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

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 Sep to 30 Sep 1967

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

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

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

2. Upon removal of enclosures (1) and (2), this letter is downgraded to Unclassified.

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PART I
ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion

1-30 Sep: LtCol ROBERT L. SHUFORD

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Bn	1-24 Sep:	Maj Ruel O. DEPOALI
	25-30 Sep:	Capt Michael L. CLUFF
"A" Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Bn	1-30 Sep:	Maj Robert D. DASCH
"B" Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Bn	1-16 Sep:	Capt William M. VAN ANTWERP
	17-30 Sep:	Capt P. H. VAN JAHNKE

ATTACHED UNITS

None.

2. LOCATION.

1-30 Sep: Da Nang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

1-30 Sep: Maj Raymond R. BERLING

S-1

1-30 Sep: 1stLt Frank A. LAMBERT

S-2

1-30 Sep: 1stLt James R. LYNCH

S-3

1-30 Sep: Maj James E. SWAB

S-4

1-30 Sep: Maj Ruel O. DEPOALI

S-5

1-24 Sep: Capt Michael L. CLUFF
25-30 Sep: Capt Charles W. ROSS

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
29	702

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
2	13

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

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Battalion was placed in an overall combat readiness of category 3 on 26 September 1967. The personnel status was maintained in category 1 by the receipt of one (1) Major 1803, one (1) Lt 2010, one (1) Lt 3002 and one (1) Lt 0130. The fact that supply and equipment went into category 3 with no indication of receipt of critical parts has placed the entire Battalion in combat readiness of category 3.

The Battalion continued its support of the 1st and 7th Marine Regiments and the 2nd Battalion 5th Marines. One (1) platoon remained under operational control of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade in the Chu Lai TAOR. During this reporting period a platoon of vehicles has been in support of the 2nd ROKMC Brigade. Technique of employment consisted of one platoon in support of each infantry battalion in the Da Nang TAOR, except 2/7 which is supported by a section and 2/1 which has no vehicles in support.

The missions and the number performed by the Battalion were: Search and destroy (56), resupply (98), patrolling (29), waterway denial and river patrol (79), blocking force (25), Med Evac (7), convoy escort (3), security (101), administrative (13), recovery (10), and miscellaneous (79). The Battalion had an average of sixty (60) LVT's committed each day.

There were two major operations during the reporting period. Operation "Ballistic Charge" conducted by the 1st Marines and Operation "Dragon Fire" conducted by the 2nd ROKMC Brigade. Operation "Ballistic Charge" had 20 LVT's in support. They were mainly concerned with troop movement and resupply during the operation. While moving to 1/1's CP to begin the operation an LVT detonated a mine and was completely destroyed. While guiding the rest of the column around the destroyed vehicle a Marine detonated another mine resulting in two USMC KIA, one being the "B" Company Commander. Operation "Dragon Fire" being conducted on the Batangan Peninsula has eight (8) LVT's committed. The vehicles are being utilized mainly for resupply runs. They have encountered moderate enemy contact.

On 2 Sep. while on a river patrol for 2/7, two (2) LVTP5's were ambushed from both banks of the river. A heavy volume of automatic fire and recoilless rifle fire was received by the vehicles. One LVT personnel was killed during the ambush.

The LVTE1's remained in support of the 1st Marines. The LVTE1's fired a total of eleven (11) line charges during the reporting period. The line charges were used to clear known mine areas and enemy fortifications.

Construction of the new camp at Marble Mountain is progressing rapidly with completion expected during October. One Company completed the move into the area on 29 September 1967.

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On 12 September, the Battalion had a presentation of awards ceremony. One (1) Bronze Star Medal, one (1) Navy Commendation Medal, ten (10) Gold Stars in lieu of the second Purple Heart Medal and twenty-six (26) Purple Heart Medals were presented.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. TOPICS.

a. Personnel and Administration.

(1) During the reporting period two (2) MC Officers, zero (0) Navy Officers, eighty (80) MC Enlisted, and zero (0) Navy Enlisted rotated to CONUS. Four (4) MC Officers, zero (0) Navy Officers, twenty-nine (29) MC Enlisted and one (1) Navy Enlisted replacements were received.

(2) During the reporting period the Battalion had the following casualties: Three KIA's and sixty-four WIA's.

b. Intelligence.

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

(2) There were thirty-eight (38) other contacts during the reporting period. They consisted of twenty (20) mining incidents, fifteen (15) sniper fire incidents and two (2) ambush incidents.

(3) The Battalion's patrols and ambushes encountered no hostile activity and observed nothing unusual in the assigned sector of responsibility. Inhabitants of the hamlets around the battalion perimeter have displayed a spirit of friendliness and cooperation.

(4) At the Battalion's new CP at Marble Mountain there were six (6) occasions of incoming small arms fire. The surrounding villagers are indifferent toward the Marines.

c. Training.

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

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

(3) Familiarization firing of the M-16 and 30 cal machine gun was conducted for the new personnel joining the Battalion.

d. Schools.

(1) Embarkation instruction course at 1st Marine Division.

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- (a) One (1) Enlisted man on 31 Aug to 2 Sept.
 - (b) One (1) Enlisted man on 4 Sept to 6 Sept.
 - (2) Vehicle waterproofing school.
 - (a) Two (2) Enlisted men on 5 Sept.
 - (3) Waterproofing school of communication equipment.
 - (a) Two (2) Enlisted men on 5 Sept.
 - (4) Training of non-artillery personnel in observed fire techniques.
 - (a) Six (6) Staff NCO's on 7 Sept.
 - (5) Basic ammo tech school in Okinawa.
 - (a) One (1) Enlisted man on 8 Sept.
 - (6) NCO Leadership school
 - (a) Three (3) Enlisted men on 9 Sept.
 - (7) Vietnamese Language school at III MAF.
 - (a) Two (2) Enlisted men on 16 Sept.
 - (8) Vietnamese Language school in Okinawa.
 - (a) One (1) Enlisted man on 23 Sept.
 - e. Special Operations.
 - (1) Enclosure (2) contains the Battalion's Sit Rep's for 1-30 Sept 1967.
 - f. Logistics
 - (1) Significant events.
 - (a) Coding and subsequent evacuation of eight (8) LVTP5A1's. Mine damage of a less extreme nature sustained by seven (7) others and a normal deadline has seriously reduced the number of operational vehicles.
 - (b) No R&E vehicles or T/E replacements were received during the period.
 - (c) The Battalion has realized an average deadline of fourteen (14) combat vehicles. Primary causes of 2nd echelon deadline are electrical failures,
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fuel leaks and stub shafts. Other than mine damage, the majority of 3rd echelon deadline has been caused by engine and transmission failures.

(d) Motor transport has encountered difficulties during the period due to numerous requirements for logistical support of the operating platoons and relocation of (1) company.

g. Civic Action

(1) MED CAP's were conducted in the hamlets of Binh Thai, Cam Bac, Phu Hoa, and Phuong Boc. A total of 1302 people were treated.

(2) Civic improvement continued in each hamlet. Eight hundred (800) board feet of lumber, 90 pounds of soap, 250 pounds of clothing, 450 gift packages, 150 school kits, 220 pounds of fruit and 1320 gallons of hog feed were provided for the people.

(3) Repairs of the Med Cap station at Cam Bac were completed.

(4) Twenty-three (23) graves were moved at the new Battalion C.P.

(5) From 8-10 September an Armed Propaganda Team was used at the Battalion's new CP area.

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PART IV
CHRONOLOGY OF SUPORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

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FM CG THIRD AMTRBN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
BT
SIT REP #314 FOR PERIOD ~~010001H~~ TO ~~012000H~~ SEP 67

1. IN OPER. NO CHANG.

2. CONTACTS.

A. AT 011115H SEP, AT 000000 AT961394 TWO (2) LVTP5'S RECEIVED FIFTY (50) RDS SNIPER FIRE WHILE REPAIRING BROKEN TRACK. RETURNED FIFTY (50) RDS ~~30~~ CAL. MG FIRE AND SET UP SECURITY PERIMETER UNTIL DISABLED VEH WAS REPAIRED. LVT'S WERE ON A RESUPPLY RUN IN SUPPORT OF 3/7.

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TO 00 FIRST MAR DIV
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SIT REP #315 FOR PERIOD ~~020000H~~ TO ~~022000H~~ SEP 1967

1. ~~IN OPER.~~ NO CHANGE.
2. CONTACTS. (LATE ENTRY)

A. AT ~~011030H~~ SEP AT COORD ~~BT066987~~ AN LVT IN SUPPORT OF 3/1 DETONATED A MINE WHILE ON A TROOP MOVEMENT. DAMAGE CONSISTS OF FOUR (4) ROADWHEELS, TWO (2) FOOT CRACK IN TRACK CHANNEL AND SKIRT BULGED. VEH WAS TOWED INTO 1/1 CP. THREE (3) USMC WIA.

B. AT ~~012015H~~ SEP AT COORD ~~BT066952~~ AN B/T IN SUPPORT OF 3/1 DETONATED A MINE WHILE ON A REE EVAC RUN. DAMAGE CONSISTS OF SEVEN (7) ROADWHEEL ASSEMBLIES, SPLIT HULL AND GAS LEAKS. VEH WAS TOWED BACK TO 3/1 CP. FOUR (4) USMC WIA.

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TO 00 FIRST MAR DIV

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1. IN OPER. NO CHANGE.
2. CONTACTS. (LATE ENTRY)

A. AT ~~0217~~TH SEP AT COORD ~~ATS55067~~ TWO (2) LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF 2/7 WERE AMBUSHED WHILE ON A RIVER PATROL. RECEIVED FIRE FROM BOTH RIVER BANKS. VEN RETURNED FIRE AND CALLED IN FOR MED EVAC. NO DAMAGE TO VEN. ONE (2) USMC KIA, ONE (1) USMC WIA, AND THREE (3) USMC WIA.

B. AT ~~0223~~TH SEP AT COORD ~~BS05708~~ THIRD ANTRON'S ADVANCED PARTY AT NEW OP RECEIVED THREE (3) RDS SNIPER FIRE FROM SOUTH EDGE OF PERIMETER. RETURNED FIFTY (50) RDS ~~30~~ CAL. MG. NO DAMAGE TO VEN'S AND NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL.

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

- A. ONE (1) PLATOON IN SUPPORT OF 1/1.
- B. ONE (1) PLATOON IN SUPPORT OF 2/1.
- C. ONE (1) PLATOON IN SUPPORT OF 3/1.
- D. ONE (1) PLATOON IN SUPPORT OF 1/7.
- E. ONE (1) SECTION IN SUPPORT OF 2/7.
- F. ONE (1) PLATOON IN SUPPORT OF 3/7.
- G. ONE (1) PLATOON IN SUPPORT OF 2/5.
- H. ONE (1) PLATOON ⁽⁻⁾ ~~AND ONE (1) SECTION~~ IN SUPPORT OF 196TH LIGHT INFANTRY BRIGADE.
I ONE (1) PLATOON IN SUPPORT OF ROKME Brigade.

2. ABR IN OPER.

- A. PROVIDED TWO (2) LVTE1'S IN SUPPORT OF 1/1.
- B. PROVIDED THREE (3) LVTE1'S IN SUPPORT OF 3/1.

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3. CONTACTS.

A. AT 0413Z SEP, AT COORD AT900395 AN M-35 (189096) WHILE ENROUTE TO PER TRANSPORTING A LVT PACK FROM 3/7 GP, DETONATED A MINE APPROX TEN (10) LBS PRESSURE DETONATED. DAMAGE TO VEH CONSISTS OF R/F TIRE AND WHEEL DAMAGED, R/F FENDER CRACKED AND RIGHT REARVIEW MIRROR BROKEN. REPAIRED DAMAGED TO WHEEL AND RETURNED TO LVT GP. ONE (1) USMC WIA.

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FM CO THIRD ANTRON
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
BT

SIT REP #318 FOR PERIOD ~~070000H~~ TO ~~072400H~~ SEP 1967

1. IN OPER. NO CHANGE.
2. CONTACTS.

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT ~~061720H~~ SEP AT COORD ~~AT957630~~ AN LVT IN SUPPORT OF 2/1 DETONATED A BOOBY TRAP (M-26). NO DAMAGE TO VEH AND NO INJURED TO PERSONNEL. CONTINUED MISSION.

B. (LATE ENTRY) AT ~~062200H~~ SEP AT COORD ~~BT000707~~ THIRD ANTRON'S ADVANCED PARTY AT NEW C.P. RECEIVED ONE (1) GRENADE RD STRIKING AN LVT. DAMAGE CONSISTS OF AN EIGHT (8) INCH HOLE IN HULL. TWO (2) USMC WIAN AND ONE (1) USMC WIANE.

C. AT ~~071000H~~ SEP AT COORD ~~BT090180~~ AN LVT IN SUPPORT OF 3/1 DETONATED A MINE APPROX 50 LBS WHILE ON A TROOP MOVEMENT. DAMAGE CONSISTS OF IDLER, THREE (3) ROAD WHEELS, HOLE IN HULL, INSTRUMENT PANEL DAMAGED. VEH WAS TOWED TO 3/1 OP. ONE (1) USMC WIAN AND ONE (1) USMC WIANE.

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1. ~~IN OPAL~~ NO CHANGE.

2. ~~CONTACT~~

A. AT ~~001015H~~ SEP, AT COORD BT123634 AN LVT IN SUPPORT OF 1/1 DETONATED A MINE APPROX 75 LBS WHILE ON A RESUPPLY RUN. DAMAGE TO VEH CONSISTS OF TWO (2) ROADWHEELS, RAMP CONTROL VALVE, SHIFT LINKAGE BROKEN, SIX (6) INCH HOLE IN BULL. VEH RETURNING TO 1/1 CP. ONE (1) USMC WIAHE.

B. AT ~~001415H~~ SEP AT COORD BT123634 AN LVT DETONATED A BLASTING CAP OF A FIFTY (50) LB MINE - MINE WAS WET AND DID NOT EXPLODE. INFANTRY BLEW MINE. NO DAMAGE TO VEH AND NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL.

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1. NO OP-2. NO CHANGE.

2. CONTACTS.

A. AT ~~090000H~~ SEP, AT COORD BT195614 AN LVT IN SUPPORT OF 1/1 RECEIVED SIX (6) MDS SNIPER FIRE WHILE ON A SWEPT. VEH AND SECURITY RETURNED ~~500~~ MDS. NO DAMAGE TO VEH. ONE (1) USMC KIA.

B. AT ~~091200H~~ SEP, AT COORD BT194632 AN LVT IN SUPPORT OF 3/1 DETONATED A MINE APPROX 40 LBS WHILE ON A RESUPPLY RUN. DAMAGE TO VEH CONSISTS OF TWO (2) ROADWHEELS, MGMT SKIRT AND BENT HULL. NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL.

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SIT REP #321 FOR PERIOD 120000H TO 122400H SEP 1967

1. BN OPER. NO CHANGE.
2. CONTACTS.

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 112000H SEP AT COORD AT63034 MINE (9) LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF 2ND BOMBING BRIGADE RECEIVED 3700 RDS SMALL ARMS, EIGHT (8) MORTAR RDS AND TEN (10) GRENADES. RETURNED 7000 RDS .50 CAL AND 3000 RDS 7.62. ONE (1) USMC KIA. ENEMY KILLED SEVEN (7) PROBABLE.

B. AT 11635H SEP AT COORD AT63058 AN LVT IN SUPPORT OF 2/7 DETONATED A 105 RDS ON A TROOP MOVEMENT. DAMAGE CONSISTS OF TWO (2) ROADWHEELS, HOLE IN HULL AND CONTROL TOWER DAMAGED. REPAIRED IN FIELD AND CONTINUED MISSION. FIVE (5) USMC KIA.

C. AT 121305H SEP AT COORD BT91643 AN LVT IN SUPPORT OF 3/1 DETONATED A MINE APPROX 20 LBS WHILE ON A RESUPPLY RUN. DAMAGE CONSISTS OF ONE (1) ROADWHEEL AND TRACK DAMAGE. VEH REPAIRED INFIELD AND CONTINUED MISSION. ONE (1) USMC KIA.

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2. CONTACTS.

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 131100H SEP, AT COORD 746013 LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF THE BONG (CHU LAI) RECEIVED SEMI/AUTO WEAPONS FIRE AND APPROX THIRTEEN (13) GRENADES. CALLED BONG TO ASSIST IN SETTING UP SECURITY. CAPTURED FIVE (5) PW (CONFIRMED VO), ALSO ONE (1) AUTO RIFLE, ONE (1) SEMI RIFLE AND ONE (1) GRENADE. NO LVT PERSONNEL INJURED AND NO DAMAGE TO LVT'S.

B. (LATE ENTRY) AT 131700H SEP, AT COORD 745011 LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF BONG (CHU LAI) RECEIVED 700 RDS AUTO/SEMI WEAPONS FIRE AND SEVEN (7) MORTARS - TYPE UNK. RETURNED APPROX 900 RDS 81 CAL. MG AND 7.62. CALLED IN AIR STRIKES AT COORD 742004. TWO (2) VO (CONFIRMED) KIA AND SEVEN (7) PW (CONFIRMED VO) CAPTURED. NO LVT'S DAMAGED AND NO PERSONNEL INJURED.

C. (LATE ENTRY) AT 131800H SEP, AT COORD 747000 A TRUCK (M-35) RECEIVED THREE (3) RDS SNIPER FIRE, WHILE LEAVING LVT'S NEW OP ENROUTE TO LVT'S PRESENT CP. VEN CONTINUED MISSION. DAMAGE TO VEN CONSISTS OF HOLE IN WINDSHIELD. ONE (1) USMC KIA.

D. AT 140700H SEP, AT COORD AT942669 AN LVT IN SUPPORT OF 1/7 DETONATED A MINE APPROX 35 LBS WHILE ON A ROAD SWEEP. DAMAGE TO VEN CONSISTS OF TWO (2) ROAD WHEEL ASSEMBLIES (PORT SIDE), TWO SPLINGS AND A GAS LEAK. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. TWO (2) USMC KIA.

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TO 00 FIRST MAR DIV
BT
SIT REP #323 FOR PERIOD 150000H TO 152400H SEP 1967

1. IN OPER. NO CHANGE.
2. CONTACTS.

A. AT 151515H SEP, AT COORD BT105595 AN LVT IN SUPPORT OF 1/1 DETONATED A MINE APPROX 60 LBS PORT SIDE. DAMAGE TO VEH CONSISTS OF ONE (1) TORSION ARM, ONE (1) BUMPER AND ASSY, TWO (2) ROADWHEELS DESTROYED, ONE (1) ROADWHEEL DAMAGED SLIGHTLY, HULL WARPED INWARD, ONE (1) SUPPORT ROLLER DAMAGED, CONTROL TOWER AND LINKAGE DAMAGED. ONE (1) USMC WIA.

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SIT REP #324 FOR PERIOD 160000H TO 162000H SEP 1967

1. IN OPER. NO CHANGE.
2. CONTACTS.

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 151715H SEP, AT COORD BT68645 AN LVTP5 (3-B-05) DETONATED A MINE APPROX 50 LBS WHILE ENROUTE TO 1/1 POSITION FOR OPERATION "BALLISTIC CHARGE" IN SUPPORT OF 1ST MARINES. DAMAGE TO VEH CONSISTS OF ONE (1) ROADWHEEL ASSEMBLY, IDLER, TRACK CHANNEL DAMAGED, RAMP CONTROL VALVE AND TRACK. SET UP SECURITY AND REPAIRED VEH THEN CONTINUED TO 1/1 CP. TWO (2) USMC WIAE.

B. (LATE ENTRY) AT 151800H SEP, AT COORD AT092528 THREE (3) LVTP5'S (3-A-22, 23, 24) IN SUPPORT OF 3/7 RECEIVED 500 YDS SMALL ARMS FIRE. RETURNED APPROX 300 YDS 30 CAL. MG DAMAGE TO VEH CONSISTS OF ONE (1) RADIO ANTENNA DAMAGED. VEH CONTINUED ON SWEEP. NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL.

C. AT 160545H SEP, AT COORD BT68648 AN LVTP5 (3-B-41) DETONATED A MINE WHILE ENROUTE TO 1/1 CP FOR OPERATION "BALLISTIC CHARGE". VEH WAS COMPLETELY DESTROY BY FIRE. VEH WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER LVTP5 (3-B-44). PERSONNEL FROM THIS VEH CALLED IN MED EVAC AND SET UP SECURITY. THREE (3) USMC WIAE.

D. AT 160625H SEP, AT COORD BT68648 PERSONNEL FROM AN LVTP5 (3-B-44) WHILE ASSISTING ANOTHER LVTP5 (3-B-41) (SEE ABOVE ENTRY "C") DETONATED A MINE WHILE DIRECTING THE REST OF THE CONVOY AROUND MINED VEH. MINE WAS PHYSICALLY DETONATED BY ONE OF THE LVT CREWMAN. NO DAMAGE TO THE VEH. ONE (1) USMC KIA, ONE (1) USMC DOW AND ONE (1) USMC WIAE.

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BT REP #325 FOR PERIOD 190001H TO 192400H SEP 1967

1. IN OPER. NO CHANGE.2. CONTACTS.

A. AT 190001H SEP, AT COORD AT930543 AN LVT (3-A-24) IN SUPPORT OF 3/7
 DETONATED A MINE APPROX 40 LBS WHILE ON A RESUPPLY MISSION. DAMAGE TO VEH
 CONSISTS OF SKIRT BUCKLED, THREE (3) ROADWHEELS, IDLER, AND TRACK. FOUR (4)
 USMC WIA.

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BIT REP #326 FOR PERIOD 210000H TO 212400H SEP 1967

1. IN OPER. NO CHANGE.

2. CONTACTS.

A. AT 211400H SEP, AT COORD AT085517 TWO (2) LVTG5'S (3-A-22 & 25) IN SUPPORT OF 3/7 RECEIVED APPROX 1000 YDS AUTO SMALL ARMS FIRE WHILE ON A SWEEP. RETURNED APPROX 600 YDS 3/7 GAL MG. NO DAMAGE TO VEH. CONTINUED SWEEP. ONE (1) USMC WIA RE.

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TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
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SIT REP #327 FOR PERIOD 220000H TO 222400H SEP 1967

1. IN OPER. NO CHANGE.

2. CONTACTS.

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 211000H SEP, AT COORDS BT779028 AN LVFP5 (3-4-55) IN SUPPORT OF BOMBING DETONATED A MINE APPROX 200YDS WHILE ON OPERATION DRAGON FIRE. DAMAGE TO VEH CONSISTS OF ONE (1) ROADWHEEL ASSEMBLY, ONE (1) RAMP HINGE, ONE (1) RIGID PUMP, ONE (1) TORSION BAR, AND TRACK. REPAIRED DAMAGE AND CONTINUED MISSION. FOUR (4) HSPC WILANE.

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SIT REP #528 FOR PERIOD 240000H TO 242400H SEP 1967

1. IN OPER. NO CHANGE
2. CONTACT.

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 231700H SEP, AT COORD BT105605 AN LVTTP5 (3-B-32) IN SUPPORT OF 1/1 DETONATED A MINE APPROX 2011S WHILE ON A RESUPPLY MISSION. DAMAGE TO VEHICLE CONSISTS OF PORTSIDE IDLER ASSEMBLY, TWO (2) REARWHEELS ASSEMBLIES, SKIRT BIPPED UP AND OUTWARD. THREE (3) USMC WEAKE.

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SIT REP #329 FOR PERIOD 281300Z TO 282400Z SEP 1967

1. IN OPER. NO CHANGE.

2. CONTACTS.

A. AT 281300Z SEP, AT COORD AT974607 TWO (2) LVTFS'S (3-2-21 & 25) IN SUPPORT OF 1/7 WERE AMBUSHED ON BOTH FLANKS AND FRONT AND REAR. WHILE ON A SWEEP. NO DAMAGE TO VEH. ONE (1) USMC KIA.

B. AT 281300Z SEP, AT COORD BT160996 AN LVTFS (3-2-35) IN SUPPORT OF 1/1 DETONATED A MINE ON PORTSIDE, WHILE ON A RESUPPLY MISSION. VEH TOTAL DESTROYED - STILL BURNING. TWO (2) USMC KIA.

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BT
SIT REP #53 FOR PERIOD 230000H TO 232400H SEP 1967

1. IN QTR. NO CHANGE.

2. CONTRACTS.

A. AT 232300H SEP, AT COORD DTG 877701 ADVANCE PARTY AT NEW AREA RECEIVED APPROX 30 RDS SMALL ARMS FIRE. RETURNED APPROX 75 RDS. NO DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, VEH'S OR PERSONNEL.

B. AT 230100H SEP, AT COORD DTG 877709 ADVANCE PARTY AT NEW AREA RECEIVED APPROX 150 RDS SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM COORD DTG 777707. RETURNED APPROX 300 RDS 40 CAL. MG, 7.62MM AND CALLED FOR FIRE MISSION (81MM MORTARS) FROM 1/1. NO DAMAGE TO VEH OR INJURIES TO PERSONNEL.

C. AT 230145H SEP, AT COORD DTG 877709 ADVANCE PARTY AT NEW AREA RECEIVED APPROX 150 RDS SMALL ARMS FIRE (AUTO & SEMI) FROM COORD DTG 777707. RETURNED APPROX 300 RDS 40 CAL. MG AND 7.62MM. NO DAMAGE TO VEH'S OR INJURIES TO PERSONNEL.

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TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
BT
SIT REP #331 FOR PERIOD ~~300000~~1H TO ~~302400~~2H SEP 1967

1. NO OPER. NO CHANGE.
2. CONTACTS. (LATE ENTRY)

A. AT 281650H SEP AT CGOCD 85777828 LVT'S IN SUPPORT OF BUNKO RECEIVED APPROX 100-150 RDS SNIPER FIRE AND ONE (1) GRENADE WHILE ON OPERATION DRAGON FIRE. RETURNED APPROX 250 RDS 7.62 AND 500 RDS 30 CAL. MG. CONTINUED MISSION. ONE (1) USMC WIA. TEN (10) VC KIA (PROBABLE).

B. AT 291000H SEP AT CGOCD 85863565 AN LVT5 (3-A-43) IN SUPPORT OF 3/7 BAK ABOUT 100 METERS FROM SOUTH BANK OF RIVER. VEH WAS ON A RESUPPLY MISSION. DAMAGE TO VEH CONSISTS OF WATER DAMAGE TO ENGINE AND RADIOS. VEH WAS RETRIEVED BY AN LVT4 (3-A-40). NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL. VEH WAS TOWED BACK TO 3/7 OP.

C. AT 291700H SEP AT CGOCD 85926524 AN LVT5 (3-A-43) IN SUPPORT OF 2/5 DEMONSTRATED A MINE APPROX 75 LBS ALSO RECEIVED ONE ROUNDER OF SNIPER FIRE. NO FIRE RETURNED. DAMAGE TO VEH CONSISTS OF FOUR (4) ROAD WHEELS (SWAY BOARD), TWO (2) RETURN ROLLERS, HULL TORN, FUEL CILLS BURNED, AND TRACK. VEH WAS TOWED TO 2/5 OP. THREE (3) USMC WIA.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 September to 30 September 1967

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Marble Mt
291230 Oct 1967

Operation Order 2-67

Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam 1:25,000 Sheet
(b) 1st Mar Div CLOG

Time Zone: H

Task Organization

3d Bn 51st ARVN Regt
1st Platoon, H&S Co., 3d AmTracBn
1st Platoon, Company "B", 3d AmTracBn
Dog Team, 3d MF Co.

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces - no change.
- b. Friendly Forces - no change.
- c. Attachments - none.

2. MISSION

In conjunction with 3d Bn 51st ARVN Regt conduct a County Fair Operation within the village of NUI KIM SON.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. Annex A Operation Overlay.
- b. 1st Platoon, H&S Co., 3d AmTracBn.

(1) Move through Sea Anchor and establish cordon at coordinates 081699 to 076702 to 072706 NLT 300400H. Establish contact with 3d Bn 51st ARVN Regt at coordinates 072706.

- c. 1st Platoon, Co. "B", 3d AmTracBn

(1) Move through LVT gate, along beach and establish cordon at coordinates 083709 to 081715 to 075712 NLT 300400H. Establish visual contact with 3d Bn 51st ARVN Regt at coordinates 072710.

- d. 3d Bn 51st ARVN Regt.

ENCLOSURE (2)

(1) One company and a platoon will jump off at dawn sweep and search the village of NUI KIM SON.

(2) All villagers will be assembled in the open area immediately in front of Bn CP, searched and retained until operation is completed.

c. Coordinating Instruction

(1) Cordon element will maintain contact left to right.

(2) Battalion Surgeon will provide one corpsman for each platoon and aid station at PW collection point.

(3) Operation Commander report to Battalion S-3 prior to departure and on return for debriefing.

(4) During this operation the Battalion Administration and services routine will be as near normal as possible.

(a) Mess Hall will open on schedule.

(b) Bn Guard will function as usual.

(c) Battalion Offices will be manned during normal working hours.

(d) Essential motor transport operations will be accomplished ie, pick up Vietnamese workers, mine sweep, water and trash runs.

(e) In order to maintain the element of surprise all personnel assigned to this operation will:

1 Prepare their equipment prior to taps 29 Oct 67.

2 Not turn on any lights other than those normally used during the morning of 30 Oct 67.

3 Remain silent, make as little noise as possible in preparing to leave Bn CP and in route to assigned position.

4 There will be no smoking outside company huts or enroute to cordon position.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Supplies and equipment.

(1) BA for all weapons.

(2) One meal "C" Rations, two canteens water.

(3) Normal arms and equipment magazines inserted, chambers empty.

b. Enemy personnel and documents will be returned to PW collection point located out side main gate to Ba CP.

c. Medical Evacuation.

(1) Through corpsman on the scene to Battalion Aid Station.

(2) Med Evacs will be placed through Battalion COC giving the following information.

(a) TYPE - EMERGENCY, PRIORITY, ROUTINE.

1 EMERGENCY - CRITICAL LIFE OR DEATH.

2 PRIORITY - SERIOUS INJURY, LIFE NOT IMMEDIATELY THREATENED.

3 ROUTINE - MINOR INJURIES, ALSO DEAD.

(b) REQUESTING UNIT

(c) PICK-UP COORDINATES BT079706.

(d) NUMBER OF PERSONS TO BE EVACUATED.

1	USMC/ARVN/PP/CIV	WIA
2	" " " " " "	KIA
3	" " " " " "	ILL

(e) AIRBORNE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED/NOT REQUIRED. USE ONLY IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY - IT MAY DELAY THE MED EVAC.

(f) LANDING ZONE SECURE/NOT SECURE.

(g) BEST APPROACH DIRECTION.

(h) LANDING ZONE MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE.

(i) LANDING ZONE FREQUENCY AND CALL SIGN. FREQUENCY M-231
CALL SIGN (FUDGE CAKE).

5. ~~COMMANDING~~ AND COMMUNICATION

a. Reference (b).

(1)	Call Signs H&S Co.	Fudge Cake Yankee	Freq.
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(a)	1st Platoon H&S	Yankee 1	M-231
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| (b) | 1st Sqd 1st Plt | Yankee 11 | M-231 |
| (c) | 2d Sqd 1st Plt | Yankee 12 | " |
| (d) | 3d Sqd 1st Plt | Yankee 13 | " |
| (2) | Call Signs Bravo Co. | Fudge Cake Bravo | M-231 |
| (a) | 1st Platoon Bravo Co | Bravo 1 | " |
| (b) | 1st Sqd 1st Plt | Bravo 11 | " |
| (c) | 2nd Sqd 1st Plt | Bravo 12 | " |
| (d) | 3rd Sqd 1st Plt | Bravo 13 | " |
| (3) | Equipment. | | |
| (a) | One PRC-25 per squad. | | |
| (b) | Radio will be drawn at 1800 D-1. | | |
| (4) | All nets will be activated by 0930 D-day. | | |
| (5) | Med Evac, transmit required information to Bn CP via M-231. | | |
| b. | B Company Commander will be Operation Commander. | | |
| (1) | Operation Commanders CP will be located in Battalion COC. | | |
| c. | Battalion CP - no change. | | |
| (1) | Battalion COC will be manned and fully operational. | | |

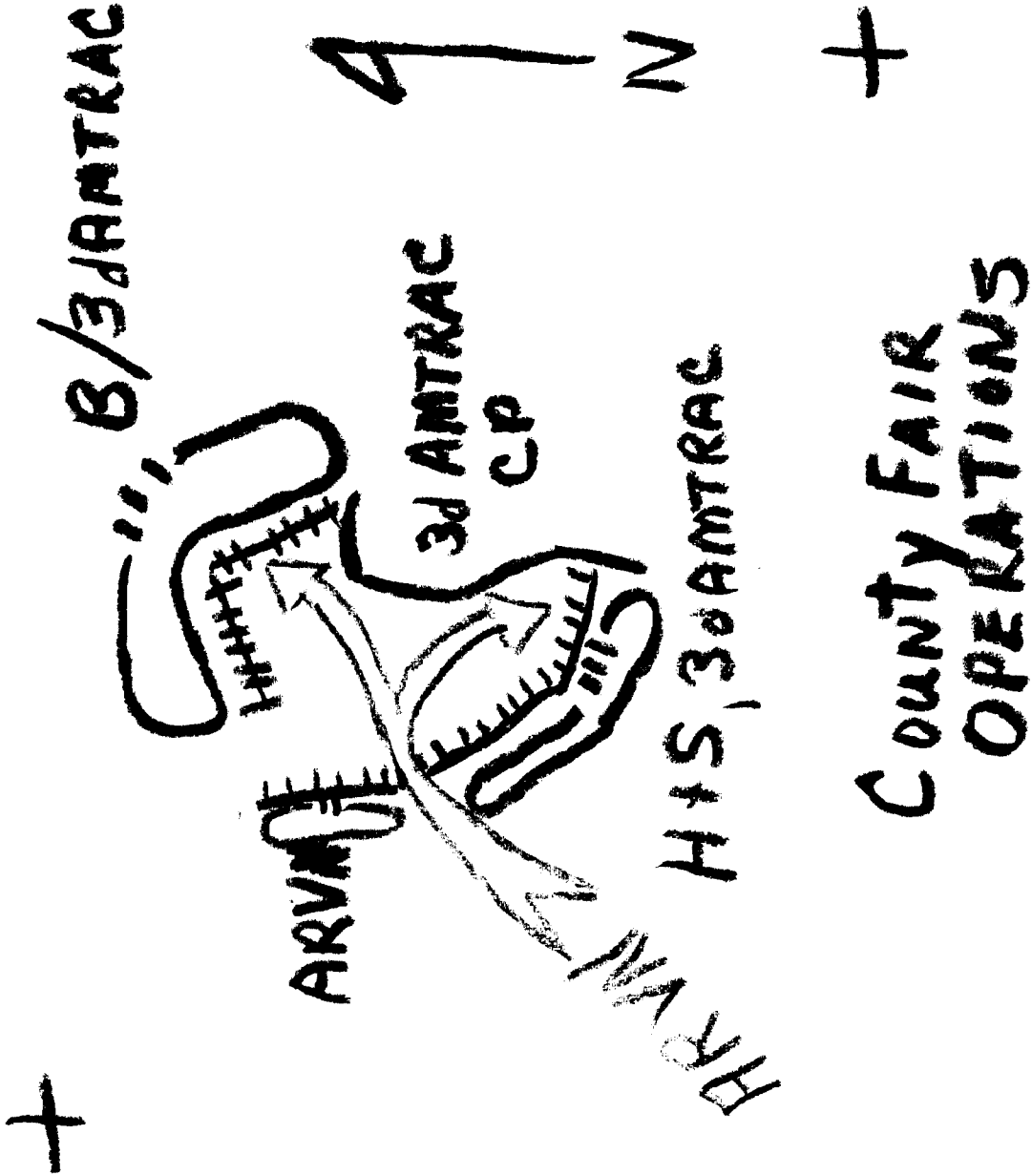
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ANNEX:

A. Operation Overlay

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"B" Co.
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ENCLOSURE (2)



ANNEX A

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ACTION CG FIRST MAE DIV

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SIT REP # ~~3~~ FOR PERIOD 24~~11~~1H TO 2424~~11~~H
AUG 1967

1. IN OPER. NO CHANGE.
2. CONTRACTS.

A. AT 241545H AUG AT COORD DTG/1636 AN LVTEN IN SUPPORT OF 2/1 DETONATED A M-26 GRENADE BOUNDED WHILE CHECKING OUT AN AREA FOR MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS. NO DAMAGE TO VEH. ONE (1) URGING WIAE.

B. AT 2415H AND, AT COORD AT968595 A WRECKER (M62-218278) DETACHED A FIVE WHEEL ON A RUN TO ASSIST IN REPAIRING A LVT. DAMAGE TO WRECKER CONSISTS OF RIGHT REAR WHEEL ASSEMBLY BLAST OFF, TURNION BARS DESTROYED, AXEL DROPPED, AND BODY BENT. NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL. WRECKER WAS TOWED BACK TO LVT CP.

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HIS REP #30 FOR PERIOD 25#1H 2524#H
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1. END OF R. NO CHARGE.
2. CONTACTS.

A. AT 250730H AUG, IT COOED AT945583 AN LVT IN SUPPORT OF 3/7
MINDED TO A MINE FIELD ON A LINE AND THE MINE. DAMAGE CONSISTS
OF RIGHT TRACK BLAST OFF, FORWARD GUNNERS DEAD, T-4 (2) R&D
CHIEF DEAD, REAR BLAST, L & R TRACKS, TRACK CHANNEL BUCKLED, HAMP
CONTROL VAVE BURNED AND DECK PART BLOWN. RETURNING TO 3/7 CP.
AT (4) 0400 HOURS.

R. OF 250935H AMC, IT CAMED BY 78618 AN IFT IN SUPPORT OF 1/1
AND THE OTHER KITHIN NO LONG WILL BE A TRAMMOVEMENT. DANCE
MILITARY OF SEVEN (7) EACH BULL IN BULL, T O (2) ROAD ON HIS,
ON TRACK. WITH RETURN AND 1/1 OF. NO INJURY TO H DAMAGED.

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1. RE OR R. NO CHANGE.
2. CONF. CTS.

A. AT 261225H AUG AT 0000Z BT119628 AN LTR~~PH~~ IN SUPPORT OF 1/ DESTROYED A MINE AT B-X (PLS) WHILE ON A TROOP MOVEMENT. DAMAGE CONSISTED OF TWO (2) RUDDER IN ANTIPLIES. ONE (1) USMC WIANE.

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SIT REP #311 FOR PERIOD 291~~11~~1H TO 292~~11~~1H
AUG 1967

1. RULES. NO CHANGE.
2. CONTACTS.

A. AT 2900H AUG. AN M108D PT12615 AN LVT IN SUPPORT OF 1/1
EXPLODED A MINE APPROX SIZE OF MINE UNK AT THIS TIME. VEH WAS
ON A HILL IN RUIN. LVT WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED STILL BURNING.
NO PERSONNEL DETAINED.

D. AT 201045H AUG TWO (2) LVT'S RECEIVED FIVE (5) RDS SHIP
FIRE AT GRID BT125502 - HITTING ~~BD 100~~ RDS. VEH CONTINUED MISSION
RECEIVING TWO (2) MORE SHIP FOUNDS AT GRID BT124500 - RETURNED
200 RDS. NO DAMAGE TO VEH AND NO PERSONNEL INJURED.

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SIT REP #312 FOR PERIOD ~~3/1/66~~ TO ~~3/2/66~~
AUG 1967

1. ~~IN OPER.~~ NO CHANGE.
2. ~~CONTACTS.~~ (LATE ENTRY)

A. AT 2922ZTH AUG, AT COORD BT12615 AN LVT RECEIVED 2-64 RDS AUTO SNIPER FIRE. RETURNED 75 RDS M16 AND 12-245 RDS 30 CAL. MG. RECEIVED FIRE WHILE SET IN DEFENSIVE POSITION AROUND MINED LVT. NO DAMAGE TO VEH AND NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL.

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SIT REP #313 FOR PERIOD 310001H TO 312400H
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1. ~~NO OPER.~~ NO CHANGE.
2. ~~CONTACTS.~~ (LATE EFFORT)

A. AT 2317H AUG AT G-ORD BY 76799 THE ARMED PARTY AT THIRD ANCHOR'S HUB AREA RECEIVED ONE (1) ANTI-TANK GRENADE, TWO (2) ANTI-PERS GR BOMBS AND TWENTY (20) RD. SMALL ARMS FIRE. PERSONNEL WERE ALERTED-NO FIRE WAS RETURNED. ONE (1) INTP-5 WAS DAMAGED CONSISTING OF ONE (1) BLADE/HEL, HOLE IN HULL, IN ENGINE COMPARTMENT.

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