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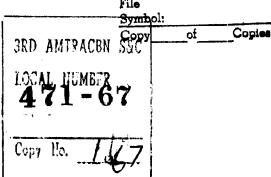
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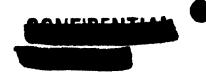
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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, California, 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1 March to 31 March 1967

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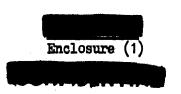
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PART I ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (-), FMF 1-31 March: Major F. N. VAN SANT

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company, 3d	Amphibian Tractor	Battalion	1-31 Mar:	Capt.	Gary D.	SOLIS
	Amphibian Tractor			Capt.	Ruel 0.	DE POALI
	Amphibian Tractor			Major	James E	• SWAB

ATTACHED UNITS

None

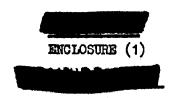
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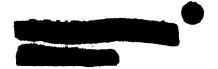
1-31 March, 1967: Chu Lai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer			
S-1	1-31 Mar:	Major Guy R. C	HANEY
S=2	1-31 Mar:	2ndLt. Frank !	. LAMBERT
S-3	1-31 Mar:	2ndLt. David E	. WELBORN
S-4	1-31 Mar:	Major Guy R. C	HANEY
•	1-31 Mar:	Major Guy R. C	HANEY

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3. AVERAGE MONTYLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u> <u>OFF</u> ENL 22 740 OFF ENL

OFF ENL
HOME NONE

PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Battalien eperations for this reporting period were highlighted by participation in Operation Perry. A plateen of LVTP5's and six (6) LVTE1's were employed by 2/7 to displace and relocate the inhabitants of the villages located in the area. The LVTP5's transported approximately 3,000 villagers and the LVTE1's fired nine (9) line charges containing 15,750 pounds of C-4. An area equivalent to 4½ hootares was cleared of suspected mines, booby traps, and vegetation. It was observed also that the use of the LVT's had a tremendous psychological effect upon the Vietnamese Nationals. Five (5) LVTP5's were placed in direct support of 2/7 after the operation terminated.

The battalion continued eperations in support of 1/5, 3/5, 1/7, 3/7, MCB 8, and Chu Lai Defense Command. One hundred (100) resupply missions, nine (9) search and clear missions, twenty (20) river patrels, and fifteen (15) MedCaps were conducted in the TAGRS, using LVT's. MCB 8 employed LVT's on their MedCaps.

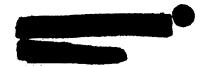
Three (3) LVT's and one (1) LVTR1 were provided to operate in conjunction with "A" Company, 1st Tank Bn., in support of 3/7 on Operation Desote. These LVT's transported a compressor for the Flame Tanks. The LVTR1 crew performed major repairs on two (2) disabled Tanks.

On 31 March, fifteen (15) LVT's were committed in support of 1/7 on Operation Boone. At the end of March, fifty-five (55) of the sixty-five (65) LVT's possessed were committed. As detailed in enclosure (2), this included logistic support, reaction force support, in addition to combat support missions.

The Battalion continues to provide the Command/Control (CCC) for Sub-Sector V, CLDC.

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PART III SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. TOPICS

- a. Personnel and Administration.
- (1) During the reporting period one (1) USMC Officer, Zero (0) Navy Officers and forty-five (45) USMC Enlisted, two (2) Navy Enlisted rotated to CONUS. Two (2) USMC Officers, Zero (0) Navy Officers, seventy-eight (78) USMC Enlisted and Zero (0) Navy Enlisted replacements were received.
- (2) During the reporting period the battalion had the following casualties: Six (6) WIA.
- (3) The following awards were presented to personnel of the Battalian during this period: Four (4) Purple Hearts.

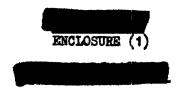
b. Intelligence

- (1) Two (2) LVT's were mined resulting in minor damage to one (1). The second received considerable damage and will be evacuated to CONUS. There were two (2) incidents of harrassing fire.
- (2) Normal administrative and combat intelligence functions were carried out during the month. Four (4) ground recommaissances were conducted in proposed areas of operation to determine trafficability.
- (3) Continued emphasis was placed upon the people-to-people programs. A thorough indoctrination is being given to all personnel reporting into the Battalion.
- (4) On two occassions LVT's were used to transport injured or wounded Vietnamese children to medical facilities.

c. Training

- (1) Formal training was conducted throughout the month in conjunction with operational commitments. Special emphasis was placed on proper reporting procedures, Map reading, night water driving operations, first aid, and indoctrination of newly arrived personnel.
- (2) FAM Firing was conducted during the month with rifles, pistols, and 1919A4 Machine Guns.
- (3) OJT and normal maintenance procedures were conducted during the month.

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d. Schools

- (1) Eight (8) Enlisted personnel attended a second echelen maintenance course on the New Family of FM/radies.
 - (2) Ten (10) Enlisted personnel attended Land Mine Warfare School.
 - e. Special Operations.
 - (1) Enclosure (2) contains the Battalien's Sit Reps for 1-31 Mar, 1967.
 - f. Legistics
 - (1) Significant Events
- (a) The final phase of Battalien encampment construction will commence on 7 April. The building will consist of a 40' x 196' Butler Building that will house the Battalien's Maintenance/Supply Varchouse. All other phases of camp development are complete.
 - (2) Supply
- (s) The major supply effort was fecused on requisitions for LVT suspension parts in order to build up dependable operating levels of these critical items.

g. Civic Action

(1) A dispensary being built by villagers for use of MEDGAP and DENGAP has been completed. The number of patients treated declined slightly from the average. This is probably due to the death of an elder in the hespital after being evacuated. The attitude of the villagers has begun to improve again after the setback caused by the elders death. A demonstration garden has been started, and construction by villagers of a Farmer's Association building has begun.

2. ENTRIES

Nene.

PART IV CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- a. This report incorporates the Command Chronology for HAS and "B" Companies.
- b. "A" Company's Command Chronology is intergrated with that submitted by the 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion.

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

3:GRC:otg 3121 5 Mar 1967

Frem: Commanding Officer

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

Subj: Sit Rep #214 for period 050001H to 052400H Mar 1967

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. <u>Rattalian Operations</u>. The following Battalian Operations are conducted on a continuous daily basis.
- a. From 0001 to 0700 and 1800 to 2900 provided (14) personnel to the Chu Rei Defense Command for the purpose of occupying positions in Sub-Sector V.
- b. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 1/7 (coord 622004) for legistical support and as a reaction force.
- c. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs in direct support of 1/5 (coord 435157). These vehicles are used for the purpose of resupply and as a reaction force.
- d. From 0001 to 2400 provided (8) LVTs in direct support of 1/5 (coord 523122).
- e. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVPs were provided to 1/7 (coord 754993) for logistical support and as a reaction force.
- f. From 0001 to 2400 (2) INTs were provided to 1/7 (coord 624985) for logistical support andmas a reaction force.
- g. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTP5's and (1) LVTP5 Cnd to 3/5 (coord 468068) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.
- h. From 0001 to 2400 provided (6) LVTs to 3/5 (coord 435978) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.
- i. From 6001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 3/5 (coord 424991) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.
- j. From 0001 to 0630 and 1900 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs and (23) personnel to the Chu hai Defense Command, Sub-Scoter V. These vehicles and personnel are utilized for beach defense for coordinates 557054 to coord 567044. When required, (2) of these LVTs are used for the purpose of transporting a reaction force from let Recon Fattalian to the Chu Lai Defense Command.

ENCLOSURE (2)

- k. From 0001 to 2400 provided (5) personnel to Military Police Company. Task Force X-Ray.
- 1. From 0001 to 2400 provided (1) Officer, (1) Staff NCO and (13) Enlisted personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command for duty with a provisional unit.
- m. From 0809 to 1639 provided (2) LVTP5's for MCB-8 MEDCAP on Ky Xuan Island twice weekly.
- 2. Command Post Legations.

3d Amphibian Tracter Battalien, (-) (coord 561048)
Wes Company
Company "B" (coord 559051)





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3:GRC:ctg 3121 7 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer

Te: Co standing Ceneral, 1st Farine Division (Rein), FMF

Subjr Bit Wep #215 for period 070001h to 072400H Mar 1967

Ref: (a) Div0 3490.1

- 1. Battallen Gerations. Ne change.
- 2. Additional Battallen Operations.
- n. From 1130 to 1330 provided four (4) LVTP5's to Delta Company, 1/7 to resupply plateen located at coordinates 634955.
- b. From 1330 to 1600 provided two (2) LVTP5's to transport two engineer teams and accompanying security to investigate possible mertar at coordinates 508089.

D. E. Welborn

By direction

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3:GRC:otg 3121 11 Mar 1967

From: Communiting Officer

: Cormanding General, 1st Farine Division (Rein), FMF

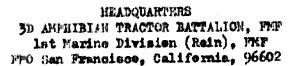
Tubje Tit hap #216 for period 110001H to 112400H Mar 1967

Hef: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. Enttation Operations. No change
- 2. Additional Battalien Operations.

a. Exevided two (2) LvtP5's and one (1) Skimmer beat to check water traffic in the vicinity of coordinates 504104 and 510093 commencing at 1700, 11 Mar to 0700 12 har 1967.

b. Exevided two (2) Lyte to transport an injured Vietnemese child from 483112 to Sand rump.



5: GRO: etg 3121 13 Mar 1967

From Consumding Officer
To: Consumding General, 1st Maxine Division (Rein), FMF

Tubby Sit Rep /217 for period 130001H to 132409H Mar 1967

Hef: (E) Div6 3480.1

- 1. Mattalien operations. No change.
- 2. Additional Battalian Operations.
- so Provided two (2) LVTs and a shallow drafted skimmer-oraft to check water traffic in the vicinity of operdinates 504104 and 510093.
- b. Provided three (3) LVTs as a blocking force in conjunction with a sweep by 3/5 at coordinates 435115.
 - Ge Provided eight (8) EVTs in support of 1/7 for forth coming operations.

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

3: GRC: etg 3121 14 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer

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

Subj: Sit Rep #218 for period 140001H to 142400H Mar 1967

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

1. Battalien Operations. No change

2. Additional Battalien Operations.

- a. From 1700 to 0700 provided two (2) LVTs and a shallow draft skimmer eraft to check water traffic in the vicinity of coordinates 594194 and 510893.
- b. Provided two (2) IVTs to transport a wounded Vietnamese child from coordinates 437157 to the Sandramp at 0840, 14 Mar 1967.
- c. Provided two (2) LVTs to transport a compressor for a M-17 Flame Tank. They will lead the compressor at the Sandramp and embark upon LST 854 at approximately 2000 on 14 Mar 67. They will be dry-landed in the Duc Phe area and will operate in conjunction with "A" Company, lst Tank Battalion.
- d. Provided eight (8) LVTP5's which were used in support of "B" Company 1/7. LVTs transported company from base camp (coord 699975) to area where S&C mission was conducted (coord 672012).

HEADQUARTERS 5D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, FMF let MarineDDivision (Rein), FMF FPO San Francisco, Calfirenia, 96602

3121 15 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer

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

Subj: Sit Rep #219 for period 150001H to 152400H Mar 1967

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. <u>Battalien Guerations</u>. The fellowing Battalien Operations are conducted on a continuous daily basis.
- a. From 9001 to 0900 and 1800 to 2400 provided (14) personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command for the purpose of occupying positions in Sub-Sector V.
- b. Frem 6001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 1/7 (coord 622904) for legistical support and as a reaction force.
- o. From 8081 to 2480 provided (4) LVTs in direct support of 1/5 (coord 435157). These vehicles are used for the purpose of resupply and as a reaction force.
- d. From 8001 to 2400 provided (8) LVTs in direct support of 1/5 (coord 523122).
- e. From 9001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to 1/7 (coord 754993) for legistical support and as a reaction force.
- f. From 9801 to 2400 (2) LVT were provided to 1/7 (coord 624985) for legistical support and as a reaction force.
- g. From 9001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTP5's and (1) LVTP5 Cmd to 3/5 (coord 468068) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.
- h. From 0001 to 2400 provided (6) LVTs to 3/5 (coord 455078) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.
- i. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 3/5 (coord 424091) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.
- j. 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 for coordinates 557054 to coord 567044. When required, (2) of these LVTs are used for the purpose of transporting a reaction force from 1st Recon Battalien to the Chu Lai Defense Command.

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- k. From 0001 to 2400 provided (5) personnel to Military Police Company. Task Force X-Ray.
- 1. From 0001 to 2400 provided (1) Officer, (1) Staff MCO and (13) Enlisted personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command for duty with a provisional unit.
- m. From 9800 to 1630 provided (2) LVTP5's for MCB-8 MEDCAP on Ky Xuan Island twice weekly.
- n. From 1700 to 0700 provided (2) LVTs and a shallow draft skimmer craft to check water traffic in the vicinity of coordinates 504104 and 510093.

2. Additional Battalien Operations.

a. Previded (2) LVTs to operate in conjunction with A Company, 1st Tank Buttalion. One (1) LVT leaded a compressor for an M-67 Flame Tank and will be employed to transport the compressor for the Flame Tank. Both LVT's enbarked upon LST 854 at 2200 14 Mar 67 to be transported to the Due Phe area on 15 Mar 67.

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3:GRC:etg 3121 16 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer

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

Subj: Sit Rep #229 fer period 160001H to 162400H Mar 1967

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. Bettalien Operations. No change.
- 2. Additional Battalian Operations.

a. Provided (4) LVTs in conjunction with an I Company, 3/5 sweep last night from coordinates 440128 to 460159. They ensemblered two Vietnamese personnel at 0130, 16 Mar 67. Upon contact the Vietnamese discarded some papers. Papers and detainess brought to S-3, 5th Marine Headquarters. Later released.

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3: GRC: etg 3121 17 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer

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

Subj: Sit Rep #221 fer peried 170001H to 172400H Mar 1967

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

1. Battalien Operations. No change.

2. Additional Bettalion Operations

a. Provided two (2) LVT's to operate in conjunction with & Company, lat Tank Bn which is in support of 3dBn., 7 th Marines in the Duc Phe-Rui Dau region.

3. Contacts.

a. An LVTP5 from H&S Company in support of 1/7 detenated a mine at 171315H March 1967, in the vicinity of coordinates 623001. The vehicle was demaged to the extent of a broken track, readwheel ascembly and deck plate. The LVTP5 was repaired and returned to coordinates 561048. First and second echelon repairs required. One (1) USMC WIA, fragment, left upper axm; was not Med Evac.

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3:GRC:otg 3121 19 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer

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

Subj: Sit Rep #222 for period 198881H to 192488H Mar 1967

Ref: (a) Div0 3489.1

- 1. Bettalion Operations. No change.
- 2. Additional Battalion Operations.
- a. Provided two (2) LVT's to operate in conjunction with A Company, lst Tank Bn which is in support of 3dBn., 7th Marines in the Duc Pho - Nui Dau region.

3. Administrative.

a. Fire in LVTP5 while refueling. Immediate grew reaction in activating vehicle fire extinguishing system minimized damage. No injuries to personnel—while required 1st echelon repairs. Investigation being conducted.

4. Notally Plans.

- a. Provide three (3) LVT's on the night of 19 March to transport a platoon from 1/5 to ecordinates 441165. The platoon will every in a Southeast direction for 2000 meters and return to the LVT's. The platoon and the LVT's will then return to ecordinates 437157.
- 5. Command Fost Locations.

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, (-) (coord 561048)
HAS Company "B" (coord 560049)
(coord 559051)

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3:GRC:etg 317; 20 (ar 1967

From: Commanding Officer

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

Subj: Sit Rep #223 for period 200001H to 202400H Mar 1967

- 1. Battalion Operations. No change.
- 2. Additional Battalion Operations.
- a. Provided two (2) LVT's to operate in conjunction with A Company, late Tank Bn which is in support of 3dBn., 7th Marines in the Due Pho Rui Dau region.
- b. Provided three (3) LVT's on the night of 19 March to transport a Plt from 1/5 to coordinates 441165. The Plt swept in a Southeast direction for 2000 meters and returned to the LVT's. The Plt and the LVT's returned to coordinates 437157.
- c. Provided two (2) LVT's at 1430, 20 March for a tactical run to coordinates 421165. They returned at 1600.

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

3:GRC:etg 3121 21 Har 1967

From: Commanding Officer

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

Subj: Sit Rep #224 for period 210001H to 212400H Mar 1967

Ref: (a) Div0 3480-1

- 1. Battalion Operations. No change.
- 2. Additional Battalion Operations.
- a. Provided two (2) LVT's to operate in conjunction with A Company, lat Tank En, which is in support of 5dRn., 7th Marines in the Duc Pho Nui Dauregion.

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

3:GRC:otg 3121 22 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer

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

Subj: Sit Rep #225 for period 220001H to 222400H Har 1967

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. Battalion Overations. No change.
- 2. Additional Battalion Operations.
- a. Provided two (2) LVT's to operate in conjunction with A Company, lst Tank Bn. in support of 3/7 in the Rui Dan region.
- b. Provided eight (8) LVT's to operate in support of 1/7 to transport troops and supplys from 626991 to 655045. Supporting of 1/7 still underway.

HEADQUARTERS 3D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, FMF let Marine Division (Rein), FMF FFO Sen Francisco, California, 96662

3:GRC:etg 3121 23 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer

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

Subj: Sit Rep #226 for period 230001H to 232400H Mar 1967

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. Provided eight (8) LVT's to operate in support of 1/7 to transport personnel and supplies. Started operation 22 Mar 1967 - operation continues.

b. Provided two (2) LVT's in conjunction with a sweep by M Company, 3/5 from coordinates 435128 to 461119 on 23 March.

c. Provided (2) two LYT's to eperate in conjunction with A Company, lat Tank En, in support of 5/7 in the Bui Dau region.

3. Battalion Plans.

a. Provide one (1) LVTP5 and one (1) LVTR1 on standby for embarkation to Duo Pho.

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

3: GRC: otg 3121 24 Far 1967

From: Commanding Officer

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

Subj: Sit Hep #227 for period 240001H to 242400H Mar 1967

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. Provided three (3) LVTP5's and one (1) LVTR1 to operate in conjunction with A Company, lst Tank Bn, in support of 3/7 in the Mui Dau region.

b. Provided two (2) LVT's in conjunction with a sweep by M Company, 3/5 from coordinates 435128 to 461119 on 23 March - operation continues.

3. Rettalion Plans.

a. Frovide 10 LVTF5, 6 LVTE1's and 1 LVTF5 Cmd on 25 March to operate in conjunction with 2/7 for a sweep in the Tan Phane village complex region. The LVTE1s will beused to clear all mined areas in the Tan Phace Area.

4. After Operation Report.

a. Eight (8) LVT's supported C Company, 1/7 from 1500, 21 Mar to 1800, 24 Mar 67,LVT's departed C Company at 0545, 21 Mar and moved to coordinates 624022 where three Gntos joined the column. LVT's and Gntus proceded to vicinity of Tayet Diem (3). While attempting to cross Song Moi, two (2) Ontos swamped. LVT's towed Ontos to base of Hill #32, LVT's proceded to Hill #40 and set up defensive positions. Three (3) detainess were transported by LVT to Swift Boat at Coordinates 656051. LVT personnel manned defensive positions throughout the night, enabling infantry to increase patrol activity. On 24 Mar, LVT's secured from operation, Disabled Ontos were towed to BS 624062 and loaded aboard Mike Boat, using block and tackle.

HEADQUARTYRS 3D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, FMF 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF FPO San Francisco, California, 96662

3:GKC:otg 3121 25 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer

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

Subj: Sit Rep #228 for period 250001H to 252400H Mar 1967

Ref: (a) Biv0 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. Provided three (3) LVTP5's and one (1) LVTR1 to operate in conjunction with A Company. 1st Tank Bn. in support of 3/7 in the Mui Dau region.

b. Provided ten (10) LVT's and a command vehicle to operate in conjunction with a sweep by 2/7 in the Tan Phue village complex region, coordinates 5490. Six (6) LVTE's accompanied the LVT's and will be used to clear all mined areas in the Tan PhueArea.

5. Contacts.

a. An LVT from "B" Company in support of 2/7 detenated a mine at 251515H March 1967, in the vicinity of coordinates 568919. The vehicle was damaged to the extent of a broken truck, number 1 - 2 & 5 readwheel assembly, and Hydralic system. Explosion raised deck plate inside vehicle. Four (4) USMC WIA.

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

3: GRC: otg 3121 26 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer

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

Subj: Sit Rep #229 for period 260001H to 262400H Mar 1967

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

1. Rattalion Operations. No change.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. Provided three (3) LVTP5's and one (1) LVTR1 to operate in conjunction with A Company, lst Tank Bm, in support of 3/7 in the Mui Dau region.

b. Provided ten (10) LVT's and a command vehicle to operate in conjunction with a sweep by 2/7 in the Tan Phuo village complex region, coordinates 5490. Six (6) LVTE1's accompanied the LVT's and will be used to obbar all mined areas in the Tan Phuo Area. Operation continues.

HEADQUARTERS 3D AMIHIBIAN TRACTUR BATTALION, PMF 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF FPG San Francisco, California, 96602

3:GRC:otg 3121 27 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer

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

Subj: Sit Rep #230 for period 270001H to 272400H Mar 1967

Ref: (a) Div0 3489.1

1. Battation Coerations. No change

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

- a. Provided ten (10) LNT's and a command vehicle to operate in conjunction with a sweep by 2/7 in the Tan Phuc village complex region, grid square 5490. Six (6) LVTE1's accompanied the LVT's and will be used to clear all mined areas in Tan Phuc Area. Operation continues.
- b. Provided three (3) NTP5's and one (1) LVTR1 to operate in conjunction with A Company, 1st Tank Bn, in support of 3/7 in the Bui Dau region.
- c. Provided three (3) LVT's to accompany C Company, 1/5 on a sweep of Cigar on 0700, 27 March, 1967.

3. Contacts.

- a. At 8915 on 27 March a mine was detonated by a C Company, 1/5 infantryman while on a sweep of Cigar with three (3) LVT's at coordinates 355285. Two C Company, 1/5 personnel were MIA, and one wounded. The KIA's were carried by LVT to coordinates 441165 and picked up by helicopters.
- b. At 1215, on 27 March, two (2) LVT's were returning from 355285 moving south. A charge was detonated 5 feet from the starboard side of one LVT. Twenty to thirty rounds of automatic fire was received from a junk off shore and from the land to the rear of the LVT. They returned 50 rounds, .30 Cal and M-14 fire each into the land area.
- c. At 1400, 27 March at coordinates 369265, three (3) LVT's were returning south when they received 30 to 52 rounds of small arms fire, from approximately the same position as the two (2) LVT's in 3.2. They returned 50 rounds .30 Calcach and the enemy fire ceased. No wounded.

4. Battalion Plans.

a. 3d Amtrac Bn has tentatively scheduled a three (3) LVT reconnaissance along the trail system in the vicinity of coordinates 415075 to the west of Hill 100 on 31 March in conjunction with E company, 3/5.

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5. Administrative.

a. One (1) LYTRIAI and one (1) LYTRSAI went aboard LST 1170 at 1900 on the 25 March, 1967. Their mission was to carry a tank engine to the Duc Pho area to repair a deadlined Tank. The two (2) LVT's landed at Duc Pho around 1400. 24 March, 1967. The recovery crews began immediately making repairs on two (2) N-48A3 Tanks and one (1) LVTP5A1. In order to replace the damaged Tank engine it was necessary to separate the cross drive transmission and reinstall it on the replacement engine. The job was completed in 12 hours. The recovery crew then removed the power pack assembly from a secon N-48A3 Tank to replace a failed generator. This was accomplished in about 4 hours. While the Tanks were being repaired, the LVTR1A1 welder installed an inboard adapter for a tareion arm assembly on an LVTP5A1. All repairs ere completed by 1409, 25 March, 1967. At 1415, 25 Mar, 67, the LVTRIAI was requested to recover two (2) M-48A5's that were mired and had broken track. The LVTRIA1 crew repaired the broken track and had both Tanks returned to service by 0 000 on 26 Mar, 67. The LVTR1A1 is still attached to the unit at Duc Pho Cumbat Base. As a result of this success. we have learned that an LVFR1A1 and crew can handle any recovery repair operation required by the 52 ton M-48-3 90mm Gun Tank.

b. Six iVTT1's employed in operation Perry fired a total of nine (9) line charges, clearing an ar a of 4% hectares. The nine (9) charges consisted of 15,750 pounds of C-4. The area of impact was comprised of cane fields, rice paddies, and villages which had been evacuated. The entire 4% hectares were completely clear of vegetation and structures, uncovering numerous caves and rice caches. Suspected mine & booby trapped areas were also cleared.

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

3: GRC: otg 3121 28 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer

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

Subj: Sit Rep #231 for period 280001H to 282400H Mar 1967

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. Battalion Operations. No change.
- 2. Additional Battalion Operations.
- a. Provided ten (10) LVT's and a command vehicle to operate in conjunction with a sweep by 2/7 in the Tan Phuo village complex region, 5490. One (1) LVTP5 acted as a refueler with two 800 gallon fuel pods. The twelve (12) LVTP5's and six (6) LVTE1's returned from the operation to the Battalian C.P. at 1215.
- b. Provided three (3) LVT's to operate in conjunction with A Company, lst Tank Bn, is supporting 3/7 in the Nui Dau region.
- c. Provided two (") LVP's to check daytime water traffic in the vicinity of coordinates 454118 on 28 Mar. A "M" Company, 3/5 corpsman was carried out to the position to perform a Medcap in the surrounding villages.

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3:GRC:rej 3121 29 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer

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

Subj: 51t Rep #231 for period 290001H to 292400H mar 1967

Ref: (a) Divo 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. Provided 3 hVT's and one (1) LVTR1 to operate in conjunction with A Co., 1st Tank Bn., is support of 3/7 in the Mui Dau region.

b. Provided 2 LVT's to check daytime water traffic in the vicinity of coordinates 434118 on 29 march. An M Co., 3/5 corpsman was carried out to the position to perform a Medoap in the surrounding villages.

c. Provided 2 LVT's for a sweep up river from coordinates 418165 running approximately 1500 meters. The LVT's commenced the sweep at 1800 and secured at 1300, 29 March.

3. Contacts.

n. At 1250, 29 march 67 provided 2 LVT's for sweep with 3/5 checking coordinates 432119. An individual was apprehended that was a confirmed Viet Cong according to the 3/5 Blacklist. The individual was transported to the M Co., 3/5 area for questioning.

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5: GRC: ot/ 3121 30 Mar 1967

From: Commending Officer

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

Subj: Sit Rep #238 for period 300001H to 302400H Mar 1967

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. Battalion Operations. No change.
- 2. Additional Battalion Operations.
- a. Previded two (2) additional LVT's in support of 1/7 to be used as a reaction force and for resupply.
- b. Provided these (3) LVT's and one (1) LVTR1 to operate in conjunction with A Company, lat Tank Ba, is support of 3/7 in the Rul Dan region.
- c. Provided two (2) LYT's forcheck daytime water traffic in the vicinity of coordinates 434118 on 39 Mar.

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3: GRC: otg 3121 31 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer

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

Subj: Sit Rep #23# for period 310001H to 312400H Mar 1967

Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. Bettalion Operations. No change.
- 2. Additional Battalion Operations.
 - a. Provided three (3) LVT's for Medoap at coordinates 449113 for 3/5.
- b. Provided form (4) additional LVT's in support of 1/7 to be used as a reaction force and for resupply at coordinates 626991.
- c. Provided three (3) LVT's and one (1) LVWR1 to operate in conjunction with A Company, 1st Tank Bn, in support of 3/7 in the Mui Dau region.
- d. Provided two (2) IVT's to check daytime water traffic in the vicinity of coordinates 434118 on 31 Mar.
- e. Provided thirteen (13) LYTP5A1's, one (1) LYTP5 CMD, and one (1) LYTR1 to 1/7 in connection with a shore to shore amphibious landing, Operation Booms.
- f. Assigned five (5) LVTP5A1's to support 2/7 in the vicinity of Tien Dac (1), coordinates 574923.

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Subj: Sit Rep #213 for period @10001H to @12400 Har 1967

REF: (a) Div0 3480.1

- 1. Battalien Operations. Ne change.
- 2. Additional Battalion Operations.
- a. 010800 to 011600 Feb 1967, provided (2) two LVTP5's for MCB-8 MEDCAF on Ky Xuan Island.
- 3. Administrative. (Late Entry)
- a. 281030 Feb 1967 conducted alert drill and manned final defensive positions within the battalien area.
 - b. 281930 Feb 1967 cenducted Chu Lai Defense Command Sector V alert drill.

Guy R. CHANEY By direction

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