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

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 April to 30 April, 1967

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: (1) April 1967 Command Chronology  
(2) Sit Rep's for April 1967

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

  
F. N. VAN SANT

3rd AMTRAC BN

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 April to 30 April 1967

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**PART I**  
**ORGANIZATIONAL DATA**

**1. DESIGNATION****COMMANDER**

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, (-), (Rein), FMF 1-30 Apr: Maj. F. N. VAN SANT

**SUBORDINATE UNITS**

H&S Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion 1-13 Apr: Capt Gary D. SOLIS  
 14-30 Apr: 1stLt Peter H. VAN JAHNKE  
 "A" Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion 1-30 Apr: Capt Ruel O. DEPOALI  
 "B" Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion 1-16 Apr: Maj James E. SWAB  
 17-30 Apr: Capt William H. VAN ANTWERP

**ATTACHED UNITS**

1st Plt, Company "A", 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (OPCON 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, (-), (Rein), FMF)

**2. LOCATION**

1-16 April: Chu-Lai, RVN  
 17-30 April: Da Nang, RVN

**3. STAFF OFFICERS**

Executive Officer	1-30 April: Maj Guy R. CHANEY
S-1	1-30 April: 2ndLt Frank A. LAMBERT
S-2	1-30 April: 2ndLt David E. WELBORN
S-3	1-16 April: Maj Guy R. CHANEY 17-30 April: Maj James E. SWAB
S-4	1-13 April: Maj Guy R. CHANEY 14-30 April: Capt Terry J. SCHIPPOREIT

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
24	786

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

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

PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During April the battalion performed numerous support roles. A heavily reinforced platoon (13 LVTP5's, 1 LVTP5 CMD, and 1 LVTR1) was provided for "Operation Boone" in support of the 1st Battalion Seventh Marines. This operation was of special significance because the platoon sustained itself logistically for the entire operation and demonstrated the ability of LVT's to swiftly displace an entire infantry battalion command group in one echelon without loss of control or communications. Operating on an almost continuous basis for eight (8) days the reinforced platoon of LVT's proved to be invaluable in making the operation a success.

A light section of LVT's was attached to A Company, 1st Tank Battalion in support of 3/7 on "Operation Desoto", and proved to be of great value in retrieving mired tanks.

Prior to and after the execution phase of "Operation Oregon", the battalion continued to support the units deployed in the Chu Lai tactical area of responsibility, including elements of the U. S. Army's 196th Infantry Brigade. As detailed in enclosure (2), this included logistic support and reaction force support, in addition to combat support missions.

On 17 April, the Battalion Command Post displaced and embarked aboard LSD 7. Upon arrival in the Da Nang TAOR on 18 April, a new CP was established at AT985717 under operational control of the 1st Marine Division. The Battalion Bravo Command departed Chu Lai on 24 April and arrived in Da Nang on 25 April. Company B, (-), remained in the Chu Lai area in support of the 5th Marines and Task Force Oregon.

Upon arrival in Da Nang the battalion immediately began to provide support to units of the 1st Marine Division. Units supported during this period were 1/26, 2/5, 2/7, 3/1, and 1/1. The battalion's plans are to continue providing support to the above units plus 1/7 which has replaced 1/26, and 3/7.

The new battalion area of responsibility consists of 2 grid squares; one to the East and one to the West of the encampment. These areas are being patrolled vigorously day and night.

Camp improvement has begun in the form of a redevelopment program.

PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT  
EVENTS

1. TOPICS

## a. Personnel and administration.

(1) During this reporting period one (1) MC Officer, zero (0) Navy Officers, four (4) MC Enlisted and one (1) Navy Enlisted replacements were received.

(2) During this period the battalion had the following casualties: One (1) KIA, two (2) DOW and nine (9) WIA.

(3) The following awards were presented to personnel of this command: one (1) Bronze Star Medal, two (2) Navy Commendation Medals, eight (8) Purple Hearts, and four (4) Gold Stars in lieu of 2nd Purple Heart awards.

## b. Intelligence.

(1) Normal administrative and combat intelligence functions were carried out during the month.

(2) Seven (7) LVT's were mined resulting in three (3) combat losses and four (4) receiving minor damage to the suspension system. Areas mined have been subject to heavy vehicular traffic. The enemy has used both pressure and electrical devices to detonate the mines. The mines were planted in restricted areas where traffic is channelized. The battalion suffered one (1) KIA and one (1) DOW when 3-B-13 was destroyed.

(3) There were seven (7) other contacts consisting of small arms fire which resulted in three (3) VC KIA and one Marine DOW. Five (5) of the contacts occurred when LVT's were supporting infantry units and two (2) when squad patrols were operating in the battalion's assigned area of responsibility.

(4) A mortar attack against the Chu Lai Air Strip was launched from a position adjacent to Sub-Sector V, (Sector VIIc), of CLDC. The perimeter defense repelled the enemy with 50 Cal. and 7.62 mm small arms fire.

## c. Training.

(1) Formal training was conducted throughout the month in conjunction with operational commitments.

(2) FAM Firing was conducted during the month.

(3) OJT and normal maintenance procedures were conducted during the month.

## d. Schools.

- (1) One (1) Corporal attending Field Wire Course, 15 April to 5 May, 1967.
- (2) One (1) Lance Corporal attended Supply Course, 7 April to 14 April, 1967.
- (3) One (1) Private First Class attended Basic Legal Clerk Course, 3 April to 15 April, 1967.

## e. Special Operations.

- (1) Enclosure (2) contains the Battalion's Sit Rep's for 1-30 April, 67.

## f. Logistics.

- (1) Significant events

(a) The Battalion (-) has effected the move into the new area. The battalion area is presently undergoing a complete remodeling and partial rearrangement which will result in a well formed and efficiently functioning camp.

- (2) Supply.

(a) Continued emphasis has been placed upon our efforts to acquire LVT suspension parts. This area of supply continues to increase in criticality, and now significantly endangers our ability to provide the continuous support required by the infantry battalions.

## g. Civic Action.

(1) Two (2) MEDCAPs and one (1) DENTCAP were held in the Chu-Lai area during April. Civic Action activity was halted in that area due to the movement of this unit. This unit has now assumed responsibility for Hoa Tho Village, Hamlets of Binh Thia and Cam Bao. Sixty bags of cement and thirty sheets of tin were turned over to the village chief for construction of pig sties.

2. ENTRIES.

None

PART IV  
CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 1. a. Subordinate unit commands chronologies are incorporated in this report.

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3121  
1 Apr 1967

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

Subj: Sit Rep #234 for period 010001H to 012400H Mar 1967

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. Provided three (3) LVT's and one (1) LVTB1 to operate in conjunction with A Company, 1st Tank Bn, in support of 3/7 on Operation Desoto.

b. Provided five (5) LVTP5A1's to support 2/7 in the vicinity of coordinates 574923.

c. Provided four (4) additional LVT's in support of 1/7 to be used as a reaction force and for resupply at coordinates 626991.

d. Provided two (2) LVT's to check daytime water traffic in the vicinity of coordinates 434118, a shallow draft skimmer was also used. At 1315, one (1) LVT moved to coordinates 502005 at the request of Chu Lai Defense Command.

e. Provided thirteen (13) LVTP5A1's, one (1) LVTP5 CMD, and one (1) LVTB1 to 1/7 in connection with Operation Boone. Operation continues.

3. Administrative.

a. Two (2) LVT's while making resupply run to coordinates 481115 were requested to transport an injured PF who had been struck in the head by an ARVN soldier. LVT's carried PF to coordinates 523126. PF was taken from this position for medical treatment.

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By direction

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4 Apr 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
Subj: Sit Rep #235 for period 040001H to 042400H Apr 1967  
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change.

a. Provided three (3) LVT's and one (1) LVTR1 to operate in conjunction with A Company, 1st Tank Bn, in support of 3/7 on Operation Desoto.

b. Provided five (5) LVTP5A1's to support 2/7 to be used as a reaction force and for resupply in the vicinity of coordinates 574923.

c. Provided four (4) additional LVT's in support of 1/7 to be used as a reaction force and for resupply at coordinates 626991.

d. Provided thirteen (13) LVTP5A1's, one (1) LVTP5 CMD, and one (1) LVTR1 to 1/7 in connection with Operation Boona. Operation continues.

e. Provided two (2) additional LVT's to check night water traffic in the vicinity of coordinates 505105 from 4 April to 14 April, 1967. A reinforced squad for security will be provided by CAC unit at (coordinates 482112).

2. Contacts.

a. Bunker #501, Sub-Sector V, CLDG received six (6) rounds small arms fire from coordinates 584024. Observed one (1) VC wearing green P.J.s, armed with a rifle. Returned four (4) rounds s/a, searched area with negative results.

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 6 Apr 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 Subj: Mit Rep #236 for period 060001H to 062400H Apr 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 on Operation Desoto.

b. Provided five (5) LVT's to support 2/7 to be used as a reaction force and for resupply in the vicinity of coordinates 574923.

c. Provided four (4) additional LVT's in support of 1/7 to be used as a reaction force and for resupply at coordinates 626991.

d. Provided thirteen (13) LVTP5A1's, one (1) LVTP5 GMD, and one (1) LVT-1 to 1/7 in connection with Operation Boone. Operation continues.

e. Provided two (2) additional LVT's to check night water traffic in the vicinity of coordinates 505105 and 510093. A reinforced squad of security will be provided by CAC unit at (coord 482112).

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 By direction

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k. From 0800 to 1630 provided (2) LVT's for MCH-8 MEDCAP twice weekly.

1. From 1700 to 0700 provided (2) LVT's 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) LVT's to operate in conjunction with A Company, 1st Tank Bn, in support of 3/7 on Operation Desoto.

b. Provided five (5) LVT's to support 2/7 to be used as a reaction force and for resupply in the vicinity of coordinates 574923.

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3121  
8 Apr 1967

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

Subj: Sit Rep #237 for period 080001H to 082400H Apr, 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) LVT's to 1/7 (coord 622004) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

c. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVT's 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) LVT's in direct support of 1/5 (coord 523122).

e. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVT's were provided to 1/7 (coord 754993) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

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

g. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVT's to 3/5 (coord 435078) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

h. From 0001 to 0630 and 1900 to 2400 provided (4) LVT's 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 coordinates 567044. When required, (2) of these LVT's are used for the purpose of transporting a reaction force from 1st Recon Battalion to the Chu Lai Defense Command.

i. From 0001 to 2400 provided (5) personnel to Military Police Company.  
Thank Forces X-Ray.

j. 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.

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 9 Apr 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 Subj: Sit Rep #230 for period 090001H to 092400H Apr 1967  
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. Provided (2) LVT's to operate in conjunction with A Company, 1st Tank Bn, in support of 3/7 on Operation Denote.

b. Provided five (5) LVT's to support 2/7 to be used as a reaction force and for resupply in the vicinity of coordinates 574923.

c. Provided (2) LVT's to transport troops making a sweep in the vicinity of coordinates 441165.

3. Contacts

a. At 04081545H an LVT from B Company in support of 2/7 detonated a mine in the vicinity of coordinates 360923. The LVT was completely destroyed. There was one KIA and four WIA. The WIA's were evacuated by helicopter at 08081630H APR, 67.

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 By direction

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 11 Apr 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 Subj: Sit Rep #239 for period 000001H to 072400H Apr 1967  
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. Provided two (2) LVT's for an armored patrol at 110005 Apr, 1967 in the vicinity of coordinates 565923.

b. Two (2) LVT's directed to board LST 1043 by Inbarwood 4, final destination unknown, mission unknown. No line charges and no Engineer personnel aboard.

c. Provided <sup>Two (2)</sup> ~~Two (2)~~ LVT's to support the 3d Bn 21st Infantry of the 196 Brigade to be used as a reaction force and for resupply in the vicinity of coordinates 574923.

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observed. Two mortar pits were discovered with numerous 82mm duds, 96 fuse pins, 3 automatic rifle positions, one CHICOM Grenade and one Demolition charge.

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 12 Apr 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 Subj: Sit Rep #240 for period 120001H to 122400H Apr, 1967  
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change.

2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. Provided four (4) additional LVT's to 1/7 to be used for resupply and as a reaction force.

b. Two (2) LVTE1's directed to board LST 1043 by Isherwood 4, final destination unknown, mission unknown. No line charges and no Engineer personnel aboard.

c. Provided two (2) LVT's to support the 3d Bn 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry of the 196<sup>th</sup> Brigade to be used as a reaction force and for resupply in the vicinity of coordinates 574923.

d. Provided six (6) additional LVT's for Sub-Sector V, Chu Lai Defense Command, for security and a reaction force.

3. Contacts.

a. At 120035H Observation Tower #51, Sub-Sector V, OLDO, received fire from automatic weapons located approximately 250 meters on an azimuth of 150°. Tower personnel observed mortar flashes from the same position. Twenty-five rounds of mortar fire were counted, some of which impacted behind the tower at coordinates 566038. One round hit the tower in the right front. The tower returned 200 rds of 50 Cal. and bunkers 501 - 506 returned from 800 to 1000 rounds of small arms fire. No personnel were injured.

At 0300 a blocking force set in on the beach between the perimeter wire and tactical wire by personnel from Sector VII. A sweep was then conducted North-eastward from tower #73 to the beach with negative results.

At first light engineering teams swept the perimeter road and highway 22 with negative results. A search of the immediate area around the tower revealed one tail fin assembly from an RPG 2. The perimeter wire had been cut at coordinates 578025. The NCOIC of the tower led a FAC team to the area where flashes had been

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13 Apr 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
Subj: Sit Rep #241 for period 130001H to 132400H Apr, 1967  
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations.

- 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 (4) LVT's in direct support of 1/5 (coord 435157). These vehicles are used for the purpose of resupply and as a reaction force.
- c. From 0001 to 2400 provided (8) LVT's in direct support of 1/5 (coord 523122).
- d. From 0001 to 2400 (4) LVT's were provided to 3/5 (coordinates 435078) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.
- e. From 0001 to 0630 and 1900 to 2400 provided (4) LVT's 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 coordinates 567044. When required, (2) of these LVT's are used for the purpose of transporting a reaction force from 1st Recon Battalion to the Chu Lai Defense Command.
- f. 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.
- g. From 0001 to 2400 provided (5) personnel to the Military Police Company, Task Force X-Ray.
- h. From 0800 to 1630 provided (2) LVT's for MCB-8 MEDCAP twice weekly.
- i. From 1700 to 0700 provided (4) LVT's and a shallow draft skimmer craft to check water traffic in the vicinity of coordinates 505105 and 510093.

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17 Apr 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
Subj: At Rep #249 for period 170001H to 172400H Apr, 1967  
Ref: (a) Div 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No Change.
2. Additional Battalion Operations. (late entry).

a. Provided two (2) LVT's in support of US Army operation Golden Fleece at 161030 for pick up of rice at coordinates 651014. Return to Battalion P. 161700H.

3. Administrative.

a. The 3rd Amphibian Tractor Bn. CM. was displaced at 171300H when the command group embarked aboard LST 7. A total of sixteen (16) LVTP5's, three (3) LVTC1's and two (2) LVTH1's with a complement of 114 enlisted and 3 officers departed the Chu Lai area enroute to Danang TAOB where a new CP will be established, upon to 1st Marine Division.

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18 Apr 1967

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

Subj: Sit Rep #242 for period 180001H to 182400H Apr 1967

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations.

a. Battalion Commander with a small command group arrived at Da Nang 180630H April aboard USS Oak Hill (LSD-7). Command Post ashore established at coordinates AT 985717. Assumed Opcon Company A, (Rein), 3d AmTrac Bn. 180630H April, 1967. Elements embarked included 1st Plt, Company A, 3d AmTrac Bn, 1st Plt, Company B, 3d AmTrac Bn and detachment LVTS1 Plt, H&S Company, 3d AmTrac Bn. 3d AmTrac Battalion (-) Chopped Opcon to 1st Mar Div 171630H April, 1967. Units remaining in Chu Lai include Company B (-), and H&S Company (-) under Opcon Task Force A-Ray.

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

- (1) From 0001 to 2400 provide (5) LVT's in direct support of 2/7 (oord 899820). These vehicles are used for search and destroy operations and reaction force.
- (2) From 0001 to 2400 provide (10) LVT's in direct support of 2/5 (oord 875476). These vehicles are used for search and destroy operations, convoy escort, resupply, and reaction force.
- (3) From 0001 to 2400 provide (9) LVT's in direct support of 1/26 (oord 963610). These vehicles are used for search and destroy operations, reaction force, and MED-EVAC.

2. Battalion Plans.

a. Two LVTS1's and two LVTS5A1's from Company A will be used on 19 April, 1967 in support of 3/7 in the vicinity of coordinates 839567 to destroy fortifications, bamboo thickets and any mines and booby traps in the area.

James E. SWAB  
By direction

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FM CO THIRD AMTRBN  
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV

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SIT REP #243 FOR PERIOD 190001H TO 192400H APR 1967

1. BN OPER. FOLLOWING BN OPER ARE CONDUCTED ON A CONTD DAILY BASIS.

A. NINE (9) LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF 1/26

B. TEN (10) LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF 2/5

C. FIVE (5) LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF 2/7

2. ADD BN OPER.

A. TWO (2) LVTE1'S AND TWO (2) LVTP5'S IN SUPPORT OF 3/7. FOUR (4) LINE CHARGES WERE FIRED TO CLEAR FIELDS OF FIRE COVERING TWO (2) HECTARES. RETURNED TO CP AT 191738H APR 67.

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20 Apr 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
Subj: Sit Rep 243 for period 200001H to 202400H Apr, 1967  
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations.

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 (6) LVT's in direct support of 1/5 (coord 523122).

c. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVT's 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 (2) LVT's were provided to 3/5 (coordinates 435078) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

e. From 0001 to 0630 and 1900 to 2400 provided (4) LVT's 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 coordinates 567044. When required, (2) of these LVT's are used for the purpose of transporting a reaction force from 1st Recon Battalion to the Chu Lai Defense Command.

f. 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.

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

h. From 0800 to 1630 provided (2) LVT's for MCB-8 MEDCAP twice weekly.

i. From 1700 to 0700 provided (4) LVT's and a shallow draft skimmer craft to check water traffic in the vicinity of coordinates 505105 and 510093.

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2. Additional Battalion Operations.

a. Provided five (5) LVTP5's to support the 3d Battalion, 21st Infantry, 196th Brigade to be used as a reaction force and resupply in the vicinity of coordinates 574923.

b. Provided ten (10) LVTP5's to support the 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry, 196th Brigade to transport troops from coordinates (602985) to coordinates (672968) on 200830H April 1967. All LVTP5's returned to the Battalion C.P. at 1430.

3. CONTAMIN.

a. one (1) LVT in support of 1/21 detonated a mine on 200947H April 1967, in the vicinity of coordinates 660983. The vehicle was damaged to the extent of a broken track, sprocket, and slight crack in the hull. The LVTP5 was repaired and returned to coordinates 561048. The LVTP5 received no fire and no personnel were injured.

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SIT REP #244 FOR PERIOD ~~2000~~1H TO ~~2024~~0H APR 1967

1. BN OPER. NO CHANGE.
2. AFTER OPER RPT.

A. TWO LVTE1'S AND TWO LVTP5'S OPERATING IN VICINITY C.P. 96 000RD 839568  
FM 1115 TO 1430, 19 Apr 67. EMPLOYED FOUR LINE CHARGES IN CLEARING TWO LARGE  
BAMBOO PATCHES OBSTRUCTING FIELDS OF FIRE. PATCHES WERE 15 BY 15 YDS AND  
80 BY 20 YDS IN SIZE. TWO CHARGES HAD TO BE BLOWN BY HAND. ON RETURN TO THIS  
POSITION ONE LVTE1 HIT ONE VIETNAMESE THREE WHEELED MOTORSCOOTER.

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SIT REP #245 FOR PERIOD 210001H TO 212400H APR 1967

1. EN OPER. FOLLOWING EN OPER ARE CONDUCTED ON A CONTD DAILY BASIS.

- A. NINE (9) LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF 1/26
- B. TEN (10) LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF 2/5
- C. FIVE (5) LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF 2/7
- D. FIVE (5) LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF 3/1

2. CONTACTS.

A. ON 210001H APR 67 AN LVTP5 FM COMPANY A DETONATED A MINE. FOUR (4) VEHICLES WERE RETURNING FROM TRANSPORTING INFANTRY IN SWEEP, MAKING BOGESS FROM RIVER AT COORD 895824. THE SECOND VEHICLE IN LINE PRESSURE DETONATED A MINE BELIEVED TO WEIGH 15-20 POUNDS. NUMBER 7 AND 8 ROAD WHEELS AND 5 BLOCKS OF TRACK WERE DESTROYED. NO INJURIES, HOWEVER ONE MARINES' EARS ARE BEING EXAMINED FOR POSSIBLE DAMAGE. NO ENEMY SIGHTED. DAMAGE WAS REPAIRED ON THE SPOT AND ALL VEHICLES RETURNED TO COORD 899820.

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SIT REP #246 FOR PERIOD 230001H TO 232400H APR 1967

1. BN OPER. FOLLOWING BN OPER ARE CONDUCTED ON A CONTD DAILY BASIS.

- A. NINE (9) LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF 1/26
- B. TEN (10) LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF 2/5
- C. FIVE (5) LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF 2/7
- D. FIVE (5) LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF 3/1
- E. EIGHT (8) LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF 1/1

2. CONTACTS.

A. AN LVTP5 FM COMPANY A DETONATED A MINE AT COORD 087667 WHILE ON RESUPPLY RUN. TIME WAS 231250H APR 67. ONE MARINE WIAE. DESTROYED NUMBER 2 ROAD WHEEL ASSEMBLY AND BROKE TRACK. REPAIRED DAMAGE AND CONTINUED MISSION. AT 231640H APR 67 AT COORD 045656 RECEIVED HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE FM APPROX FIVE (5) V.C. RETURNED FIRE, WITH SMALL ARMS, MACHINE GUN, AND 3.5 ROCKET LAUNCHER. CONTINUED MISSION.

COMMAND POSTS LOCATION.

3D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, (+)  
H&S COMPANY  
COMPANY A  
COMPANY B

(COORD AT 985717)  
(COORD BT 560049)  
(COORD AT 985717)  
(COORD BT 559051)

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FROM CO THIRD AMTRBN

ACTION **CG FIRST MAR DIV**

## INFO

SIT RE: #247 FOR PERIOD 240001H TO 242400H  
APR 67

1. ~~IN OPER.~~ NO CHANGE.
2. ~~CONTACTS.~~ (~~same entry~~)

~~At 2346GZ APR 67, AT GUARD #45656 TWO (2) LVT'S WITH 1ST PLT COMPANY B WERE FIRED UPON BY FIVE (5) V. C. SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RETURNED AND TWO SUSPECTS APPREHENDED. NO INJURY TO PERSONNEL, NO DAMAGE TO VEHICLES.~~

A. AT 241615H, COORD 053658, AN INTP5 FM 1st PLT COMPANY B DESTINATED A MINE. AT THIS TIME TYPE AND SIZE OF MINE UNK. NO INJURIES. NUMBER 1 AND 2 ROAD WHEELS DESTROYED, TRACK BROKEN, IDLER BROKEN, RIP IN HULL, 3 FUEL CELLS RUPTURED. REPAIRS ON THE SCENE ARE UNDERWAY.

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1st MARINE DIVISION

FROM CG THIRD AMTRON

ACTION CG FIRST MA DIV

INFO

LIT REP #248 FOR PERIOD 250000H TO 252400H  
APR 671. AN OPER. NO CHANGE.2. CONTACTS

A. AT 250900H, COORD 851667 TWO (2) LVT'S FM COMPANY B RECEIVED  
TWO (20) RDS AUTO RIFLE FIRE. INFANTRY RETURNED FIRE WITH SMALL  
S AND 3.5 ROCKET LAUNCHER. NO CASUALTIES. SEARCH PRODUCED  
NEGATIVE RESULTS.

B. AT 251036H, COORD 908498 TWO (2) LVT'S FM COMPANY A RECEIVED  
ONE (1) RD SNIPER FIRE FM COORD 899498. NO INJURIES. CONTINUED  
MISSION.

COORD.

C. AT 251520H, 251540H AND 251548H/047663 TWO (2) LVT'S FM  
COMPANY B WERE AMBUSHED THREE TIMES. RETURNED 1500 RDS 81 CAL  
MACHINE GUN AND 500 RDS SMALL ARMS FIRE. DURING SECOND AMBUSH  
TWO (2) SUSPECTS WERE ABOARD LVT'S. ONE TRIED TO ESCAPE AND WAS  
KILLED BY INFANTRYMAN. SEARCH WAS MADE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.  
INFANTRY SET UP WALKING PERIMETER DEFENSE AFTER SECOND AMBUSH. ONE  
USMC KIA. LVT'S RETURNED TO 3/1.

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INV 2100/8 (6-65)

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1st MARINE DIVISION

FROM CG THIRD ARMY

ACTION CG FIRST MAR DIV

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SIT REP #249 FOR PERIOD 29/4/67 TO 29/4/67  
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ON A CONTD DAILY BASIS.

- A. NINE (9) LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF 1/26
- B. TEN (10) LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF 2/5
- C. FIVE (5) LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF 2/7
- D. SEVEN (7) LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF 3/1
- E. EIGHT (8) LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF 1/1.

2. CONTACTS.

A. AT 29134H, COORD 964635, ONE LVT FROM COMPANY A RECEIVED ONE GRENADE, 250 RDS .30 CAL. MACHINE GUN AND 4 RDS SMALL ARMS WEAPONS RETURNED, RESULTING IN TWO VC KIA CONFIRMED. TRACTOR WAS ON RESUPPLY TO 1/26. SEARCH REVEALED ONE RUSSIAN RIFLE, ONE KNIFE, ONE CIVILIAN RADIO AND VARIOUS PAPERS. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND WEAPONS WERE TURNED IN TO 1/26.

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