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3D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, FMF
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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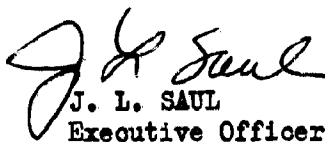
From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
(Attn: Field Historian)

Subj: Command Chronology 1-31 Aug 1966

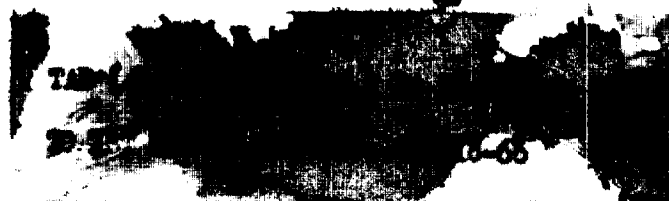
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) DivO 5750.2

Encl: (1) Summary of daily Int. Sum's for period 1-31 Aug 1966, # 83-89
(2) Sit Rep's of Aug 1966, 118-144

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 Aug 1966.


J. L. SAUL
Executive Officer

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Command Chronology for 1-31 Aug 19661. Organizational Data:

a. 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, FMF

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

(2) Command Structure:

Commanding Officer

Executive Officer

S-1

S-2

S-3

S-4

Major W. J. DINSE

Major J. L. SAUL

2d Lt W. F. ELLIS Jr

1st Lt J. A. LANE

Major F. N. VAN SANT

Capt E. G. GARBER

b. H&S Co. 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, FMF

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

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

c. Co A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, FMF

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

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

d. Co B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, FMF

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

(2) Commanding Officer: Capt R. E. BARKER

2. Personnel and Administration:

a. Average Monthly Strength:

<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 3 MC officers, 1 Navy officer and 34 MC enlisted rotated to CONUS. 3 MC officers, 1 Navy officer and 60 MC enlisted replacements were received.
- (2) During the reporting period the battalion had 1 WIANE.

3. Significant Events:

a. Intelligence.

- (1) Enemy activity: VC mine and booby trap incidents continued with (5) reported incidents during Aug 1966. Enclosure (1) contains Battalion Intelligence Summaries for period of 1-31 Aug 1966.
- (2) Intelligence: Normal administrative and Combat Intelligence during month of Aug 1966.

b. Training.

- (1) Formal Training was conducted throughout the month of August in conjunction with operational commitments.
- (2) OJT and normal maintenance procedures were conducted throughout the month.
- (3) A two hour class on Civic Action was conducted for each company.
- (4) A one hour class on First Aid was conducted for each company.

c. Schools.

- (1) (1) Officer to 1st Mar Div Embarkation Course.
- (2) (2) Enlisted to 1st Mar Div Embarkation Course.

d. Special Operations.

- (1) During August this battalion participated in numerous small search and destroy operations in support of the infantry.
- (2) During the period 27-29 August (4) LVTE1s and (2) LVTP5s participated in Operation Jackson.
- (3) Two Provisional Rifle Platoons consisting of (1) officer and (50) enlisted each, were provided to the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense, Sub-Sector V.
- (4) Enclosure (1) contains the Battalion Sit Reps for August 1966.

e. Logistics.

- (1) Important Events: No significant events in Base Development took place this month.
- (2) Supply: The Supply Section was inspected by FSA-4 during the period 8-14 August. Overall rating was satisfactory. The Fiscal section was inspected on the 24th of August, overall rating satisfactory.
- (3) Motor Transport: Wheeled vehicles in the battalion accumulated 20,420 accident free miles during the month of August with a vehicle deadline average of 27%.
- (4) Medical Support: The medical support was routine during the month with the battalion. The battalion surgeon and corpsman offered medical assistance to Vietnamese in the villages of Hai Ninh and Vinh An on a basis of three times a week. A total of 1401 patients were treated of a variety of ailments.
- (5) Battalion Maintenance: During the period battalion maintenance continued to exert all efforts in support of Co's A and B. Major General MASTERS, CG MACSA Barstow, California, visited the battalion in effort to determine our critical needs of LVT repair parts. He was briefed extensively in the area by the Battalion Maintenance Officer and Supply Officer.

f. Civic Action.

- (1) During period 1-31 Aug MED CAP Team made 14 visits to the hamlet of Vinh An and treated 1401 patients for a total of 1492 ailments.
- (2) During August a concrete well with adjoining shower and laundry facilities was completed. Plans have now been made for the construction of two (2) additional classrooms for the school.

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011200H Aug 66

021200H Aug 66

011100H - Elm BCo3dAmTracBn sighted mine in trail vic BT (439045). The mine was blown in place by engineers, the explosion created a hole 2Ftx2Ftx2Ht. Type fuse and mine unknown. The mine was placed with fuse up and was not booby trapped.

011310H - Elm BCo3dAmTracBn found (1) 81mm mortar on trail looked like dud which fell into position loc vic BT (437039) it was not booby trapped Engineers blew shell in place.

011310H - Elm BCo3dAmTracBn. LVT hit mine vic BT (432049) LVT was hit high center, the explosion started fire which is still burning the deck plates were ruptured and the cargo hatches blown off.

None

None

None

None

None

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1. 3d AmTracBn. INTSUM NO. 84

2. 021200H Jul 66 To 031200H Jul 66

3. Summary of enemy activity.

- a. Ground activity. 021340H - Elm BCo. 3dAmTracBn. received machinegun fire (3 or (4) burst and (4) to (5) rds carbine fire from vic BT (452039). The rds hit (130) meters north of LVT position vic BT (441041). No reaction continued on mission.

021350H - Elm BCo. 3dAmTracBn. LVT crew member spotted (3) VCS (two boys and a man) standing in vic BT (452039) where they had just received fire from. They were ordered to stop and they ran. They were apprehended, but they had no weapons, they were turned over to F/2/5.

021525H - Elm BCo. 3dAmTracBn. found 81mm mortar rd on trail vic BT (443037) the fuse of the mortar rd was sticking out of the ground. Eng blew rd in place.

021530H - Elm BCo. 3dAmTracBn. found (105) rd on the right side of trail vic BT (440036), fuse pointing towards trail, eng blew rd in place.

021750H - Elm BCo. 3dAmTracBn. found 60mm mortar on trail vic BT (435056) Booby trapped to set off larger charge, larger charge unknown. Mortar rd was blown in place and there was a secondary explosion.

5. New obstacles and barriers. None

10. Weather and Terrain conditions. None

11. None

12. None

13. None

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081200H Aug 66 091200H Aug 66

072345 - Cpl. Tran Khat acting as cadre leader spotted (3) VC at BT (613012), VC through grenade which was a dud, VC was killed and the others escaped. (1) carbine, (5) rds, (1) clip and rifle cleaning gear was captured. Cpl. Tran Khat is cadre leader in Hamlet of Vinh An and he has the weapons.

081450 - Elm BCo3dAmTracBn. recd (1) rd SA from vic BT (406158) their loc BT (406154). Returned fire (18) rds SA, continued on mission.

None

None

None

None

None

Additional Information on VC KIA: His name is Tran Lan, age 20, he is single and lived with his parents in the village of Vinh An. He and his friend swam across the river at night to enter Vinh An. Utilizing sections of bamboo for floats.

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101200H Aug66 111200H Aug 66

102145H - E1m BCo3dAmTroBn. redd(3) rds SA
fire from NE direction at approx. 500 meters their loc vic BT
(035078), patrol sent out to investigate, neg results.

None

None

None

None

None

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131200H Aug 66

141200H Aug 66

131430H - Elm ACo. reed between 200 & 500 rds SA from both flanks North & South approx. 100 yds from their loc vic BT (668005) there was an est. (6) automatic weapons used. The tractors unloaded the infantry and they returned fire, VC broke contact. No casul.

132000H - Elm ACo. and Shore party Bn. discovered (3) U.S. type hand grenades rigged as mines. Beach Guard personnel will blow in place at first light on 14 Aug (area was marked)

None

None

None

None

None

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141200H Aug 66 151200H Aug 66

141400H - Elm ACo, 3d Am Trac Bn. recd about (10)
to (20) rds SA fire from Vic BT (662051) their loc Vic BT (662058)
LPT's returned fire (200) rds SA fire, results unk.

None

None

None

None

None

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231200H Aug 66 241200H Aug 66

231545H - LVT hit mine at vic BT (435065), the mine was a 155mm shell detonated by an 81mm shell with a pressure type firing device attached. The hull of the LVT was split and two fuel cells were blown out of the LVT.

None

None

None

None

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 1 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 118 for period 010001H to 012400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. From 010800 to 011330 provided (5) LVTs to elements of 1/7 for the purpose of displacing personnel and supplies.

3. Contacts.

a. At 011100 an LVT crewman from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, sighted a mine on the trail in the vicinity of coord 439045. The Engineers blew the mine in place creating a crater approximately 2'x 2'x 2'. The mine was placed with the fuse on top and was not booby trapped. The type of mine and fuse was unknown.

b. At 011255 an LVT crewman from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion noticed (1) 81 MM mortar round laying on the trail in the vicinity of coord 437049. It was determined to be a dud which fell into its present position. The Engineers exploded the round in position.

c. At 011310 LVT B-32 from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion struck a mine in the vicinity of coord 432049. Extensive damage was done to the hull, deck plates were ruptured, cargo hatches blown open and vehicle caught fire. There were (3) friendly WIA, (2) from the supported Infantry unit and (1) from the LVT crew.

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

Subj: Sit Rep # 119 for period 020001H to 022400H Aug 1966

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 021500 to 021615 (2) LVTs from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, were used for the purpose of a sweeping operation in the vicinity of coord 441165 north 1500 meters and returned.

3. Contacts.

a. At 021540 an LVT from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, operating in the vicinity of coord 441041, received approximately (20) rounds of small arms fire from the vicinity of coord 452059. There were no casualties. The LVT continued on its mission.

b. At 021550 an LVT from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, noticed (3) male VCS standing in the road in the vicinity of coord 441041. The VCS attempted to run away but were apprehended and turned over to Company F, 2d Battalion 5th Marines. The VCS did not have any weapons, however, (2) Punji Stakes were found in the vicinity of coord 442039.

c. At 021525 an LVT crewman from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, noticed an object on the trail in the vicinity of coord 443037. The object was determined to be (1) 81 MM round buried in the ground with the fuse protruding approximately (4) inches out of the ground. Engineers blew the round in place. The round was not booby trapped.

d. At 021530 an LVT crewman from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion noticed an object on the road in the vicinity of coord 444036. The object was determined to be (1) 105 MM round. There had been no attempt to bury, camouflage or booby trap the round. Engineers blew the round in place and the LVT continued on its mission.

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3 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP
Subj: Sit Rep # 120 for period 030001H to 032400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. At 030930 the 2nd Platoon of Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion relieved the 1st Platoon of Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion. The platoon is in direct support of 2nd Battalion 5th Marines, at coord 463072.

3. Contacts (Late Entry).

a. At 021750 an LVT crewman from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, noticed an object on the road in the vicinity of coord 435056. The object was determined to be (1) 60 MM mortar round booby trapped to detonate a large charge. The engineers blew the 60 MM mortar in place and a secondary explosion occurred creating a crater approximately 2 feet deep and 2 feet in diameter. The contents of the secondary explosion were not identified. During the above process, 6 unarmed VCS were apprehended in the vicinity of coord 435056 and turned over to Company F, 2nd Battalion 5th Marines.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 121 for period 040001H to 042400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1
1. Battalion Operations. No change

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5 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 122 for period 050001H to 052400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

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6 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 123 for period 060001H to 062400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) MVO 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 457157). 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 a 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 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.

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 each, 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 communications.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 060600 to 062400 furnished (2) gasoline tankers to 1st Marine Division in support of operations Colorado.

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7 Aug 1966

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

Subj: (A) Rep # 124 for period 070001H to 072400H Aug 1966

Ref: (a) DivO 5480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Command Post Locations.

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion	(coord 561048)
MMF Company	(coord 560049)
Company A	(coord 554056)
Company B	(coord 559051)

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8 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 125 for period 080001H to 082400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change
2. Contacts.

a. At 081450 an LVT from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion received (1) round of small arms in the vicinity of coord 406154. The LVT crew returned (10) rounds of small arms fire in the direction of the enemy (coord 405158). Results negative. The LVT continued on its mission.

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9 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 126 for period 090001H to 092400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. From 091330 to 091600 (2) LVTs were furnished to 2/5 for the purpose of conducting a sweeping operation in the vicinity of coord 430090 to the vicinity of coord 430109.

3. Administrative.

a. At 090600 the 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion placed the Company Headquarters of the provisional platoon on a (1) hour alert. The Company Headquarters consists of (2) officers and (6) enlisted men and if called out would be assigned to the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense, Sub-Sector V.

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10 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 127 for period 100001H to 102400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change
2. Administrative (Late Entry)

a. At 091830 the 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion placed the Company Headquarters of the provisional platoon on an (8) hour alert. The Company Headquarters consists of (2) officers and (6) enlisted men and if called out would be assigned to the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense, Sub-Sector V.

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11 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 128 for period 110001H to 112400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. From 111000 to 111300 (2) LVTs were furnished to 2/5 for the purpose of conducting a sweeping operation in the vicinity of coord 430090 to the vicinity of coord 430109.

3. Battalion Plans.

a. At 120900 will furnish (10) LVTs to elements of 1/7 for the purpose of displacing personnel and supplies.

4. Contacts. (Late Entry)

a. At 102145 an LVT from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, received (3) rounds of small arms fire in the vicinity of coord 435078. There were no casualties. The LVT continued on its mission.

5. Administrative.

a. The Company Headquarters of the provisional platoon, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion remains on an (8) hour alert.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 129 for period 120001H to 122400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. At 120900 (10) LVTs were furnished to elements of 1/7 for the purpose of displacing personnel and supplies.

3. Administrative.

a. From 121000 to 121030 conducted small arms familiarization firing from coord 560050 seaward.

b. The Company Headquarters of the provisional platoon, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, remains on an (8) hour alert.

c. At 121530 an LVT crew from H&S Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion reported seeing an object on the trail in the vicinity of coord 570003. EOD was called, they identified the object as a M31 rifle grenade and blew the grenade in place. The grenade was not booby trapped nor were there any secondary explosions.

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13 Aug 1966

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

Subj: Sit Rep # 130 for period 130001H to 132400H Aug 1966

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 130001 to 132400 furnished (10) LVTs to elements of 1/7 for the purpose of displacing personnel and supplies.

b. From 130615 to 130910 (2) LVTs were provided to 2/5 for a sweeping operation in the vicinity of coord 45154 to 462147.

3. Contacts.

a. At 131430 an LVT from Company A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion received approximately 200 to 500 rounds of small arms fire in the vicinity of coord 668005. The enemy fire was received from both flanks approximately 100 yards north and 100 yards south of coord 668005. An infantry unit from 1/7 was dismounted from the LVT and returned small arms fire dispersing the enemy. There were no casualties. The LVT continued on its mission.

4. Administrative.

a. The Company Headquarters of the provisional platoon, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, remains on an (8) hour alert.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 131 for period 140001H to 142400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 140001 to 141900 provided (10) LVTs to elements of 1/7 for the purpose of displacing personnel and supplies.

3. Contacts.

a. At 141400 LVTs from Company A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion received (10) to (20) rounds of small arms fire at coord 662058. The LVT crews returned approximately (200) rounds in the direction of enemy (coord 662051). Results unknown.

4. Battalion Plans.

a. At 150900 will provide (6) LVTs to elements of 1/7 for the purpose of transporting personnel and supplies.

5. Command Post Locations.

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

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15 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 132 for period 150001H to 152400H Aug 1966
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1. Battalion Operations. No change
2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 150900 to 152400 provided (6) LVTs to elements of 1/7 for the purpose of displacing personnel and supplies.

3. Battalion Plans.

a. At 160001 will provide (6) LVTs to elements of 1/7 for the purpose of transporting personnel and supplies.

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16 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 133 for period 160001H to 162400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. From 160001 to 161400 provided (6) LVTs to elements of 1/7 for the purpose of displacing personnel and supplies.

b. From 161100 to 161600 provided (2) LVTs to Company I, 3/5 for the purpose of conducting a sweeping operation in the vicinity of coord 4206.

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

3:FWV:rkf
3121
19 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 134 for period 190001H to 192400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. 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.

b. 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.

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

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

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

f. 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 wive action program.

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

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

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

j. 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.

k. From 0001 to 2400 provided (1) LVT (amf) to 1/5 (coord 396145) for the purpose of communications.

2. Battalion Plans.

a. At 200630 will provide (6) LVTs to elements of 1/5 for the purpose of transporting personnel from the LST Ramp to Ky Xuan Island.

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20 Aug 1966

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

Subj: Sit Rep # 135 for period 200000H to 202400H Aug 1966

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. 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.

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

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

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

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

f. From 0830 to 1500 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, (2) LVTs are provided to the S-3 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.

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

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

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

j. 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.

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

l. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to Company E, 2/5 (coord 424091) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

m. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to Company E, 2/5 (coord 452039) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 200630 to 201545 provided (6) LVTs to Company D, 1/5 for the purpose of conducting a sweeping operation on Ky Xuan Island.

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21 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 136 for period 210001H to 212400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. From 1800 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs and (1) reinforced rifle squad as a reaction force to the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense. This unit is in a standby status for defense of the airfield. Standby location is at Company A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (coord 554056).

3. Command Post Locations.

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

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3121
22 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 137 for period 220001H to 222400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) Divo 3400.1

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

a. From 0001 to 0800 and 1800 to 2400 ~~(1) LVT~~ ^{Chu} 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.

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

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

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

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

f. 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 oord 614010 in connection with the civic action program.

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

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

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

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

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

l. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 (coord 424091) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

m. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to Company E, 2/5 (coord 452039) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

n. From 0001 to 0730 and 1900 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs and (1) reinforced rifle squad as a reaction force to the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense. This unit is in a standby status for defense of the airfield. Standby location is at Company A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (coord 554056).

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 0001 to 1700 provided (1) provisional rifle platoon consisting of (1) officer and (50) enlisted to the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense, Sub-Sector V.

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3:PMV:zkh
 3121
 23 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FWP

Subj: Sit Rep # 138 for period 230001H to 232400H Aug 1966

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Contests.

a. At 231545H an LVT from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion struck a mine at coord 435065. Extensive damage was done to the hull and two fuel cells of the vehicle. The mine is believed to have been either a 105MM or 155MM shell which caused a 3 foot by 10 inch rupture in the hull. There were no personnel injuries as a result of this incident.

3. Battalion Plans.

a. Will provide (10) LVTs at 240530 to 1/5 for the purpose of conducting a "County Fair" operation on Hoa Huan Island.

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3121
24 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 139 for period 240001H to 242400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. From 240530 to 241330 provided (10) LVTs to 1/5 for the purpose of conducting a "County Fair" operation on Hoa Xuan Island.

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25 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 140 for period 250001H to 252400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change
2. Contacts.

a. At 251450 an LVT crew from Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion discovered a 105MM dud at coord 415074. Engineer personnel blew the dud in place.

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26 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 141 for period 260001H to 262400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) Divo 3480.1

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

a. From 0001 to 0700 and 1800 to 2400 (10) personnel were provided as a reaction force for the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense. The standby location for the reaction force is at HAS Co, 1st Recon Battalion.

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

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

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

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

f. 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.

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

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

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

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

k. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 (coord 424091) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

l. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to Company E, 2/5 (coord 452039) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

m. From 0001 to 0630 and 1900 to 2400 provided (8) LVTs and (25) personnel to the Chu Lai Combat Base Defense, Sub-Sector V. These vehicles and personnel are utilized for beach defense from coord 557054 to coord 567044.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 261400 to 261530 provided (2) LVTs to 1st Recon Battalion. These vehicles were used for the purpose of transporting wire in the swamp area of Sub-Sector V, Chu Lai Combat Base Defense.

3. Battalion Plans.

a. Will provide (4) LVTEs and (2) LVTPs at 270645H to the 7th Marines in support of Operation Jackson.

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27 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 142 for period 270001H to 272400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. From 270645 to 272400 provided (4) LVTE1s and (2) LVTP5s to the 7th Marines in support of Operation Jackson.

3. Battalion Plans.

a. Will provide (6) LVTs at 280730H to 2/5 for a "County Fair" operation in the vicinity of coord 438055.

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28 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 143 for period 280001H to 282400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 280001 to 282400 provided (4) LVTs and (2) LVTPs to the 7th Marines in support of Operation Jackson.

b. From 280730 to 281400 provided (6) LVTs to 2/5 for the purpose of a "County Fair" operation in the vicinity of coord 438055.

3. 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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3:PMV:skb
3121
29 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 144 for period 290001H to 292400H Aug 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 290001 to 291530 provided (4) LVTRs and (2) LVTPs to the 7th Marines in support of Operation Jackson.

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