

DECLASSIFIED

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

2:RHD:rkb  
5750  
4 Oct 1966

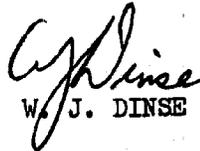
From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-30 Sep 1966

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

Encl: (1) ✓ Sit Reps for Sep 1966, #145-159

1. In accordance with instructions contained in reference (a), the following report with enclosure is submitted as the Command Chronology for the period 1-30 Sep 1966.

  
W. J. DINSE

3d AMTRAC 159

Tab (16) to Appendix (A) to Enclosure (1)  
to 1st Marine Div Ser: 00045-66

DECLASSIFIED

Command Chronology 1-30 September 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 J. D. ROWLEY
S-1	2dLt W. F. ELLIS Jr.
S-2	Capt R. H. DIETRICH
S-3	Major F. N. VAN SANT
S-4	Capt R. O. DEPAOLI

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

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

(2) Commanding Officer: Capt T. J. SCHIPPORETT

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

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

(2) Commanding Officer: Major G. W. LUTES

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

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

(2) Commanding Officer: Major J. L. SAUL

2. Personnel and Administration

a. Average Monthly Strengths:

<u>MARINE</u>		<u>NAVY</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
32	629	1	11

## b. General Information:

- (1) During the reporting period 4 MC Officers, 0 Navy Officers and 112 MC Enlisted, 1 Navy Enlisted rotated to CONUS. 5 MC Officers, 0 Navy Officers, 67 MC Enlisted and 1 Navy Enlisted replacements were received.
- (2) During the reporting period the battalion had the following casualties:  
3 WIANE
- (3) The following awards were presented to personnel of this battalion during this period:  
3 Purple Hearts  
1 Navy Commendation W/Combat "V"  
2 Recommended Bronze Stars W/Combat "V"  
2 Recommended Navy Commendation W/Combat "V"

3. Significant Events:

## a. Intelligence.

- (1) Enemy activity: VC mine and booby trap incidents continued with (1) reported incident during Sep 1966, which resulted in the destruction of a LVTP5A1. Enclosure (1) contains summaries of all happenings for the period of 1-30 Sep 1966.
- (2) Intelligence: Normal administrative and Combat Intelligence during the month of Sep 1966.

## b. Training.

- (1) Formal training was conducted throughout the month of Sep in conjunction with operational commitments.
- (2) OJT and normal maintenance procedures were conducted during the month.
- (3) A training program for temporary officers was established.
- (4) Familiarization Firing of all weapons within the battalion was conducted on 12-13 Sep 1966.
- (5) An annual battalion training order was published setting forth required general military subjects training.

DECLASSIFIED

c. Schools.

- (1) Quotas for schools during 2nd Quarter FY 67 were submitted to division.
- (2) One (1) officer attended Embarkation course.
- (3) One (1) enlisted attended projectionist course.

d. Special Operations.

- (1) During Sep this battalion participated in numerous small search and destroy operations in support of the infantry.
- (2) LVTE1s fired a total of (29) line charges in support of 3/7
- (3) LVTs and personnel were furnished on a continuous daily basis to the Chu Lai Defense Command.
- (4) Enclosure (1) contains the Battalion Sit Reps for Sep 1966.

e. Logistics.

- (1) Important Events: During the month of Sep, FMFPAC inspected this unit and found some minor discrepancies which are being corrected.
  - a. During the month this unit had an average of 18% of its LVTs deadlined due to lack of spare parts.
  - b. We received 33 new mess tables which are currently in use in the messhall.
  - c. Two new structures were built during the month, an alternate CP and a maintenance shelter.
  - d. This unit has been actively engaged in improving living conditions, Fences, new plants, new walk ways have been constructed in the area.
  - e. This unit is in dire need of new tentage, 83 of the current tents have been coded "X" (unserviceable) there is none to be had through supply.
  - f. Received 2-4 holder heads which were given to "A" & "B" companies.
- (2) Supply.
  - a. During the month of Sep the supply section was inspected by FMFPAC and Division. Minor discrepancies were discovered and corrected.
  - b. An allowance of non-depot repairable items were authorized the battalion to support the direct exchange program.

DECLASSIFIED

(3) Motor Transport.

- a. During the initial 6 months in country our vehicles have traveled 106,706 miles with no accidents. Maintained 83% vehicles availability during this period.
- b. During the month of Sep the vehicles traveled 23,875 miles.
- c. Motor Transport has been actively engaged in supporting the LVTs with fuel and supporting the E1s with pallets of line charges.

(4) Maintenance.

- a. Battalion maintenance has been unable to work at peak efficiency for the biggest part of this month due to the building of a new maintenance shelter.
- b. Highlights was the recovery of two mired E1s in 7th Marines area. Recovery operations were hampered by occasional sniper fire and was completed under cover of 81 MM Mortar fire provided by 7th Marines.

(5) Medical.

- a. During the past month, 647 patients were treated at the battalion aid station. The majority of diseases were skin rashes due to heat. Also five cases of venereal disease, all either gonococcal or non-specific. No syphilis was seen. There was one gunshot wound in the battalion. This wound was not due to hostile fire. The patient underwent abdominal surgery at the 1st Medical Battalion and was later evacuated in good condition. We had two patients treated at the 1st Medical Battalion after their tractor struck a mine. These were the only important injuries due to hostile action.
- b. On our MEDCAP program, we treated 1029 patients. Here, again, the majority of diseases were skin diseases and we also saw quite a few cases of pneumonia.
- c. There have been several improvements in the physical plant of the battalion aid station. We have done considerable painting, added screen doors, put in a ceiling liner, and acquired an operating light.
- d. The FMFPAC inspection team was here and reviewed the battalion aid station. They made several suggestions concerning our supply system and maintenance of health records. We are presently incorporating some of these suggestions and changes into our system.

f. Civic Actions:

- (1) During the period 1-30 Sep the MEDCAP team made 10 visits to the hamlet of Vinh An and treated 1029 patients for a total of 1075 ailments.
- (2) During Sep a market place was started and should be completed by mid Oct. Plans have been made and cement drawn for the construction of two additional classrooms for the school.

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

3:PMV:akb  
 3121  
 2 Sep 1966

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

Subj: Mt Rep # 145 for period 020001H to 022400H Sep 1966

f: (a) DivC 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. The 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 H&S Co, 1st Recon Battalion.

b. From 0001 to 2400 provided (10) 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 B&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 B-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, communications and resupply missions.

h. From 0001 to 2400 provided (1) 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.

DECLASSIFIED

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 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.

F. H. VAN SANT  
By direction

DECLASSIFIED

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

3:PNV:rk  
 3121  
 5 Sep 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 Subj: Sit Rep # 14E for period 050001H to 052400H Sep 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 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 H&S Co, 1st Recon Battalion.

b. From 0001 to 2400 provided (12) 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 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, communications 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.

F. N. VAN SANT  
By direction

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

3:PHV:zkb  
 3121  
 7 Sep 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 Subj: Sit Rep # 147 for period 070001H to 072400H Sep 1966  
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. From 071200 to 072400 provided a rifle company headquarters group to the Chu Lai Defense Command, Sub-Sector V.

3. Contacts.

a. At 070820H an LVT from the 2d Platoon, Company B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion while in support of 2/5 detonated a mine (105 or 155 MM) at coord 459065 and immediately burst into flame. Vehicle was destroyed - two crewman KIA, one infantry Cpl KIA all medical evacuated. Hole from mine in road, 4'x4'. All KIA blown from vehicle.

F. N. VAN SANT  
 By direction

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

3:FMV:rkf  
 3121  
 8 Sep 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 Subj: Sit Rep # 148 for period 080001H to 082400H Sep 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 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 H&S Co, 1st Recon Battalion.

b. From 0001 to 2400 provided (11) 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 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, communications 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.

DECLASSIFIED

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 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.

n. From 0001 to 2400 provided a rifle company headquarters group to the Chu Lai Defense Command, Sub-Sector V.

F. H. VAN SANT  
By direction

DECLASSIFIED

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

3:PNV:zkb  
 3121  
 14 Sep 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 Subj: Sit Rep # 149 for period 140001H to 142400H Sep 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 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 H&S Co, 1st Recon Battalion.
- b. From 0001 to 2400 provided (9) 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 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, communications 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 (1) LVT 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.

n. From 0001 to 2400 provided a rifle company headquarters group to the Chu Lai Defense Command, Sub-Sector V.

2. Battalion Plans.

n. Will provide (3) LVTs at 150830 to 1st Tank Battalion for the purpose of conducting a recon from coord 475145 to coord 378255.

F. N. VAN SANT  
By direction

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

3:PNV:rkf  
3121  
15 Sep 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
Subj: Sit Rep # 150 for period 150001H to 152400H Sep 1966  
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. From 150900 to 151400 provided (3) LVTs to 1st Tank Battalion for the purpose of conducting a recon from coord 475145 to coord 378255.

F. N. VAN SANT  
By direction

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

3:FNV:akb  
 3121  
 16 Sep 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP  
 Subj: Sit Rep # 151 for period 160001H to 162400H Sep 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 1800 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs and (10) personnel as a reaction force for the Chu Lai Defense Command, Sub-Sector V. The standby location for the reaction force is at HAS Co, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion.

b. From 0001 to 2400 provided (10) LVTs in direct support of Company A, 1/5 (coord 437157). These vehicles remain at Company A, 1/5 OP 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 568014) 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, communications 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 Defense Command, Sub-Sector V.

k. From 0001 to 2400 provided (1) LVT 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.

n. From 0001 to 2400 provided a rifle company headquarters group to the Chu Lai Defense Command, Sub-Sector V.

## 2. Contacts.

a. At 161145H an LVT crew from Company A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion discovered a VCS at coord 594013 planting an unknown type mine. The VCS was turned over to the collection point for interrogation. EOD was notified and dispatched to site. A hoe, ax, communication wire ~~and unknown ~~communications~~~~ were recovered.

F. N. VAN SANT  
By direction

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

3:PNV:zkb  
 3121  
 21 Sep 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 Subj: Sit Rep # 152 for period 210001H to 212400H Sep 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 1800 to 2400 provided (14) personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command for the purpose of occupying positions in Sub-Sector V.

b. From 0001 to 2400 provided (10) 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 HAS 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 coord 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, communications 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.

DECLASSIFIED

- j. From 0001 to 2400 provided (1) provisional rifle platoon consisting of (1) officer and (50) enlisted to the Chu Lai Defense Command, Sub-Sector VI.
- k. From 0001 to 2400 provided (1) LVT 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 (4) LVTs and (13) personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command, Sub-Sector V. These vehicles and personnel are utilized for beach defense from coord 557054 to coord 567044. When required (2) of these LVTs are used for the purpose of transporting a reaction force from 1st Recon Battalion to the Chu Lai Defense Command.
- n. From 0001 to 2400 provided a rifle company headquarters group to the Chu Lai Defense Command, Sub-Sector VI.
- o. From 0001 to 0700 and 1830 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs and (25) personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command. These vehicles depart from the LST ramp (coord 523120) and patrol the river areas around Ky Xuan, Sam Linh and Ky Hoa Islands.

F. N. VAN SANT  
By direction

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

3:FNV:zkb  
3121  
24 Sep 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
Subj: Sit Rep # 153 for period 240001H to 242400H Sep 1966  
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. At 250600 will provide (4) LVTRs to 3/7 for the purpose of clearing mined areas in the vicinity of coord 570920.

F. N. VAN SANT  
By direction

DECLASSIFIED

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

3:FNV:rk  
 3121  
 25 Sep 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 Subj: Sit Rep # 154 for period 250001 to 252400 Sep 1966  
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. From 250600 to 252400 provided (4) LVTEs to 3/7 for the purpose of clearing mined areas in the vicinity of coord 570920. A total of (5) line charges were fired. There were (3) probable secondary explosions.

3. Battalion Plans.

a. At 260630 will provide (9) LVTs to 1/5 for the purpose of conducting a sweep on Ky Xuan Island.

4. Command Post Locations.

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

(coord 561048)  
 (coord 560049)  
 (coord 554056)  
 (coord 559051)

F. N. VAN SANT  
 By direction

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

3:PHV:tkb  
 3121  
 26 Sep 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 Subj: Sit Rep # 155 for period 260001H to 262400H Sep 1966  
 Refr (a) DivO 5400.1

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

a. From 0001 to 0700 and 1800 to 2400 provided (14) personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command for the purpose of occupying positions in Sub-Sector V.

b. From 0001 to 2400 provided (9) 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 568014) 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 (2) LVTs to 2/5 (coord 468068) for the purpose of a reaction force 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 (1) provisional rifle platoon consisting of (1) officer and (50) enlisted to the Chu Lai Defense Command, Sub-Sector VI.

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 0630 and 1900 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs and (13) personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command, Sub-Sector V. These vehicles and personnel are utilized for beach defense from coord 557054 to coord 567044. When required (2) of these LVTs are used for the purpose of transporting a reaction force from 1st Recon Battalion to the Chu Lai Defense Command.

m. From 0001 to 2400 provided a rifle company headquarters group to the Chu Lai Defense Command, Sub-Sector VI.

n. From 0001 to 0700 and 1830 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs and (25) personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command. These vehicles depart from the LST ramp (coord 523120) and patrol the river areas around Ky Xuan, Sam Linh and Ky Hoa Islands.

o. From 0630 to 1830 provided (1) comm jeep and (4) personnel to Chu Lai Defense Command, Sector V for the purpose of patrolling the area from coord 546049 to coord 563031. This commitment is furnished on an every other week basis.

## 2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. From 260630 to 261530 provided (9) LVTs to 1/5 for the purpose of conducting a sweep on Ky Xuan Island.

## 3. Battalion Plans.

a. At 270700 will provide (2) LVTEs and (1) LVTP5 to 3/7 for the purpose of clearing mined areas in the vicinity of coord 570920.

F. N. VAN SANT  
By direction

DECLASSIFIED

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

3:PHV:rkf  
3121  
27 Sep 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
Subj: Sit Rep # 156 for period 270001H to 272400H Sep 1966  
Ref: (a) Divo 3480.1

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

a. From 270700 to 272400 provided (2) LVTs to 3/7 for the purpose of clearing mined areas in the vicinity of coord 570920. A total of (4) line charges were fired. There were numerous secondary explosions.

F. N. VAN SANT  
By direction

DECLASSIFIED

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

3: FNV: rkb  
 3121  
 28 Sep 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP  
 Subj: Sit Rep # 157 for period 280001H to 282400H Sep 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 1800 to 2400 provided (14) personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command for the purpose of occupying positions in Sub-Sector V.
- b. From 0001 to 2400 provided (9) 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 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 (2) LVTs to 2/5 (coord 468068) for the purpose of a reaction force 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 1930 provided (1) provisional rifle platoon consisting of (1) officer and (50) enlisted to the Chu Lai Defense Command, Sub-Sector VI.

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 0630 and 1900 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs and (13) personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command, Sub-Sector V. These vehicles and personnel are utilized for beach defense from coord 557054 to coord 567044. When required (2) of these LVTs are used for the purpose of transporting a reaction force from 1st Recon Battalion to the Chu Lai Defense Command.

m. From 0001 to 1930 provided a rifle company headquarters group to the Chu Lai Defense Command, Sub-Sector VI.

n. From 0001 to 0700 and 1830 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs and (25) personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command. These vehicles depart from the LST ramp (coord 523120) and patrol the river areas around Ky Xuan, Sam Linh and Ky Hoa Islands.

o. From 0630 to 1830 provided (1) comm jeep and (4) personnel to Chu Lai Defense Command, Sector V for the purpose of patrolling the area from coord 546049 to coord 563031. This commitment is furnished on an every other week basis.

## 2. Administrative.

a. At 281235 (1) LVT sank in the vicinity of coord 486125 while on a resupply mission in support of 1/5. Recovery operations are underway. Cause of sinking is unknown at this time. There were no personnel injuries.

3. After Action Report. LVTE1 booby-trap, mine and trench closing operation from 25-28 Sep 1966 with Company M, 3/7 at coord 570920. Thirteen line charges fired totaling 22, 750 pounds of C-4 detonated. 250 meters of trench line closed, 2 hectare area cleared of vegetation, structures and hedgerows. One tunnel under ~~area~~ building uncovered, many holes and caves closed, numerous small secondary explosions observed. Two major secondary explosions, producing craters 10 by 6 feet deep. See 1st Mar Div Sit Rep 181, 182, 183 paragraph 5 B (2).

F. N. VAN SANT  
By direction

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

3:FNV:rtb  
 3121  
 29 Sep 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 Subj: Sit Rep # 158 for period 290001H to 292400H Sep 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 1800 to 2400 provided (14) personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command for the purpose of occupying positions in Sub-Sector V.
- b. From 0001 to 2400 provided (7) 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 574599) 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 (2) LVTs to 2/5 (coord 468068) for the purpose of a reaction force 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) LVTs to Company H, 2/5 (coord 424091) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

k. From 0001 to 0630 and 1900 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs and (15) personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command, Sub-Sector V. These vehicles and personnel are utilized for beach defense from coord 557054 to coord 567044. When required, (2) of these LVTs are used for the purpose of transporting a reaction force from 1st Recon Battalion to the Chu Lai Defense Command.

l. From 0001 to 0700 and 1830 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs and (25) personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command. These vehicles depart from the LST ramp (coord 523120) and patrol the river areas around Ky Xuan, Sam Linh and Ky Hoa Islands.

m. From 0630 to 1830 provided (1) comm jeep and (4) personnel to Chu Lai Defense Command, Sector V for the purpose of patrolling the area from coord 546049 to coord 563031. This commitment is furnished on an every other week basis.

## 2. Battalion Plans.

a. At 300700 will provide (2) LVTS1s and (1) LVTP5 to 3/7 for the purpose of clearing mined areas in the vicinity of coord 570920.

b. At 300700 will provide (2) LVTs to 1/5, for use as a blocking force at coord 464126, during a sweep of Fish Island (coord 4712).

## 3. Administrative.

a. Submerged LVT was retrieved at 281748 and towed to LST sandramp (See 3d AMTRAC En Bit Rep # 157 of 28 Sep 1966).

F. N. VAN SANT  
By direction

DECLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS  
38 AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, FMF  
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
APO San Francisco, California, 96602

3:FRV:rkf  
3121  
30 Sep 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
Subj: Sit Rep # 159 for period 300001H to 302400H Sep 1966  
Ref: (a) DivO 3400.1

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

a. The LVTN1 section in continued support of Company M, 3/7 fired (4) line charges, destroyed (1) Hand Grenade and (1) 90MM round in place. There were (3) major secondary explosions after the 3d line charge. A large tunnel complex and evidence of a possible field hospital was uncovered. Clearance operations continue. *First Aid Station*

b. From 300800 to 301200 provided (2) LVTs to 1/5 as a blocking force (coord 484126) during a sweeping operation on Fish Island (coord 4712).

F. N. VAN SANT  
By direction

DECLASSIFIED