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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8_
(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: ✓(1) February 1968 Command Chronology
✓(2) February 1968 Situation Reports

1. In accordance with references (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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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 February 1968 to 29 February 1968

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PART I
ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein) 1-29Feb: LtCol Robert E. HAEBEL

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion 1-9Feb: Capt Michael R. GARDENER

10-29Feb: Capt Charles R. SMITH Jr.

Company "A", 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion 1-18Feb: Major William H. KEITH

19-25Feb: Capt William J. PFISTER

26-29Feb: Major Raymond R. BERLING

Company "B", 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion 1-29Feb: Major Joseph F.

NOLINEAUX Jr.

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Plt, Company "B", 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion OPCON to 3d
Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

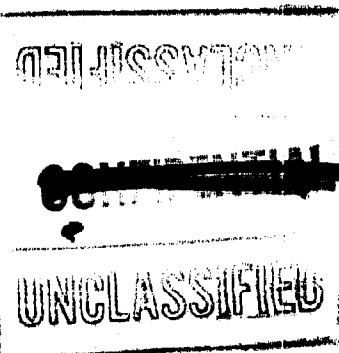
1st Plt, Company "B", 5th Amphibian Tractor Battalion OPCON/ADCON to
3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

2. PERIOD COVERED/LOCATION: 1-29 February 1968, DaNang, Viet Nam

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Executive Officer

1-25Feb: Major Raymond R. BERLING

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1-29Feb: 1stLt Bernard G. BOWYER

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1-29Feb: 1stLt John D. JURCZAK

S-3

1-29Feb: Major Pat S. GALLIGAN

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1-29Feb: Major Frank C. CHACE

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1-18Feb: 1stLt Denton A. DOVE

19-29Feb: 1stLt John D. JURCZAK

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
27	545

<u>USM</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
1	12

<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
None	None

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period the Battalion continued its role of direct support of the 5th and 7th Marine Regiments, the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines and Task Force X-Ray. With the re-deployment of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines on 25 February 1968 within the DaNang TAOR, the 1st Platoon, Company "B" was tasked to support the 3rd Battalion, 27th Marines upon their assumption of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines TAOR. Technique of employment consisted of one platoon in support of each infantry Battalion in the DaNang TAOR with a section in support of 3/7 at An Hoa and Task Force X-Ray. The Company Command Group (-), Company "B", 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion and 3rd and 4th Platoons of Company "B", continued their role of direct support of the 2nd Republic of Korea Marine Brigade, vicinity of Hoi An.

During the month the Battalion provided Platoon size blocking forces for three County Fair Operations in conjunction with the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 1st Military Police Battalion and 3rd Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment. Results of these operations in terms of VC, weapons, or food caches captured was negligible.

On 23 February 1968 the Battalion joined the 1st Platoon, Company "B", 5th Amphibian Tractor Battalion consisting of 10 LVTP5A1's, 1 LVTR1, 1 LVTP5A1(CMD), 1 Officer and 42 Enlisted personnel. The 1st Platoon has been assigned to H&S Company and is serving as the Company LVTP5A1 Platoon.

The Battalion had an average of 23 vehicles committed daily in general support of the First Marine Division. The missions and frequency of specific tasks performed during the month were: resupply (150), patrol (51), blocking force (2), med evac (13), reaction force (56), search and destroy (7), convoy escort (1), security (72), administrative (9), recovery (15), troop movement (112). Vehicle utilization averaged six hours per day, carrying an average of 8 persons and 1,187 pounds of cargo per day. In addition, the LVTEL's were employed twice during the month, firing two (2) line charges.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. TOPICS

a. Personnel and Administrative

(1) The personnel status as of 29 February 1968 was category II with a projection of reaching category I on or about 15 March 1968.

(2) 0 Marine Corps Officers, 0 Navy Officers, 84 Marine Corps Enlisted and 0 Navy Enlisted rotated to CONUS during the month. One Marine Corps Officer and one Navy Officer were reassigned within the Division. One Marine Corps Officer, 0 Navy Officer, 98 Marine Corps Enlisted and 0 Navy Enlisted replacements were received.

(3) The Battalion had the following casualties: 2 KIA, 23 WIA, 1 non-hostile death and 1 non-hostile injury.

(4) During the month the Battalion maintained a savings bond participation of 75%, had 7 extensions of overseas tours, 2 new enrollments in USAFI Courses and 2 new enrollments in MCI courses for a total of 27 and 73 respectively.

(5) The Battalion Commander awarded one meritorious promotion to Sergeant and four certificates of commendation were presented to members of the Battalion.

b. INTELLIGENCE

(1) Battalion S-2 conducted normal administrative and combat intelligence during the month.

(2) The Battalion had six LVT's that sustained major mine damage during February.

(3) The Battalion had a total of twenty-one enemy contacts. This consisted of ten sniper incidents, 1 ambush, 4 sightings, 3 rocket sightings, and 1 sighting of ten VC with weapons. Two booby traps were uncovered by the Battalion's patrols. Both consisted of 120 grenades rigged with trip wires. One of the Battalion's Kit Carson Scouts and two Marines were evacuated due to shrapnel wounds received from the booby traps.

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c. TRAINING

(1) Formal training and CJT was conducted in conjunction with operational commitments. Troops attended classes on the following subjects:

- (a) Weapons Safety Training; individual and crew served weapons
- (b) Mines and booby traps
- (c) Security Indoctrination
- (d) Personal Response
- (e) Rifle Platoon in offensive and defensive combat
- (f) Field Sanitation and First Aid
- (g) Map reading and use of a compass

d. Battalion personnel attended the following schools:

- (1) NCO Leadership School (1stMarDiv)
 - (a) One enlisted 12-24Feb68
 - (b) One enlisted 26Feb-9Mar68
- (2) Staff NCO Leadership School (1stMarDiv)
 - (a) One SFCO 19-24Feb68
- (3) Officers Leadership School (1stMarDiv)
 - (a) One Officer 12-17Feb68
- (4) Motor Transport Maintenance Assistance Course (1stMarDiv)
 - (a) One SFCO 1-2Feb68

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(5) Basic Organic Supply Accounting School (1stMarDiv)

(a) One Enlisted 16-19Feb68

(b) One Enlisted 24-27Feb68

(6) Vietnamese Language School (III MAF)

(a) One Enlisted 17Feb-15Mar68

(7) Officers Embarkation School (Okinawa)

(a) One Officer 3Feb-3Mar68

e. Special Operations

(1) Enclosure (2) contains the Battalion's Situation Reports for 1-29Feb 1968.

f. Logistics

(1) Significant Events: The Battalion maintained an average daily deadline of fourteen (14) LVTP5A1's. This was due largely to the number of LVT's that received mine damage from enemy mines and included a carry-over of mined LVT's from January. Six mining incidents occurred during the reporting period. Two LVT's sustained projectile damage. All are being repaired by the Battalion's Maintenance Section.

(2) On 23 February 1968 the 1st Platoon, Company "B", 5th Amphibian Tractor Battalion joined the Battalion. The platoon consisted of 10 LVTP5A1's, 1 LVTP5A1(CMD) and 1 LVTRL. The total assets of the Battalion, as of 1 March 1968 are as follows:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>ORGANIC</u>	<u>ATTACHED (5TH AMTRAGEN)</u>	<u>OPCON (1ST AMTRBN)</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
LVTP5A1	100	81*	10	10	101
LVTP5A1(CMD)	9	9	1	1	11
LVTRL	3	2	1	0	3
LVLL1	8	5	0	0	5

* Of the 81 LVTP5A1's remaining on the organic account, 1 LVTP5A1 is being coded out due to mine damage and will be evacuated. The letter authorizing a combat loss will adjust the account to 80 authorized on-hand vehicles.

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g. Civic Action

(1) Utilizing equipment at MAG-16 and MCB-128, a plumbing project was completed at the Church of Christ Orphanage in DaNang. A presentation ceremony was held at the Orphanage on 12 February. A water pump and TET gift envelopes were presented to the supervisor and children by the Battalion Commanding Officer and Executive Officer.

(2) Significant Events;

(a) On 27 February 1968 an inspection team from the First Marine Division inspected the Battalion Civil Affairs. No discrepancies were found.

(b) On 27 February 1968 at 1430 an elderly Vietnamese woman was accidentally run over and killed by an LVTEL clearing brush in front of the Battalion perimeter. A settlement payment and condolence call were paid immediately. A coffin was made for the deceased and clothing for her burial was presented to her husband.

(c) During February 13 females, 4 males and 10 children were evacuated to USAID Hospital for plague treatment. Plague shots were again given in the village. The Battalion Aid Station administered over 189 plague shots, 20 penicillin shots and treated 712 persons at Red Cross. 740 bars of soap and 12 pounds of clothing were distributed by the S-5 Office.

(d) Improvement of the road through the village of Nui Kim Son has been completed.

h. Communications

(1) Personnel

(a) The overall personnel picture remains good with the exception of Staff NCO's. The Communications Section is short a Technician Chief and a Communications Chief.

(2) Equipment

(a) Major T/E shortages remain 1 AN/MRC-83 and 1 AN/MRC-109.

(b) With the arrival of the Platoon from 5th Amphibian Tractor Battalion came the requirement to modify the LVT's with the new PL radio equipment. The Battalion's assets will allow modification of four LVT-5A1's and the remainder of the equipment has been requested through Division.

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(3) Maintenance

(a) The Communications Section has organized a maintenance team which is contacting various LVT Platoons in the field to conduct second echelon maintenance checks. To date one platoon has been completed with excellent results. The continuation of this program should improve the maintenance program.

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Subordinate Unit Commands' Chronologies are incorporated in this report.

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FM THIRD AMTRON
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
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SITREP 023 010001FEB68 TO 012400FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 011640FEB68 ONE FUDGECAKE MARINE HAD AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE IN THE LVT PARK WITH A THIRTY CALIBER MACHINE GUN WOUNDING HIMSELF IN THE HEAD. WOUND WAS DRESSED, MARINE TRANSPORTED TO BAS AND MED EVAC TO NSA BY AMBULANCE. MARINE DIED TEN MINUTES AFTER ARRIVING AT NSA.

B. AT 011400FEB68 FUDGECAKE PROVIDED A REINFORCED SQUAD TO SWEEP ISLAND AT COORD 061710 FOR POSSIBLE ROCKETS AND ROCKET LAUNCHING SITES WHICH WERE REPORTED BY HELICOPTER TO 1ST MP BATTALION. THE AREA WEST OF THE ISLAND WAS SWEEPED FROM COORD 055715 TO 055710. FIVE VC BODIES WERE FOUND. BODIES WERE GLAD IN SHORTS AND BROWN SHORTS. CORPSEMAN WITH SQUAD ESTIMATED VC HAD BEEN DEAD APPROXIMATELY TWO XXXX DAYS AND APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY ARTILLERY FIRE. SEVERAL HIDING PLACES, HARBOR SITES, SPIDER HOLE AND ONE SMALL TUNNEL WERE FOUND. SPIDER HOLE AND TUNNEL WERE DESTROYED WITH ONE M60 GRENADE. SUSPECTED ROCKET TUBE AND SITE TURNED OUT TO BE 1 ROUND CARDBOARD TUBE APPROX. 5 FEET LONG AND 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER. TWO DOCUMENTS WERE FOUND

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- 1 AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO DIVISION G-2. 1 M79 ROUND WAS FOUND AND 1 HOME MADE VC PACK. PACK & M79 ROUND WERE DESTROYED WITH 1 M26 GRENADE. NO USMC CASUALTIES.

C. AT 011845H FEB 68 FUDGECAKE FIRE TEAM SIZE ROAD PATROL REPORTED A MIGRATION OF PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE OF NUI KIM SON TO CHIEF STRAP MOUNTAIN AND/OR FAMILY BUNKERS. SEVERAL YOUNG MEN REMAINED IN THE VILLAGE. FUDGECAKE DISPATCHED TWO SQUAD SIZE PATROLS TO SECURE THE AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

D. AT ~~011845H~~ 012030H FEB 68 GOLF SIX RECEIVED A REPORT FROM PF'S AT NEW LIFE HAMLET IN NUI KIM SON THAT A PLATOON OF VC WERE IN THE SAND DUNES IN BACK OF THE HAMLET AT COORD 069707.

5. CASUALTIES: USMC
1 KIA (NON BATTLE)

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FM THIRD AMTRBN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
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SITREP 024 020001 TO 022400HFE68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 021425HFE68 AT COORD 066655 ~~XXXXXX~~ LVTR1 (3-A-08) DETONATED AN ENEMY MINE WHILE GOING TO THE AID OF A DISABLED LVT. LVT WAS THE SECOND VEHICLE IN COLUMN. MINE WAS ESTIMATED AT 70 POUNDS. MINE WAS BELIEVED TO BE COMMAND DETONATED. SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES ~~MM~~ WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS AND DAMAGED LVT TOWED TO FUDGECAKE CP. LVT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE: 3 TORSION ARMS AND THREE ROAD WHEELS DESTROYED ON STARBOARD SIDE, SKIRT TORN FROM NUMBERS ~~XXXX~~ 2 TO 5 ROAD WHEELS ON STARBOARD SIDE. ONE USMC WOUNDED (MINOR).
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
1 KIA (MINOR)

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FM THIRD AMTREN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
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SITREP 025 030001 TO 032400HFEB68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 030100HFEB68 AT COORD 087695 FUDGECAKE SQUAD SIZE PATROL RECEIVED APPROX 30 ROUNDS SMALL ARMS FIRE AND 5 RIFLE GRENADES FROM AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC LOCATED AT COORD 089693. PATROL RETURNED 20 ROUNDS M79 AND 700 ROUNDS AUTOMATIC FIRE WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. VC BROKE CONTACT. ONE USMC WOUNDED (MINOR).
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 031630HFEB68 AT COORD 087690 FUDGECAKE SQUAD SIZE PATROL SIGHTED 10 VC WITH WEAPONS DRESSED IN BLACK SHIRTS AND SHORTS MOVING EAST FROM COORD 090690. VC SPOTTED PATROL AND RAN TOWARDS VILLAGE OF AN TRA (2). PATROL FIRED APPROX 200 ROUNDS 5.56MM WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. REACTION SQUAD WAS DEPLOYED FROM FUDGECAKE CP TO SWEEP THE AREA FROM NORTH TO SOUTH. PATROL THAT SPOTTED VC SET IN A BLOCKING POSITION TO THE WEST OF COORD WHERE VC WERE SPOTTED. AND ANDREW HOTEL ONE PROVIDED A BLOCKING FORCE TO THE SOUTH OF VC LOCATION. OBSERVATION PLANE WAS CALLED AND GUIDED THE SWEEPING SQUAD AS THE VC FLED TO THE WEST. THE VC SLIPPED PAST THE BLOCKING FORCE BEFORE THE BLOCKING FORCES COULD TIE IN. VC TOOK REFUGE IN A TREE LINE AND VILLAGE AT COORD 083685. THE TREELINE WAS 250 METERS LONG AND 200 METERS WIDE. OBSERVATION PLANE CONFIRMED THAT THE VC WERE IN THE TREELINE. BLOCKING FORCES SWEEP THE AREA WITH ANDREW HOTEL ONE APPREHENDING ONE DETAINEE AND FUDGECAKE PATROL FOUND 1

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PACKET OF ANTI-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ SEARCH WAS
SECURED AT DARK.

5. CASUALTIES: USMC
1 WIA

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FM THIRD AMFBN
 TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
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 ISTREP 026 040001 TO 062400H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 060107H FEB68 FC SQUAD SIZE PATROL REPORTED SIGHTING ROCKETS BEING LAUNCHED AT COORD 061695. NOTIFIED SEASIDE AND ANDREW. AT 060235H FEB68 FC SQUAD SIZE PATROL REPORTED SIGHTING ROCKETS BEING LAUNCHED FROM COORD 071682. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ NOTIFIED SEASIDE AND ANDREW. AT 060247H FEB68 FC SQUAD SIZE PATROL REPORTED SIGHTING ROCKETS BEING LAUNCHED AT COORD 063714. NOTIFIED SEASIDE AND ANDREW.

B. AT 060930H FEB68 SEASIDE TASKED FC TO PROVIDE A BLOCKING FORCE AT COORD 063714 TO PREVENT VC FROM CROSSING THE RIVER. FC DEPLOYED 1 SQUAD AT COORD 064710 AND 1 SQUAD AND 2 LVT'S AT COORD 063714. AT 061730H FEB68 1 SQUAD WAS RETURNED TO FC OP. AT 061830H FEB68 AT COORD ~~063714~~ 064710 1ST MP BN ESTABLISHED A BLOCKING FORCE. AT THIS TIME BLOCKING FORCE STILL IN POSITION AND HAS HAD NEGATIVE CONTACTS.

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- C. AT 061730H FEB 68 FC WAS INFORMED BY THE VILLAGE CHIEF OF NUI KIM SON THAT 400 VC WERE MOVING NORTH "LOOKING FOR" A FIGHT". VC WERE REPORTED TO BE IN THE VICINITY OF THE FOLLOWING COORD: 200 AT COORD 035670, 50 AT COORD 060677, 150 AT COORD 085675, & 40 AT COORD 075675. NOTIFIED SEASIDE AND ANDREW.

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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07FEB68

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FM THIRD AMTRBN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
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SITREP 026 070001 TO 072000 07FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS:
 4. A. AT 071500 07FEB68 WHILE DRIVING DOWN THE ENTRAC ROAD THROUGH NUI KIM SON A SNIPER FIRED ONE ROUND NARROWLY MISSING FUDGECAKE SIX AS THE BULLET PASSED THROUGH THE DRIVERS COMPARTMENT OF THE JEEP. NO USMC XXXXXX CASUALTIES.
 - B. AT 071700 07FEB68 AT COORD 923603 ELEMENTS OF LIMA CO 3/7 WERE FIRED DOWN BY AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE LOCATED AT COORD 923603 IN A TREE LINE. THREE LVT'S WITH INFANTRY AT THEIR SIDE GAVE COVERING FIRE TO THE INFANTRY. UPON REACHING THE TREE LINE THE LVT'S RECEIVED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, MORTAR & ROCKET FIRE. INFANTRY DISPERSED INTO THE TREE LINE. LVT'S PICKED UP KIA'S AND WIA'S AND RETURNED TO 3/7 CP. LVT'S RETURNED APPROX 4000 ROUNDS 30 CAL & 2000 ROUNDS 5.56MM. 9 FUDGECAKE PERSONNEL WERE WIA (5 MINOR) (FOUR MAJOR & MED EVAC).
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
9 WIA (4 MED EVAC)

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FM THIRD AMTREN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
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SITREP 027 080001 TO 082400H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS:

A. AT 071000H FEB68 3 LVT'S AT COORD 990677 RECEIVED 2 81 MM MORTAR ROUNDS WHICH LANDED IN FRONT OF THE LVT'S. 3 USMC WIA (EVAC). SECURITY SET UP AND WIA'S MED EVACED.

B. AT 081215H FEB68 AT COORD 118628 LVTP5A1 (3-B-39) WHILE ON A RESUPPLY RUN DETONATED AN ENEMY MINE. MINE WAS ESTIMATED AT 30 POUNDS. SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SWEEP FOR ADDITIONAL MINES W/NEGATIVE RESULTS AND LVT TOWED TO 2ND ROKMC BRIGADE CP. 1 USMC WIA (EVAC). LVT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE: 3 & 4 ROAD WHEELS SPRUNG, NUMBER 2 ROLLER BROKEN AND TRACK BROKEN ON STARBOARD SIDE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 080615H FEB68 ANDREW INFORMED FC THAT AIRCRAFT HAD SPOTTED 30 TO 40 VIETNAMESE HEADING NORTH FROM COORD 095600. AIRCRAFT STATED PEOPLE RAN INTO TREE LINE AS HE FLEW OVER TO INVESTIGATE. DEPLOYED A REACTION SQUAD TO ESTABLISH A BLOCKING FORCE AT ABOVE COORD. REQUESTED GOLF 6 TO PROVIDE A BLOCKING FORCE AT COORD 080605. AREA WAS SWEEP W/NEGATIVE RESULTS.

B. AT 081045H FEB68 ANDREW REQUESTED FC TO PROVIDE A BLOCKING FORCE AT COORD 063713 TO ASSIST ANDREW HOTEL WHO WAS CONDUCTING A SWEEP IN THAT AREA. 4 LVTP5A1'S WERE DEPLOYED WITH A REACTION SQUAD AT

(LATE ENTRY)

C. FUDGECAKE ROAD PATROL IN VILLAGE OF NUI KIM SON RECEIVED SPORADIC SNIPER FIRE THROUGHOUT THE DAY FROM THE VICINITY OF CHIN STRAP MOUNTAIN. NO CASUALTIES. FUDGECAKE SIX WENT TO TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN AND CONFERRED WITH HEAD BUDDHIST MONK EXPRESSING CONCERN FOR THIS FIRING FROM A RELIGIOUS SHRINE. MONKS PROMISED THEIR SUPPORT IN STOPPING SNIPER FIRE.

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~~081200~~ FEB 68. BLOCK HAD NEGATIVE CONTACTS.

5. CASUALTIES: USMC
4 WIA (EVAC)

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FM THIRD AMTREN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV

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SITREP 028 090001 TO 092400HFB68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS:

A. AT 090910HFB68 AT COORD 125637 LVTP5A1 (3-B-41) WHILE ON A RESUPPLY RUN DETONATED AT ENEMY MINE ESTIMATED AT 50 POUNDS. SECURITY WAS SET UP AND AREA SWEEPED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES W/NEGATIVE RESULTS. LVT WAS SHORT TRACKED & RETURNED TO 2ND ROKMC BRIGADE CP UNDER ITS OWN POWER. TWO USMC WIA (MINOR). LVT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE: TRACK BLOWN OFF ON STARBOARD SIDE, NUMBERS 1 & 2 ROAD WHEELS DESTROYED, IDLER DAMAGED, BROKEN STUB SHAFTS.

B. FC ROAD PATROL IN VILLAGE OF NUI KIM SON RECEIVED SPORADIC SNIPER FIRE THROUGHOUT THE DAY FROM CHIN STRAP MOUNTAIN (HILL 105) AT COORD 075710. SET UP TWO SNIPER TEAMS IN AN ATTEMPT TO FIND AND KILL ENEMY SNIPER. TEAMS HAD NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO USMC CASUALTIES.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

IN VIETNAMESE A. AT 092130HFB68 AT COORD 076701 A VC W/BULL HORN WAS HEARD BROADCASTING PROPAGANDA. QUOTE: "ALL AMERICANS ARE NUMBER TEN, WE HAVE KILLED MANY AMERICANS AND WE WILL KILL MANY MORE AMERICANS" OR WORDS TO THAT EFFECT. A PATROL WAS DIVERTED TO THE AREA IN SEARCH OF THE VC. PATROL HAD NEGATIVE RESULTS AS VC STOPPED BROADCASTING AND WE WERE FORCED TO WITHDRAW UPON THE ARRIVAL OF ANDREW ECHO.

B. AT 092315H FEB 68 FC SIX AND ANDREW ECHO SIX ESTABLISHED CONTACT AT CAP GOLF SIX CP. NIGHT DEFENSIVE PLANS WERE COORDINATED. AT 092345H FEB 68 ANDREW ECHO ON ORDER OF ANDREW SIX ESTABLISHED A ~~RECORDING~~ COMPANY SIZE BLOCK AT COORD 070700.

5. CASUALTIES: ~~XXXX~~ USMC
~~XXXX~~ 2 WIA ~~(MEMORY)~~

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 SITREP 029 100001 TO 112400HFE68

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2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS:

A. AT 111700HFE68 AT COORD 077613 LVTP5A1 (3-B-35) WHILE ON A SWEEP AND DESTROY MISSION WITH 2ND ROKMC BRIGADE DETONATED AN ENEMY ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE ESTIMATED AT TWO POUNDS. SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO CASUALTIES. LVT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE: TRACK BROKEN. TRACK WAS REPAIRED AND LVT CONTINUED ON MISSION.

B. AT 111700HFE68 AT COORD 077613 LVTP5A1 (3-B-35 310) WHILE ON A SWEEP AND DESTROY MISSION WITH 2ND ROKMC BRIGADE DETONATED AN ENEMY ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE ESTIMATED AT FIFTEEN POUNDS. SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO CASUALTIES. NO DAMAGE TO LVT.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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FM THIRD AVTREN
 TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
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 SITREP ~~070~~ 120000Z TO 122400Z FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS:

A. AT 121100Z FEB68 AT COORD ~~048600~~ WHILE ON A SWEEP AND DESTROY MISSION WITH 2ND BOKMC BRIGADE LVT 5A1 (3-B-310) DETONATED AT ENEMY MINE ESTIMATED AT 80 POUNDS. SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES W/NEGATIVE RESULTS. 1 USMC WIA (EVAC). LVT BEING TOWED TO 2ND BOKMC BRIGADE CP. LVT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING ~~Mechanical~~ DAMAGE: (PORT SIDE) NUMBERS 1 & 2 TORSION ARMS DESTROYED, ~~ENGINE~~ ADAPTER ASSEMBLY BLOWN OFF, TORSION BARS, BUMPER ARMS, BUMPER SHAFTS DAMAGED. ALL LINKAGE UNDER DRIVERS SEAT DESTROYED, FRONT PORT BILGE PUMP DESTROYED, # 1 FUEL CELL RUPTURED, PORK CHOPS & STUB SHAFTS DAMAGED, SKIRT BLOWN OUT FROM 1 - 3, NUMBERS 1-3 ROAD WHEELS DESTROYED AND 20 BLOCKS OF TRACK DESTROYED.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
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FM THIRD AMTRBN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
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SITREP 031 130001 TO ~~EX~~ 132400HFE68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 122100HFE68 SEASIDE TASKED FUDGECAKE TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO PICK UP AND RETURN FIFTEEN CASES OF 105 MM AMMUNITION THAT HAD BEEN DROPPED FROM A HELICOPTER AT COORD 057700. FOUR LVT'S WERE DISPATCHED TO THE ABOVE COORD AT 130615HFE68 WITH EOD PERSONNEL. UPON LOCATING THE AMMUNITION EOD ADVISED THAT IT BE GATHERED AND DESTROYED IN PLACE. AMMUNITION WAS SCATTERED OVER A 150 METER AREA. PROJECTILES WERE FOUND SEPERATED FROM THEIR CASES IN A RICE PADDY AREA. AT 131215HFE68 AMMUNITION WAS DESTROYED BY EOD PERSONNEL USING C-4. ALL ROUNDS WERE ACCOUNTED FOR. NO CASUALTIES.
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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 SITREP 032 140001 TO 152400H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 151430H FEB 68 AT COORD 972656 WHILE ON A MED EVAC MISSION WITH 2ND BN, 3RD MARINES LVT 5A1 (3-B-13) DETONATED AN ENEMY MINE ESTIMATED AT 40 POUNDS. MINE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN PRESSURE DETONATED. LVT WAS CARRYING M26 GRENADES & M79 ROUNDS INSIDE. UNKNOWN NUMBER OF GRENADES AND M79 ROUNDS WERE DETONATED BY THE EXPLOSION OF THE MINE. ONE RADIO INSIDE LVT (RT 524) WAS DAMAGED BY ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ SCHRAPNEL. SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES W/NEGATIVE RESULTS AND PREPARATIONS MADE TO TOW DAMAGED LVT TO 2/3 CP. TWO USMC WIA (MINOR). LVT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE: (STARBOARD SIDE) IDLER, NUMBER ONE TORSION ARM, INBOARD ADAPTER, NUMBER ONE AND TWO OUTBOARD ADAPTORS, WERE DAMAGED AND SKIRT RIPPED FROM IDLER TO NUMBER FOUR ROAD WHEEL.
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
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1. INIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 2117:000000 AT GRID 094024 LVTAL (3-A-4) RECEIVED FROM TROOP MOVEMENT DETONATED A 100MM ROUND KILLED AS A MINE. SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. FIVE UNOS VIA (SWAG). LVT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE: STARBOARD SIDE FENDER ONE ROAD WHEEL DESTROYED, FENDER ONE TURKISH ARM DESTROYED, SKIRT RIPPED ON STARBOARD SIDE, TRACK DESTROYED. LVT WAS TOWED TO 2/7 CP.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
AT 2117:000000 LVTAL (3-A-4) DISCOVERED A MINE AND BOONY TRAP AREA AT GRID 191602. LVTAL FOUND TWO LINE CHANGES. ON FIRST LINE CHANGE THERE WAS ONE LARGE AND ONE SMALL SECONDARY EXPLOSION. THE SECOND LINE CHANGE HAD TWO LARGE AND ONE SMALL EXPLOSION. THE MINE FIELD AND BOONY TRAP AREA WAS PARTIALLY DESTROYED. LINES WERE CLEARED FOR THE IMMEDIATE DEPLOYMENT OF VEHICLES AND TROOPS.

B. AT 221345HETEDS AT COORD 124000 TWO LVT'S WERE ENGAGED IN A SWEEP WITH ELEMENTS OF 3RD BN, 2ND BOKING BRIGADE ABOARD. THE LVT'S WERE MAKING A 180 DEGREE TURN ABOUT BY GOING FORWARD AND THEN BACKING UP. ONE KOREAN, THINKING THE LVT HAD STOPPED STOOD UP JUST AS THE LVT MOVED IN REVERSE. THE KOREAN FELL OFF THE STARBOARD BOW OF THE LVT. AS HE FELL, A CREW MEMBER GRABBED HIM AS HE WENT OVER THE SIDE. THE KOREAN'S LEFT LEG BECAME CAUGHT IN THE TRACK OF THE LVT AND WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED. A MED EVAC WAS CALLED AND INJURED KOREAN MED EVAC.

5. CASUALTIES DEAD
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FM THIRD AMTRBN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
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LITREP 034 230001 TO 232400HFE68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 232010HFE68 AT COORD 085705 POINT MAN ON FUDGECAKE SQUAD SIZE PATROL DETONATED ONE M-26 HAND GRENADE RIGGED AS A BOOBY TRAP. SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL BOOBY TRAPS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AMBULANCE AND CORPSEMAN WERE DISPATCHED TO ABOVE COORD TO RECOVER TWO FC WIA'S. WIA'S WERE BROUGHT TO FC CP AND TREATED FOR MINOR WOUNDS. (ONE USMC WIA WAS SCOUT DOG HANDLER ATTACHED TO FC FROM 3D MP BN) WIA'S WERE EVAC TO NSA HOSPITAL.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. AT 230800HFE68 FC JOINED THE 1ST PLT, CO "B", 5TH AMTRBN CONSISTING OF 10 LVT5A1'S, 1 LVTR1 & 1 LVT5A1(CMD), 1 OFFICER & 42 ENLISTED PERSONNEL.
 - B. AT 232155HFE68 AT COORD 075713 KOKOMO REPORTED RECEIVING THREE ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE. AT 232159HFE68 AT COORD 072710 LOCAL PF'S REPORTED FC CHECK POINT ON MSH WAS HIT BY ONE ROUND OF MORTAR FIRE. NOTIFIED SEASIDE AND ANDREW. UNABLE TO LOCATED FIRING SITE. NEGATIVE DAMAGE.
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
2 WIA (EVAC)

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FM THIRD ANTRBN
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SITREP 035 240001 TO 252400 FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 251330 FEB68 AT COORD 820556 TWO LVTP5A1'S WERE PROCEEDING TO RETRIEVE A DISABLED LVTP5A1 WITH TWO SQUADS OF INFANTRY FOR SECURITY. LVT'S WERE TAKEN UNDER MODERATE TO HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE BY ENEMY TROOPS FROM THREE DIRECTIONS AT ABOVE COORD. LVT'S WERE FIRED DOWN FOR ONE HOUR. LVTP5A1 (3-A-21) RECEIVED THREE HITS FROM 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLE. UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CALIBER THIRTY AND 5.56 MM FIRE RETURNED. LVT'S WERE FORCED TO WITHDRAW LEAVING LVTP5A1 (3-A-21) BEHIND DUE TO AIR STRIKES, RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE AND FLANKING MOVEMENT BY ENEMY TROOPS ALL IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO ABOVE COORD. LVT (3-A-27) MED EVACED FOUR ARVN PERSONNEL TO NEAREST LANDING ZONE. LVT (3-A-27) RETURNED TO AREA OF ABOVE COORD AND REPIRED LVT (3-A-21) LVT'S PROCEEDED TO RETRIEVE DISABLED LVT (3-A-110) AND RETURNED TO 3/7 CP. NO CASUALTIES TO XXXXXX FUNDCAKE PERSONNEL.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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FM THIRD ARMY
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
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SITREP #36 200000Z FEB 68 TO #124000Z MAR 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. AT 0800Z #112400Z MAR 68 FC PROVIDED TWO SECTIONS OF INFANTRY AND TWO INFANTRY SQUADS TO ASSIST 3RD BN, 51ST AVN REGT IN A SEARCH FOR A UNIFORM MANUFACTURER OF VC UNIFORMS IN THE VILLAGE OF NUI KIM SON (COORD #7975). NO UNIFORMS WERE FOUND. THE SEARCH PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING: THREE CONFIRMED VC, 24 VC SUSPECTS AND THREE VC SYMPATHIZERS WHO ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED WERE PLANNING TO JOIN THE VC. ALL WERE CAPTURED AND HELD BY 3RD BN 51ST AVN REGT. ALL FC UNITS RETURNED TO FC CP AT #112400Z MAR 68. NO CASUALTIES.
 - B. AT #115100Z MAR 68 WHILE WORKING IN THE MAINTENANCE SHOP OF 1ST PLT, COMPANY "B", 3RD AMTRACHN LOCATED AT 3/27 CP ONE FC UNIFORM WAS STRUCK IN THE BACK BY ONE 5.56MM ROUND. ROUND WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE COME FROM THE SOUTHWEST (COORD UNKNOWN). MARINE WALKED TO 3/27 BAS AND WAS ADMITTED. SIDE BELLS S-2 IS INVESTIGATING.
5. CASUALTIES: UNM
1 WIA

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