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July 1967 Command Chronology

2) Sit Rep's for July 1967

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

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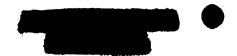
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#### PART I ORGANIZATION DATA

#### 1. DESIGNATION

#### COMMANDER

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (-)

1-31 Jul: LtCol Robert L. SHUFORD

#### SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Comp	eny, 3d Ar	mphibian Tracto	r Bn	1-31 Jul:	Maj Ruel O. DEPOALI	
"A" Com	any, 3d Ar	mphibian Tracto	r Bn		Capt Gary D. SOLIS	
				3-31 Jul:	Maj Robert D. DASCH	
"3" Comp	pany, 3d Ar	mphibian Tracto	r Bn	1-31 Jul:	Capt William H. VAN	ANTWERP

#### ATTACHED UNITS

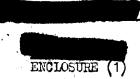
1-5 Jul: 4th Plt, Company "A", 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion OPCON 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (-), (Rein). 6 Jul: Said Plt/Co. returned to parent unit.

#### 2. LOCATION.

1-31 Jul: Da Nang, RVN

#### 3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer		1-31 Jul:	Maj James E. SWAB
S-1	2.50	1-31 Jul:	1stLt Frank A. LAMBERT
S-2			2dLt David E. WELBORN 1stLt James R. LYNCH
S-3			Maj Robert D. DASCH Maj James E. SWAB
<b>3-4</b>		1-31 Jul:	Maj Ruel O. DEPOALI



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#### 4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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## PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During this reporting period the battalion maintained an overall combat readiness posture of catagory 2. Problem areas were: (1) Shortage of Officers, two (2) Majors 1803, and one (1) Capt 2502, one (1) Capt 1803 and two (2) Lt's 1803; (2) Combat equipment losses are at 18%; (3) Critically needed spare parts have not arrived in sufficient quantities. Anticipated future combat losses may degrade our combat equipment readiness to C3.

The Battalion continued its support of the 1st and 7th Marine Regiments and the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines during this period. One (1) platoon remained under operational control of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade in the Chu Lai TAOR. Technique of employment consisted of one platoon (10 LVTP5's) in support of each infantry battalion in the Da Nang TAOR, except 2/7 which is supported by a section (5 LVTP5's).

The missions performed by these platoons vary from battalion to battalion. The basic missions have been re-supply, Med Evac's, tactical sweeps, blocking forces and reaction forces. Other missions performed by the LVT units have been laying of communication wire in water, riverine operations, and road patrols.

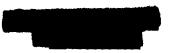
The battalion participated in three (3) major operations during this period. An extensive road reconnaissance was made with the 7th Marines. Operation "Elliot" (1/7) utilized six (6) LVTP5's and two (2) LVTE1's. Operation "Sweep" (1/7) was supported by 15 LVTP5's and one (1) LVTP5 CMD. Operation "Gem" (7th Mar) was the largest operation with 24 LVTP5's.

The LVTE1's were extensively used by the 1st Marines during this period. A total of 47 line charges were fired. The line charges were used to clear know mined areas and enemy fortifications.

Comp improvement continues to make excellent progress, especially in the areas of troop supporting facilities. The Mess Hall has undergone extensive remodeling, adding many features that provide this camp with an excellent Mess Hall. The Camp is scheduled for re-wiring in the near future. Work is continuing on the improvement of the battalion's defensive fortifications.

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On the 15th of July the Battalion celebrated its 25th Anniversary. A parade and awards ceremony highlighted the day's festivities.

## PART III SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

#### 1. TOPICS.

- a. Personnel and Administration.
- (1) During the reporting period three (3) MC Officers, O Navy Officers, sixty-four (64) MC Enlisted and O Navy Enlisted rotated to CONUS. Four (4) MC Officers, one (1) Havy Officer, twenty-five (25) MC Enlisted and three (3) Navy Enlisted replacements were received.
- (2) During the reporting period the battalion had the following casualties: (0) KIA and thirty-three (33) WIA.
  - b. Intelligence.
- (1) Normal administrative and combat intelligence functions were carried out during the month.
- (2) Thirteen (13) LVT's were mined during this period, resulting in five (5) requiring evacuation to CONUS, seven (7) second echelon maintenance, and one (1) receiving minor damage to the suspension system.
- (3) There were twelve (12) other contacts consisting of eleven (11) incidents of sniper fire and one (1) incident of incoming 81mm mortar fire.
- (4) The battalion patrols and ambushes encountered no hostile activity and observed nothing unusual in the assigned sectors of responsibility. Inhabitants of the hamlets around the battalion perimeter have displayed a spirit of friendliness and cooperation.
  - c. Training.
- (1) Formal Training was conducted throughout this month of July in conjunction with operational commitments.
- (2) CJT and normal maintenance procedures were conducted during the month.
  - (3) A training program for new Officers and staff NCO's was established.
- (4) Familiarization fire of M16 and 30 Cal machine gun was conducted. for new personnel joining the battalion.

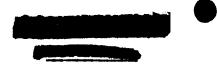
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- (5) An annual battalion training bulletin was published for this quarter setting forth required general military subjects training.
  - d. Schools.
- (1) Quotas for schools during 1st Quarter FY 68 were submitted to division.
  - (2) Six (6) Enlisted personnel attended Vietnamese Language School.
    - (a) Two (2) attended at Okinawa on 1 July.
    - (b) Two (2) attended at III MAF on 20 July.
    - (c) Two (2) attended at Okinawa on 29 July.
  - (3) Three (3) attended NCO Leadership school on 22 July.
  - (4) Two (2) attended Weapons Repair School at Okinawa.
    - (a) One (1) on 8 July.
    - (b) One (1) on 29 July.
  - (5) One (1) attended Career Adivsory School at Okinawa on 19 July.
  - e. Special Operations.
- (1) Enclosure (2) contains the Battalion's Sit Rep's for 1-31 July 1967.
  - f. Logistics.
    - (1) Significant events.
- (a) Receipt of a limited quantity of LVT suspension parts and numerous general supply items during the month enables the Battalion to retain a good overall logistic status. (C2).
- (b) The deadline for the month averaged approximately 10% for the LVT's. Receipt of the first two (2) LVTP5's under the FY 68 R&E program and notification of incoming combat loss replacements will futher improve the readiness position of the Battalion.
  - (2) Motor Transport.
- (a) No particular problem during the month. Notification of approval of a T/E increase of five (5) M35's will greatly improve our organic transpertation capability.

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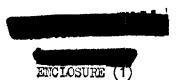
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#### g. Civic Action.

- (1) MED CAP's were conducted in the hamlets of Bin Thai, Cam Ba and Pho Hoa. A Total of 1267 villagers were treated. The MED CAP to Pho Hoa continued to be jointly admintstered by the battalion and the ARVN.
- (2) Civic improvements were continued in Binh Thai and Cam Boc. Two (2) truck loads of dunnage and twelve truck loads of dirt fill were delivered.
- (3) Seven (7) pigs were added to the pig farm in Binh Thai. A total of 7000 pounds of garbage was given to the pig farm.

# CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

a. Subordinate unit command's chronologies are incorporated in this report.



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- B. (LATE ENTRY) AT 1414 5H JUL AT COORD BT 93658 AN LYT DETONATED A MINE APPROX 50LBS PRESSURE DETONATED, WHILE IN SUPPORT OF 3/1 DAMAGE CONSISTS OF (2) ROADWHEEL HOLE IN HULL AND TRACK DAMAGE, ONE (1) USMC WIANE.

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