Approximately (50) rounds of small arms fire was returned in the direction of the enemy. Results unknown.

4. Administrative.

a. At 141600 while enroute to 2/5 for a mine clearing operation (1) LVTE1 was stuck and partially submerged. Retrieving operations will continue.

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 15 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Subj: Sit Rep # 101 for period 150001H to 152400H July 1966
 Ref: (a) DivO 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 (7) LVTs, (1) officer and (22) 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.

c. From 0730 to 1630 (5) LVTs were provided to companies B, C, and D of 1/7 for logistical support.

d. 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 is at H&S Co, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion CP (coord 560049).

e. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs in direct support of Company D, 1/5 at coord 513158 and 489118. These vehicles are used for the purpose of resupply missions and as a reaction force.

f. From 0001 to 2400 provided (6) LVTs in direct support of Company D, 1/5 (coord 437156). These vehicles remain at Company D, 1/5 CP and are used for the purpose of resupply and as a reaction force. On an every other day basis, a resupply mission is dispatched from Company D, 1/5 CP to the 1/5 CP Supply Point at coord 403147.

g. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (1) LVT was provided to 1/7 (coord 588014) as a reaction force.

h. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company G, 1/7 (coord 574993) as a reaction force.

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16 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP
Subj: Sit Rep # 102 for period 160001H to 162400H July 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 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 (7) LVTs, (1) officer and (22) 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 word 561048.

b. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided at 3/7 CP (oord 538023) as a reaction force.

c. From 0730 to 1630 (5) LVTs were provided to companies B, C, and D of 1/7 for logistical support.

d. 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 HAS Co, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion CP (oord 560049).

e. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs in direct support of Company D, 1/5 at oord 476145. These vehicles are used for the purpose of resupply missions and as a reaction force.

f. From 0001 to 2400 provided (6) LVTs in direct support of Company D, 1/5 (oord 437157). These vehicles remain at Company D, 1/5 CP and are used for the purpose of resupply and as a reaction force.

g. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (1) LVT was provided to 1/7 (oord 588014) as a reaction force.

h. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company C, 1/7 (oord 574993) as a reaction force.

i. From 0001 to 2400 (3) LVTs were provided to Company A, 1/7 (oord 622004) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

j. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company B, 1/7 (oord 593994) as a reaction force.

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k. From 0001 to 0500 and 2000 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company D, 1/5 for the purpose of patrolling the river areas to Ky Xuan, Sam Linh and the western side of Ky Hoa Island on the Truong Giang River.

l. From 0830 to 1300 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (2) LVTs are provided to the S-5 Officer, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion. These vehicles are utilized for the purpose of transporting personnel and supplies to coord 614010 in connection with the civic action program.

m. From 0001 to 2400 provided (3) LVTs to 2/5 (coord 468068) for the purpose of a reaction force, communication and resupply missions.

n. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 (coord 435078) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

o. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 2/5 for the purpose of security and river patrols in the vicinity of coord 497067.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 160001 to 161630 provided (4) LVTs to Company B, 1/7 for the purpose of conducting a sweep and clear operation in the vicinity of coord 6 97.

b. From 160800 to 161700 provided (2) LVTs to the Commanding Officer, 2/5 for the purpose of patrolling the areas in the vicinity of the 2/5 CP (coord 4606).

3. Contacts.

a. At 160745 (1) LVT from Company A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion dropped into a tank trap in the vicinity of coord 663021. No damage was done to the vehicle or personnel. The vehicle was recovered and continued on its mission.

b. At 161150 an LVT crew from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion discovered a hand grenade rigged as a mine in the vicinity of coord 435055. Engineer personnel exploded the mine in place.

c. At 161435 (2) LVTs from Company A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion received (15) rounds of enemy small arms fire in the vicinity of coord 663028. Approximately (30) rounds of small arms fire was returned in the direction of the enemy (coord 661028). Results unknown.

d. At 161505 (1) LVT from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion received (1) mortar round in the vicinity of coord 441056. No damage. The LVT continued on its mission.

4. Late Entry.

a. At 150430 (2) LVTs were dispatched as a reaction force from 3/7 CP (coord 538023). These vehicles transported personnel from ~~CP~~ to Company M, 3/7 (Coord 5712) and were utilized in blocking positions. Reaction time was approximately (40) minutes from coord 538023 to coord 5792.

5. Administrative.

a. The submerged LVTM1 was retrieved at 161745. An attempt will be made to tow the vehicle back to the 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion CP at 161930.

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i. From 0001 to 2400 (3) LVTs were provided to Company A, 1/7 (coord 622004) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

j. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company B, 1/7 (coord 593994) as a reaction force.

k. From 0001 to 0500 and 2000 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company B, 1/5 for the purpose of patrolling the river areas to Ky Xuan, Sam Linh and the western side of Ky Hoa Islands on the Truong Giang River.

l. From 0830 to 1300 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (2) LVTs are provided to the S-5 Officer, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion. These vehicles are utilized for the purpose of transporting personnel and supplies to coord 614010 in connection with the civic action program.

m. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 2/5 (coord 468068) for the purpose of a reaction force, communications and resupply missions.

n. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 (coord 435078) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

o. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 2/5 for the purpose of security and river patrols in the vicinity of coord 497066.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 150600 to 151630 provided (2) LVTE1s and (2) LVTP5s to 3/7 for the purpose of clearing mined areas in the vicinity of coord 5792.

b. From 150700 to 151630 provided (1) LVTE1 to the 5th Marines for the purpose of clearing mined areas in the vicinity of coord 4307. There were (4) line charges fired. Secondary explosions resulted.

c. From 150430 to 152400 provided (2) LVTs as a reaction force to Company M, 3/7 in the vicinity of coord 578925.

3. Battalion Plans.

a. Will provide (4) LVTs to Company B, 1/7 for the purpose of conducting a search and destroy operation.

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17 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 103 for period 170001H to 172400H July 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. From 171400 to 171800 provided (2) LVTs to the division civic action section for the purpose of transporting personnel to Ky Xuan Island in connection with the civic action program.

3. Battalion Plans.

a. Will provide (2) LVTEs and (2) LVTP5s to 3/7 for the purpose of clearing mined areas in the vicinity of coord 5792.

4. Command Post Locations.

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion
H&S Company
Company A
Company B

(coord 561048)
(coord 560049)
(coord 557466)
(coord 559051)

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j. From 0001 to 0500 and 2000 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company B, 1/5 for the purpose of patrolling the Truoc areas to Ky Xuan, San Linh and the western side of Ky Hoa Islands on the Truong Giang River.

k. From 0830 to 1300 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (2) LVTs are provided to the S-5 Officer, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion. These vehicles are utilized for the purpose of transporting personnel and supplies to coord 614010 in connection with the civic action program.

l. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs to 2/5 (coord 468068) for the purpose of a reaction force, communication and resupply missions.

m. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 (coord 435078) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

n. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 2/5 for the purpose of security and river patrols in the vicinity of coord 497067.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 180700 to 181615 (2) LVTE1s and (2) LVTP5s were provided to 3/7 for the purpose of clearing mined areas in the vicinity of coord 5792. There were (4) line charges fired. No secondary explosions were noted.

3. Contacts.

a. At 181345 an LVT crew from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion observed (2) mortar rounds explode in the vicinity of coord 455044. Direction from which the mortars were fired is unknown. No further action was taken. The LVT continued on its mission.

4. Administrative.

a. From 180800 to 181000 conducted small arms familiarisation firing from coord 560050 seaward.

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 19 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Subj: Sit Rep # 105 for period 190001H to 192400H July 1966
 Ref: (a) DivO 3430.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 191500 to 191800 provided (3) LVTs to Company A, 1/7 for the purpose of transporting personnel. These personnel were picked up in the vicinity of coord 653044 and returned to coord 622009.

3. Contacts.

a. At 191545 an LVT crew from Company A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion received (5) rounds of enemy small arms fire in the vicinity of coord 637024. Approximately (20) rounds of small arms was returned in the direction of the enemy fire (coord 637024). Negative results. The LVT continued on its mission.

4. Late Entry.

a. At 170025 an LVT from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion was damaged while supporting troops from Company H, 2/5 who were engaged in a fire fight with the VC in the vicinity of coord 426088. A 3 to 4 inch hole was penetrated through the hull near the rear of the vehicle. Repair can be made within 2d echelon maintenance.

5. Administrative.

a. From 190800 to 191000 conducted small arms familiarization firing from coord 560050 seaward.

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 18 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Subj: Sit Rep # 104 for period 180001H to 182400H July 1966
 Ref: (a) DivO 5480.1

1. Battalion Operations. The following battalion operations are conducted on a continuous daily basis.

a. From 0001 to 0700 and 1900 to 2400 (7) LVTs, (1) officer and (22) 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 0730 to 1630 (5) LVTs were provided to companies B, C, and D of 1/7 for logistical support.

c. 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 (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, 1st Recon Battalion.

d. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs in direct support of Company D, 1/5 at coord 476145. These vehicles are used for the purpose of resupply missions and as a reaction force.

e. From 0001 to 2400 provided (6) LVTs in direct support of Company D, 1/5 (coord 437157). These vehicles remain at Company D, 1/5 CP and are used for the purpose of resupply and as a reaction force.

f. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (1) LVT was provided to 1/7 (coord 588014) as a reaction force.

g. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company G, 1/7 (coord 574993) as a reaction force.

h. From 0001 to 2400 (3) LVTs were provided to Company A, 1/7 (coord 622004) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

i. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company B, 1/7 (coord 593994) as a reaction force.

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 20 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP
 Subj: Sit Rep # 106 for period 200001H to 202400H July 1966
 Ref: (a) DivC 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 (7) LVTs, (1) officer and (22) 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 0730 to 1630 (5) LVTs were provided to companies B, C, and D of 1/7 for logistical support.

c. 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 (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, 1st Recon Battalion.

d. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs in direct support of Company D, 1/5 at coord 476145. These vehicles are used for the purpose of resupply missions and as a reaction force.

e. From 0001 to 2400 provided (5) LVTs in direct support of Company D, 1/5 (coord 437157). These vehicles remain at Company D, 1/5 CP and are used for the purpose of resupply and as a reaction force.

f. From 0001 to 0730 and 1830 to 2400 (1) LVT was provided to 1/7 (coord 588014) as a reaction force.

g. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company C, 1/7 (coord 574993) as a reaction force.

h. From 0001 to 2400 (3) LVTs were provided to Company A, 1/7 (coord 622004) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

i. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company B, 1/7 (coord 593994) as a reaction force.

j. From 0001 to 0500 and 2000 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company D, 1/5 for the purpose of patrolling the river areas to Ky Xuan, Sam Linh and the western side of Ky Hoa Islands on the Truong Giang River.

k. From 0830 to 1300 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (2) LVTs are provided to the S-5 Officer, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion. These vehicles are utilized for the purpose of transporting personnel and supplies to coord 614010 in connection with the wicac action program.

l. From 0001 to 2400 provided (6) LVTs to 2/5 (coord 468068) for the purpose of a reaction force, communication and resupply missions.

m. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 (coord 435078) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

n. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 2/5 for the purpose of security and river patrols in the vicinity of coord 497067.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 200800 to 201600 provided (2) LVTs to 1/7 for the purpose of trail reconnaissance from coord 628984 to coord 698975.

3. Battalion Plans.

a. Will provide (2) LVTs to 1/7 at 211500 for the purpose of withdrawing a patrol in the vicinity of coord 653036.

4. Contacts.

a. At 201830 an LVT from Company A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion received (5) rounds of small arms fire in the vicinity of coord 622009. Approximately (40) rounds of small arms was returned in the direction of the enemy fire (coord 623993). Results unknown. The LVT proceeded on its mission.

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 21 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Subj: Sit Rep # 107 for period 210001H to 212400H July 1966
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 210730 to 211430 provided (2) LVTs to 2/5 for the purpose of a collection point during a sweep in the vicinity of coords 4309 and 4310.

b. From 211500 to 211630 provided (2) LVTs to Company A, 1/7 for the purpose of withdrawing a patrol from coord 653040.

3. Battalion Plans.

a. Will provide (2) LVTs at 221600 to 2/5 for the purpose of clearing mined areas in the vicinity of coord 423091.

4. Contacts.

a. At 211730 an LVT crew from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion observed (1) VC in the vicinity of coord 469071. The VC fired approximately (15) rounds of small arms in the direction of the LVT (coord 468068). A squad of troops swept the area. There was (1) VCS captured without weapon or ammunition.

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3:LJP:rk
3121
22 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP
Subj: Sit Rep # 108 for period 220001H to 222400H July 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 220800 to 221300 provided (2) LVTs to 2/5 for the purpose of conducting a sweep in the vicinity of coord 424091.

3. Battalion Plans.

a. At 222200 will provide (2) LVTEs to 2/5 for the purpose of clearing mined areas in the vicinity of coord 424091.

4. Late Entry.

a. At 212245 a position (coord 435078) occupied by personnel of Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion received (1) enemy hand grenade. As a result of this incident (1) man was slightly injured due to concussion.

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23 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP
Subj: Sit Rep # 109 for period 230001 to 232400H July 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 230800 to 231230 provided (2) LVTs to 2/5 for the purpose of patrolling the river area from coord 497067 to coord 470060.

3. Late Entry.

a. From 221945 to 222300 provided (2) LVTs to 2/5 for the purpose of clearing mined areas in the vicinity of coord 424091. During this period a total of (4) line charges were fired. There were (2) confirmed and (3) probable secondary explosions.

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24 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 110 for period 240001H to 242400H July 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. From 241300 to 242400 provided (2) provisional rifle platoons consisting of (1) officer and (50) enlisted men each to the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense.

3. Command Post Locations.

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion
M&S Company
Company A
Company B

(oord 561048)
(oord 560049)
(oord 554056)
(oord 559051)

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 25 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Subj: Sit Rep # 111 for period 250001H to 252400H July 1966
 Ref: (a) DivO 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 (7) LVTs, (1) officer and (22) 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 0730 to 1800 (5) LVTs were provided to companies B, C, and D of 1/7 for logistical support.

c. 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 (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, 1st Recon Battalion.

d. From 0001 to 2400 provided (9) LVTs in direct support of Company D, 1/5 (coord 437157). These vehicles remain at Company D, 1/5 CP and are used for the purpose of resupply and as a reaction force.

e. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (1) LVT was provided to 1/7 (coord 588014) as a reaction force.

f. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company C, 1/7 (coord 574993) as a reaction force.

g. From 0001 to 2400 (3) LVTs were provided to Company A, 1/7 (coord 622004) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

h. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company B, 1/7 (coord 593994) as a reaction force.

i. From 0830 to 1300 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (2) LVTs are provided to the S-5 Officer, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion. These vehicles are utilized for the purpose of transporting personnel and supplies to coord 614010 in connection with the civic action program.

j. From 0001 to 2400 provided (5) LVTs to 2/5 (coord 468068) for the purpose of a reaction force, communication and resupply missions.

k. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs to Company B, 2/5 (coord 455078) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

l. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 2/5 for the purpose of resupply and river patrols in the vicinity of coord 497067.

m. From 250001 to 252400 provided (2) provisional rifle platoons consisting of (1) officer and (50) enlisted each, to the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense, Sub-sector V.

2. Contacts.

a. At 251100 an LVT crew from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion noticed (4) mounds of freshly turned ground in the vicinity of coord 552039. Engineer personnel utilizing detectors found metal objects in the mound areas. Charges were placed and the area was detonated. There were no secondary explosions. The LVT continued on its mission.

3. Late Entry.

a. At 241825 (2) LVT crews from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion discovered a 155 MM round in the vicinity of coord 442062. Engineer personnel exploded the round in place. The LVTs continued on their mission.

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26 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 112 for period 260001H to 262400H July 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 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 (7) LVTs, (1) officer and (22) 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 0730 to 1800 (5) LVTs were provided to companies B, C, and H&S of 1/7 for logistical support.

c. 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 (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, 1st Recon Battalion.

d. From 0001 to 2400 provided (6) LVTs in direct support of Company D, 1/5 (coord 457157). These vehicles remain at Company D, 1/5 CP and are used for the purpose of resupply and as a reaction force.

e. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (1) LVT was provided to 1/7 (coord 566014) as a reaction force.

f. From 0001 to 0730 and 1730 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company G, 1/7 (coord 574993) as a reaction force.

g. From 0001 to 2400 (3) LVTs were provided to Company A, 1/7 (coord 6²²004) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

h. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company B, 1/7 (coord 593994) as a reaction force.

i. From 0830 to 1300 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (2) LVTs are provided to the S-5 Officer, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion. These vehicles are utilized for the purpose of transporting personnel and supplies to coord 614010 in connection with the civic action program.

j. From 0001 to 2400 provided (5) LVTs to 2/5 (coord 460068) for the purpose of a reaction force, communication and resupply missions.

k. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 (coord 435078) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

l. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 2/5 for the purpose of security and river patrols in the vicinity of coord 497067.

m. From 0001 to 2400 provided (3) LVTs to 1/5 (coord 396145) for the purpose of communications, resupply and as a reaction force.

n. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) provisional rifle platoons consisting of (1) officer and (50) enlisted each, to the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense, Sub-Sector V.

2. Battalion Plans.

a. Will provide (4) LVTs at 271300 to 2/5 for the purpose of conducting a sweeping operation in the vicinity of coord 463092.

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27 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 113 for period 270001H to 272400H July 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 271300 to 271500 (4) LVTs were furnished to 2/5 for the purpose of conducting a sweeping operation in the vicinity of coord 463092.

3. Contacts.

a. At 271145 an LVT crew from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion discovered (2) AT mines, (1) 81 MM mortar round rigged as a booby trap and (2) hand grenades in a tree in the vicinity of coord 434056. Engineer personnel exploded all objects in place. The LVT continued on its mission.

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28 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FWP
Subj: Sit Rep # 114 for period 280001H to 282400H July 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Contacts.

a. At 281545 an LVT from Company A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion struck a mine in the vicinity of coord 625985. Extensive damage was done to the engine, hull and suspension system. There were no personnel injuries. The vehicle will be towed to the 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion CP.

3. Late Entry.

a. At 271945 (1) LVT from Company A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion operating in the vicinity of coord 592007 received (5) rounds of enemy small arms fire from the vicinity of coord 592005. No fire was returned. The LVT proceeded on its mission.

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 29 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Subj: Sit Rep # 115 for period 290001H to 292400H July 1966
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change
2. Battalion Plans.

a. At 300730 will provide (21) LVTs to Company B, 1/7. These vehicles will be utilized for the purpose of displacing Company B, 1/7 Command Post from coord 593994 to the vicinity of coord 699975.

3. Contacts.

a. At 291115 LVT B-39 from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion struck a mine in the vicinity of coord 438047. The vehicle was damaged to the extent of a broken track and (1) roadwheel assembly. Repairs are being made and the vehicle will move under its own power. There were no personnel injuries. Engineer personnel swept the area and estimated that the mine had an explosive charge comparable to sixteen pounds of C-4.

b. At 291500 an LVT from Company A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion received (8) rounds of enemy small arms fire in the vicinity of coord 621988. The LVT crew returned approximately (15) rounds of small arms in the direction of the enemy (coord 623988). Results negative. The LVT continued on its mission.

c. At 291700 LVT B-39 from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, struck a small anti-personnel mine in the vicinity of coord 435059. Negative damage. The LVT continued on its mission.

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 30 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Subj: Sit Rep # 116 for period 300001H to 302400H July 1966
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. From 300730 to 302000 provided (21) LVTs to Company B, 1/7. These vehicles were utilized for the purpose of displacing Company B, 1/7 Command Post from coord 593994 to the vicinity of coord 699975.

3. Contacts.

a. At 301340 an LVT crew from Company A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion reported seeing a mortar round land approximately one hundred and fifty meters from their LVT in the vicinity of coord 664023. The direction of fire was unknown. The round was estimated to be an 81 MM.

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 31 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP
 Subject: Sit Rep # 117 for period 310001H to 312400H July 1966
 Ref: (a) DivO 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 (7) LVTs, (1) officer and (22) 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 0800 and 1800 to 2400 (1) LVT and (20) personnel were provided to man positions for the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense. An additional (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, 1st Recon Battalion.

c. From 0001 to 2400 provided (8) LVTs in direct support of Company D, 1/5 (coord 437157). These vehicles remain at Company D, 1/5 CP and are used for the purpose of resupply and as a reaction force.

d. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to H&S Company, 1/7 (coord 588014) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

e. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company C, 1/7 (coord 574999) for logistical support and as reaction force.

f. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to Company A, 1/7 (coord 622004) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

g. From 0830 to 1500 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (2) LVTs are provided to the S-5 Officer, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion. These vehicles are utilized for the purpose of transporting personnel and supplies to coord 614010 in connection with the Div's Reaction Program.

h. From 0001 to 2400 provided (5) LVTs to 2/5 (coord 468068) for the purpose of a reaction force, communication and resupply missions.

i. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 (coord 435078) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

j. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 2/5 for the purpose of security and river patrols in the vicinity of coord 497067.

k. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) provisional rifle platoons consisting of (1) officer and (50) enlisted, to the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense, Sub-Sector V.

l. From 0001 to 2400 provided (1) LVT (cmd) to 1/5 (coord 396145) for the purpose of communication.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 311000 to 311800 provided (5) LVTs to elements of 1/7 for the purpose of displacing personnel and supplies.

3. Battalion Plans.

a. At 010800 will provide (5) LVTs to elements of 1/7 for the purpose of displacing personnel and supplies.

4. Administrative.

a. At 310900 the 2nd Platoon, Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion were released from SLF duty with 3/5 and returned to operational control of Commanding Officer, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion.

5. Command Post Locations.

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| 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion | (coord 561048) |
| H&S Company | (coord 560049) |
| Company A | (coord 554056) |
| Company B | (coord 559051) |

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