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(2) Sit Rep's for March, 1967

1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 March to 31 March 1967

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Enclosure (1)

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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
"A" Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion	1-31 Mar: Capt. Ruel O. DE POALI
"B" Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion	1-31 Mar: Major James E. SWAB

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

1-31 March, 1967: Chu Lai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

S-1	1-31 Mar: Major Guy R. CHANEY
S-2	1-31 Mar: 2ndLt. Frank A. LAMBERT
S-3	1-31 Mar: 2ndLt. David E. WELBORN
S-4	1-31 Mar: Major Guy R. CHANEY
	1-31 Mar: Major Guy R. CHANEY

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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

<u>NAVY</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
1	8

<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
NONE	NONE

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Battalion operations for this reporting period were highlighted by participation in Operation Perry. A platoon of LVTP5's and six (6) LVTR1'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 LVTR1's fired nine (9) line charges containing 15,750 pounds of C-4. An area equivalent to 4½ hectares 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 operations 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 patrols, and fifteen (15) MedCaps were conducted in the TAORS, 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 Desoto. 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 (COC) for Sub-Sector V, CLDC.

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 Battalion 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 reconnaissances 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 occasions 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.

d. Schools

(1) Eight (8) Enlisted personnel attended a second echelon maintenance course on the New Family of FM/radics.

(2) Ten (10) Enlisted personnel attended Land Mine Warfare School.

e. Special Operations.

(1) Enclosure (2) contains the Battalion's Sit Reps for 1-31 Mar, 1967.

f. Logistics

(1) Significant Events

(a) The final phase of Battalion encampment construction will commence on 7 April. The building will consist of a 40' x 196' Butler Building that will house the Battalion's Maintenance/Supply Warehouse. All other phases of camp development are complete.

(2) Supply

(a) The major supply effort was focused 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 MEDCAP and DENCAP 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 hospital 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

None.

PART IV
CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1.

a. This report incorporates the Command Chronology for HAS and "B" Companies.

b. "A" Company's Command Chronology is integrated with that submitted by the 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion.

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5 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep #214 for period 050001H to 052400H Mar 1967
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 (2) LVTs to 1/7 (coord 622004) for logistical 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) LVTs were provided to 1/7 (coord 754993) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

f. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to 1/7 (coord 624985) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

g. From 0001 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 435078) 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 (23) 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 Battalion 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.

l. 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 0800 to 1630 provided (2) LVTP5's for MCB-8 MEDCAP on Ky Xuan Island twice weekly.

2. Command Post Locations.

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, (-)	(oord 561048)
H&S Company	(oord 560049)
Company "B"	(oord 559051)

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7 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep #215 for period 070001H to 072400H Mar 1967
Ref: (a) DivO 3490.1

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

a. From 1130 to 1330 provided four (4) LVTP5's to Delta Company, 1/7 to resupply platoon 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 mortar at coordinates 508089.

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11 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep #216 for period 110001H to 112400H Mar 1967
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. Provided two (2) LvtF5's and one (1) Skimmer boat to check water traffic in the vicinity of coordinates 504104 and 510093 commencing at 1700, 11 Mar to 0700 12 Mar 1967.

b. Provided two (2) Lvts to transport an injured Vietnamese child from 483112 to Sand ramp.

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13 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subject: Sit Rep #217 for period 130001H to 132400H Mar 1967
Ref: (a) DivC 3480.1

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

a. Provided two (2) LVTs and a shallow drafted skimmer-craft to check water traffic in the vicinity of coordinates 504104 and 510093.

b. Provided three (3) LVTs as a blocking force in conjunction with a sweep by 3/5 at coordinates 435115.

c. Provided eight (8) LVTs in support of 1/7 for forth coming operations.

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14 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep #218 for period 140001H to 142400H Mar 1967
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. From 1700 to 0700 provided two (2) LVTs and a shallow draft skimmer craft to check water traffic in the vicinity of coordinates 504104 and 510093.

b. Provided two (2) LVTs 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, 1st Tank Battalion.

d. Provided eight (8) LVTP5's which were used in support of "B" Company 1/7. LVTs transported company from base camp (oord 699975) to area where S&C mission was conducted (oord 672012).

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 15 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Subj: Sit Rep #219 for period 150001H to 152400H Mar 1967
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. From 0001 to 0600 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 (2) LVTs to 1/7 (oord 622004) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

c. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs in direct support of 1/5 (oord 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 (oord 523122).

e. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to 1/7 (oord 754993) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

f. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVT were provided to 1/7 (oord 624985) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

g. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTP5's and (1) LVTP5 Cmd to 3/5 (oord 468068) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

h. From 0001 to 2400 provided (6) LVTs to 3/5 (oord 435078) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

i. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 3/5 (oord 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 oord 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.

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k. From 0001 to 2400 provided (5) personnel to Military Police Company. Task Force X-Ray.

l. 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 0800 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 Battalion Operations.

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

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16 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep #220 for period 160001H to 162400H Mar 1967
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

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

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17 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep #221 for period 170001H to 172400H Mar 1967
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change.

2. Additional Battalion Operations

a. Provided two (2) LVTP's to operate in conjunction with A Company, 1st Tank Bn which is in support of 3d Bn., 7th Marines in the Duc Pho-Hui Dau region.

3. Contacts.

a. An LVTP5 from HAS Company in support of 1/7 detonated a mine at 171315H March 1967, in the vicinity of coordinates 623001. The vehicle was damaged to the extent of a broken track, roadwheel assembly 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 arm; was not Med Evac.

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19 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep #222 for period 190001H to 192400H Mar 1967
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. Provided two (2) LVT's to operate in conjunction with A Company, 1st Tank Bn which is in support of 3d Bn., 7th Marines in the Duc Pho - Nui Dau region.

3. Administrative.

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

4. ~~Company~~ Plans.

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

5. Command Post Locations.

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

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

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20 Mar 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, 1st Tank Bn which is in support of 3d Bn., 7th Marines in the Duc Pho - Nui 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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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep #224 for period 210001H to 212400H Mar 1967
Ref: (a) DivO 3400.1

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

a. Provided two (2) LVT's to operate in conjunction with A Company, 1st Tank Bn, which is in support of 3d Bn., 7th Marines in the Duc Pho - Nui Dau region.

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22 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep #225 for period 220001H to 222400H Mar 1967
Ref: (a) DivO 3400.1

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

a. Provided two (2) LVT's to operate in conjunction with A Company, 1st Tank Bn, in support of 3/7 in the Nui Dan region.

b. Provided eight (8) LVT's to operate in support of 1/7 to transport troops and supplies from 626991 to 655045. Supporting of 1/7 still under-way.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep #226 for period 230001H to 232400H Mar 1967
Ref: (a) DivO 3400.1

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 LVT's to operate in conjunction with A Company, 1st Tank Bn, in support of 3/7 in the Hui Dau region.

3. Battalion Plans.

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

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24 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep #227 for period 240001H to 242400H Mar 1967
Ref: (a) DivO 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 Nui 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. Battalion Plans.

a. Provide 10 LVTP5, 6 LVTR1's and 1 LVTP5 Cmd on 25 March to operate in conjunction with 2/7 for a sweep in the Tan Phung village complex region. The LVTR1's will be used to clear all mined areas in the Tan Phuoc Area.

4. After Operation Report.

a. Eight (8) LVT's supported C Company, 1/7 from 1500, 21 Mar to 1000, 24 Mar 67, LVT's departed C Company at 0545, 21 Mar and moved to coordinates 624022 where three Ontos joined the column. LVT's and Ontos proceeded to vicinity of Tuyet Dien (3). While attempting to cross Song Moi, two (2) Ontos swamped. LVT's towed Ontos to base of Hill #32, LVT's proceeded to Hill #40 and set up defensive positions. Three (3) detainees 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.

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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) BivO 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 Hui 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 Phuoc village complex region, coordinates 5490. Six (6) LVTR1's accompanied the LVT's and will be used to clear all mined areas in the Tan Phuoc Area.

3. Contacts.

a. An LVT from "B" Company in support of 2/7 detonated a mine at 251515H March 1967, in the vicinity of coordinates 568919. The vehicle was damaged to the extent of a broken track, number 1 - 2 & 3 roadwheel assembly, and Hydraulic system. Explosion raised deck plate inside vehicle. Four (4) USMC WIA.

3-LVT 11NF

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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) DivO 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 Nui 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 Phuoc village complex region, coordinates 5490. Six (6) LVTE1's accompanied the LVT's and will be used to clear all mined areas in the Tan Phuoc Area. Operation continues.

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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) DivG 3400.1

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 Phuoc village complex region, grid square 5490. Six (6) LVTR1's accompanied the LVT's and will be used to clear all mined areas in Tan Phuoc Area. Operation continues.

b. 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 Nui 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 0915 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 KIA, 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 50 rounds of small arms fire, from approximately the same position as the two (2) LVT's in 3.2. They returned 50 rounds .30 Cal each 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 F company, 3/5.

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5. Administrative.

a. One (1) LVTR1A1 and one (1) LVTP5A1 went aboard LST 1170 at 1900 on the 23 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) M-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 second M-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 torsion arm assembly on an LVTP5A1. All repairs were completed by 1400, 25 March, 1967. At 1415, 25 Mar, 67, the LVTR1A1 was requested to recover two (2) M-48A3's that were mired and had broken track. The LVTR1A1 crew repaired the broken track and had both Tanks returned to service by 0700 on 26 Mar, 67. The LVTR1A1 is still attached to the unit at Duc Pho Combat Base. As a result of this success, we have learned that an LVTR1A1 and crew can handle any recovery repair operation required by the 52 ton M-48A3 90mm Gun Tank.

b. Six LVTR1's employed in operation Perry fired a total of nine (9) line charges, clearing an area of 4½ 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 4½ hectares were completely cleared of vegetation and structures, uncovering numerous caves and rice caches. Suspected mine & booby trapped areas were also cleared.

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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) DivO 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 Phuoc 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 Battalion C.P. at 1215.

b. Provided three (3) LVT's to operate in conjunction with A Company, 1st Tank Bn, is supporting 3/7 in the Nui Dau region.

c. Provided two (2) LVT's to check daytime water traffic in the vicinity of coordinates 434118 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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29 Mar 1967

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

Subj: Sit 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 LVT's and one (1) LVTR1 to operate in conjunction with A Co., 1st Tank Bn., in support of 3/7 in the Nui 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 medop 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.

- a. At 1230, 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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30 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep #238 for period 300000H to 302400H Mar 1967
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

a. Provided two (2) additional LVT's in support of 1/7 to be used as a reaction force and for resupply.

b. Provided three (3) LVT's and one (1) LVTB to operate in conjunction with A Company, 1st Tank Bn, in support of 3/7 in the Mai Dan region.

c. Provided two (2) LVT's to check daytime water traffic in the vicinity of coordinates 434118 on 30 Mar.

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31 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep #235 for period 310001H to 312400H Mar 1967
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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

- a. Provided three (3) LVT's for Medoap at coordinates 449113 for 3/5.
- b. Provided four (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) LVTR1 to operate in conjunction with A Company, 1st Tank Bn, in support of 3/7 in the Nui Dau region.
- d. Provided two (2) LVT's to check daytime water traffic in the vicinity of coordinates 434118 on 31 Mar.
- e. Provided thirteen (13) LVTP5A1's, one (1) LVTP5 CMD, and one (1) LVTR1 to 1/7 in connection with a shore to shore amphibious landing, Operation Boons.
- f. Assigned five (5) LVTP5A1's to support 2/7 in the vicinity of Tien Dao (1), coordinates 574923.

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1 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep #213 for period 010001H to 012400 Mar 1967
REF: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. 010800 to 011600 Feb 1967, provided (2) two LVTP5's for MCB-8 MEDCAP on Ky Xuan Island.

3. Administrative. (Late Entry)

a. 281030 Feb 1967 conducted alert drill and manned final defensive positions within the battalion area.

b. 281030 Feb 1967 conducted Chu Lai Defense Command Sector V alert drill.

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