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

Encl: ✓(1) March 1968 Command Chronology
✓(2) March 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 March 1968 to 31 March 1968

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PART I
ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein) 1-31 Mar: LtCol Robert E. HAEBEL

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion 1-31 Mar: Capt Charles R. SMITH Jr.

Company "A", 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion 1-31 Mar: Major Raymond R. BERLING Jr.

Company "B", 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion 1-31 Mar: Major Joseph F. MOLINEAUX 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 - 31 March 1968, DaNang, Viet Nam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	6-31 Mar: Major Frank C. CHACE Jr.
S-1	1-31 Mar: 1stLt Bernard G. BOWYER
S-2	1-18 Mar: 1stLt John D. JURCZAK
	18-31 Mar: Capt William J. PFISTER Jr.
S-3	1-14 Mar: Major Pat S. GALLIGAN
	15-31 Mar: Capt Barteld A. VREDEVELD
S-4	1-5 Mar: Major Frank C. CHACE Jr.
	6-31 Mar: Major Frederic M. VANN
S-5	1-31 Mar: 1stLt John D. JURCZAK

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period the Battalion continued its role of direct support of the 5th, 7th Marine Regiments, 3d Battalion, 27th Marines, 2d ROK Marine Brigade, and Task Force X-Ray. 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 a section in support of 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 blocking forces for two sweep operations with Popular Forces and ARVN forces within our AOR. The results of these operations are contained in attached Situation Reports.

The Battalion had an average of 70 vehicles committed daily in general support of the First Marine Division. The missions and frequency of specific tasks performed during the month were: resupply (61), patrol and minesweep (32), blocking force (38), med evac (16), med cap force (1), reaction force (50), search and destroy (5), ambush (1), security (73), administrative (23), recovery (11), troop movement (51). Vehicle utilization averaged six (6) hours per day, carrying an average of five (5) persons and 355 pounds of cargo per day. In addition, the LVTEL's fired six (6) line charges during the month.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. TOPICS

a. Personnel and Administrative

(1) The personnel status as of 31 March 1968 was category II with the expectation of remaining in category II during the month of April.

(2) One (1) Marine Corps Officer, zero (0) Navy Officers, thirty-eight (38) Marine Corps enlisted and zero (0) Navy enlisted rotated to CONUS. Seventeen (17) Marine Corps enlisted were reassigned to the 27th Marines on 15 March 1968. Four (4) Marine Corps Officers, eighty-six (86) Marine Corps enlisted, one (1) Navy Officer and zero (0) Navy enlisted replacements were received.

(3) The Battalion had the following casualties:

zero (0) KIA and twenty (20) WIA

(4) The Battalion had fifteen (15) extensions of overseas tours, 3 new enrollments in USAFI Courses, and maintained a Savings Bond participation of 75%.

(5) One Bronze Star Medal and three Certificates of Commendation were received by members of the Battalion.

b. Intelligence

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

(2) The Battalion had eight (8) LVT's mined during the month, of which three (3) were repairable and five (5) were combat losses.

(3) The Battalion had a total of thirty (30) contacts. These contacts consisted of the following: eight (8) LVT's damaged from enemy mines, one (1) LVT sustained RPG rocket damage, six (6) sniper incidents, one (1) ambush, nine (9) sightings and five (5) booby traps. The five (5) booby traps consisted of the following components:

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(a) One (1) 81mm mortar round rigged with a trip wire. Booby trap was detonated by the seventh man in a squad size patrol resulting in one (1) USMC WIA evac.

(b) One (1) 60mm mortar round rigged with a trip wire. Destroyed in place.

(c) The three (3) remaining booby traps consisted of M26 grenades rigged with trip wires. All grenades were buried approximately six inches in the dirt. All were blown in place.

(4) The Battalion patrols apprehended two (2) detainees, both of whom were turned over to 3rd Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment. Disposition of the detainees is unknown.

(5) The Battalion conducted 130 squad size patrols within our AOR. Ninety (90) patrols were conducted during hours of darkness and forty (40) during daylight hours.

c. Training

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

- (a) Map reading and use of a compass
- (b) Weapons safety training; individual and crew served weapons
- (c) Mines and booby traps
- (d) Personal Response (On 26 March a Personal Response Contact Team from 1st MarDiv gave a one (1) hour lecture to the Battalion personnel with two hundred and fifty (250) Marines attending).
- (e) Security Indoctrination
- (f) Field Sanitation and first aid
- (g) Rifle platoon in offensive and defensive combat

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d. Battalion personnel attended the following schools:

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

(a) One (1) enlisted 24-27Mar68

(2) KY 28/38 Repair School (Camp Books)

(a) One (1) enlisted 24-31Mar68

(3) Vietnamese Language School (III MAF)

(a) One (1) enlisted 16Mar-16Apr68

(4) Telephone/Teletype Instruction (1stMarDiv)

(a) One (1) enlisted 20Mar68

(5) Basic Infantry Weapons Repair (Okinawa)

(a) one (1) enlisted 16Mar-16Apr68

(6) Staff NCO Leadership School (1stMarDiv)

(a) One (1) enlisted 17Mar68

(b) One (1) enlisted 3Mar68

(7) Officers Leadership School (1stMarDiv)

(a) One (1) Officer 10Mar68

(8) NCO Leadership School (1stMarDiv)

(a) Two (2) enlisted 11Mar68

(9) Communications Crypto Security School (Japan)

(a) One (1) enlisted 11Mar68

(b) One (1) enlisted 25Mar68

e. Special Operations

(1) Enclosure (2) contains the Battalion's Situation Reports for 1-31 March 1968.

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f. Logistics

(1) The continued shortage of OEM for LVT's received as combat replacements is a significant problem. Three (3) LVTP5A1's (combat replacements) were received during the month. Only one (1) of these vehicles had a stern tow cable, which is essential in retrieving mined vehicles. Lack of vision blocks on combat replacements is a further example of this problem.

(2) This Battalion was allotted thirteen (13) R&E vehicles during the month of March and has received four (4). Three of these vehicles were received the last three days of the month. Technical inspections have been performed on the outgoing vehicles (R&E) and they are ready for movement. The Battalion presently has twelve (12) R&E vehicles and eight (8) coded vehicles to be evacuated from the Battalion cantonment.

(3) During the month of March, the Battalion averaged thirteen (13) vehicles combat deadlined daily. All were 2nd and 3rd echelon. Three (3) LV 1790-1 engine assemblies designated Red Ball were received by 1st FSR. One (1) LVT is still waiting for an engine. It has been carried on deadline since 28 December 1967.

(4) During the month of March, a total of nine (9) LVT's suffered mine and rocket damage. Three (3) have been conditioned code Y or Z, three (3) were destroyed by fire, one (1) LVT with several RPG holes and one (1) mined LVT were satisfactorily repaired. One (1) LVTEL was mined and is being repaired by this organization. One (1) LVT was completed from a previous month.

(5) Two (2) LVTP5A1's OPCON from 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion were damaged by mines and coded H and Z. Necessary reports have been forwarded to the Third Marine Division.

(6) The total assets of the Battalion, as of 1 April 1968 are as follows:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>ORGANIC</u>	<u>ATTACHED (5TH AMTRBN)</u>	<u>OPCON (1ST AMTRBN)</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
LVTP5A1	100	80	10	8	98
LVTP5A1(CMD)	9	9	1	1	11
LVTRL	3	2	1	0	3
LVTEL	8	5	0	0	5

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(7) On 9 March 1968 the Battalion's Motor Transport Section was inspected by the First Marine Division Motor Transport Inspection Team. The Battalion's Motor Transport Section received an average overall mark of outstanding. The Inspecting Officer referred to the Battalion's Motor Pool as the "Model Motor Transport Section in the Division".

g. Civic Action

(1) The Battalion S-5 is presently assisting the villagers of Nui Kim Son in the construction of three (3) wells. The villagers are going the work on the wells. Construction material was obtained through MAG-16.

(2) It is felt that the attitude of the local populus towards Marines in the area is definitely improving. This is due to the progress being made in areas such as civic action and personal response.

(3) On 23 March 1968 a Med Cap was held in the village of An Tra (1). Thirty (30) penicillin shots were given and a total of over fifty (50) civilians were given medical aid. PSYOPS Pamphlets dealing with health, Chieu Hoi and Rewards programs were distributed.

(4) During the month, four (4) females, three (3) males and two (2) children were given transportation to USON Hospital in DaNang for treatment. One (1) child was also taken to the Children's Hospital at FLC.

(5) During the month there were 749 patients treated at Med Caps. Eighty (80) plague shots and one hundred (100) other miscellaneous type shots were administered by civil affairs.

h. Communications

(1) Personnel

(a) The overall picture for Communications personnel is good. The Communications Section is short one (1) Staff NCO to fill the billet of Electronics Maintenance Chief.

(2) Equipment

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

(b) Four (4) LVT's from 5th AmTracBn have been modified with new VRC-12 radio's. This leaves six (6) LVTP5A1's and one (1) LVTP5A1 (CMD) waiting modification.

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(3) Maintenance

(a) Problem areas have been encountered with the CVC Helmet. An unsatisfactory equipment report has been submitted on this equipment.

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CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

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 SITREP 040 310500Z TO 312400Z 31MAR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 310500Z 31MAR68 FC PROVIDED A PLATOON SIZE BLOCKING FORCE FROM COORD ~~067703~~ TO ~~071708~~. FOR SUPPORT OF THIRD BATTALION, FIFTY FIRST ARVN REGIMENT. PLATOON HAD NEGATIVE CONTACT AND NO CASUALTIES. ARVN UNITS CONDUCTED A SWEEP OF BINH KY. RESULTS OF SWEEP ARE UNKNOWN. BLOCKING FORCE SECURED AT 311100Z 31MAR68.
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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30MAR68

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FM THIRD AMTRBN
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SITREP 047 XXX 260001 TO 302400ZMAR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: NO CHANGE3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 301355ZMAR68 AT COORD 081697 A CH-53A FROM MAC-16
DROPPED A CARGO NET. LOADED WITH MIXED 105MM AMMUNITION. UPON IMPACT ONE ROUND DETONATED CAUSING
THE OTHER ROUNDS TO BURN AND EXPLODE. ROUNDS WERE SCATTERED ABOUT THE
IMMEDIATE AREA OF ABOVE COORD. MAC-16 WAS NOTIFIED AND EOD PERSONNEL WERE
DISPATCHED TO THE AREA ABOVE COORD. FC SQUAD SIZE PATROL OBSERVED FROM COORD
081696 AND PROVIDED SECURITY AREA FOR PERSONNEL IN AREA. EOD PERSONNEL
DISPOSED OF REMAINING ROUNDS. NO CASUALTIES.

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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25MAR68

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FM THIRD AMTRBN
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SITREP #46 250001 TO 252400ZMAR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 261430ZMAR68 AT COORD 078655 TWO LVTP5A1'S CONDUCTING A TROOP MOVEMENT RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN ROUNDS OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC LOCATED AT COORD 078656. LVT'S CONTINUED TO MOVE RETURNING APPROX. 450 ROUNDS 5.56MM AND 30 CAL MG FIRE. ONE USMC WIA (EVAC). 3/27 UNITS ARE CHECKING AREA OF COORD 078656.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 250900ZMAR68 AT COORD 930620 LVT'S PROVIDING SECURITY FOR A MINE SWEEP APPREHENDED ONE VIETNAMESE MALE VC SUSPECT. SUSPECT HAD OVER 1200 PIASTERS IN HIS POSSESSION. SUSPECT WAS DETAINED AND TURNED OVER TO 1/7 FOR INTERROGATION.
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
1 WIA (EVAC)

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SITREP 045 240000 TO 242400ZMAR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 241255H MAR68 AT COORD 030576 LVT1 (3-B-21) DETONATED AN ENEMY MINE ESTIMATED AT 80 POUNDS. LVT1 WAS PREPARING TO FIRE LINE CHARGES WHEN IT DETONATED MINE. SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. TWO USMC WIA (EVAC). SIX DAMAGED LVT WILL BE TOWED TO CAP DELTA THREE OP. LVT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE (PORT SIDE): NUMBERS ONE, TWO, THREE & FOUR ROAD WHEELS, ROAD WHEEL ASSEMBLIES DESTROYED, HOLE BLOWN THRU TRACK CHANNEL AND INTO DRIVERS SEAT. LVT CANNOT BE REPAIRED.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
2 WIA (EVAC)

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SITREP #44 210001 TO 232400H MAR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 230600H MAR68 FC CONDUCTED A SWEEP OPERATION IN AN TRA (1) (COORD 078695) WITH FOUR SQUADS. CAP GOLF SIX BX PROVIDED ONE INFANTRY SQUAD AND FIFTH CIT PROVIDED INTERROGATION PERSONNEL. ONE VIETNAMESE WOMAN SUSPECTED OF BEING ON THE BLACK LIST WAS APPREHENDED AND TURNED OVER TO FIFTH CIT. NO CASUALTIES. OPERATION SECURED AT 231100H MAR68.
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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20 MAR 68

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 SITREP #43 XXX 190001 TO 202400H MAR 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 200000H MAR 68 AT COORD #12568 LVT5A1 (3-B-43)
 DETONATED AN ENEMY MINE OF UNKNOWN SIZE WHILE ON A TROOP
 MOVEMENT. LVT WAS THE SECOND VEHICLE IN COLUMN AND WAS
 FOLLOWING AN LVT1 THAT WAS CLEARING A PATH WITH ITS BLADE.
 SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES
 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ONE USMC WIA (MINOR). LVT CAUGHT
 FIRE AND IS BURNING AT ABOVE COORD. LVT IS CONSIDERED TO
 BE A TOTAL LOSS.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
 XXXXXX 1 WIA (MINOR)

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18MAR68

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SITREP #42(ADDITION) 160001 TO 182400HMAR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: (LATE ENTRY)

B. AT 181500HMAR68 AT COORD #29575 EKKK51 LVTP5A1 (3-B-32) DETONATED AN ENEMY MINE ESTIMATED AT 100 POUNDS WHILE ON A TROOP MOVEMENT. SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. TWO USMC WIA (EVAC). DAMAGED LVT TOWED TO CAP DELTA 3 CP. LVT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE: (PORT SIDE) IDLER ARM DESTROYED, TORSION ARM DESTROYED, NUMBERS ONE, TWO AND THREE ROAD WHEELS DESTROYED, NUMBERS ONE, TWO AND THREE WHEEL ASSEMBLIES DESTROYED, RAMP BLOWN OFF, THREE HOLES IN SKIRT AND TWO HOLES BLOWN IN HULL. LVT APPEARS TO BE NON-REPAIRABLE.

C. AT 181545HMAR68 AT COORD #29575 LVTP5A1 (3-B-34) DETONATED AN ENEMY MINE OF UNKNOWN SIZE WHILE PROCEEDING TO ROCKMC THIRD COMPANY CP. SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THREE USMC WIA (EVAC). LVT CAUGHT FIRE AND IS BURNING. ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO TOW BURNING LVT TO THIRD COMPANY CP.

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4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: USMC

5 WIA (EVAC) (TOTAL FOR PERIOD 160001 TO 182400HMAR68 6 USMC WIA EVAC)

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 SITREP 042 160001 TO 182000ZMAR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 1813ZMAR68 AT COORD 084606 A SQUAD SIZE FUDGECAKE PATROL WAS MOVING SOUTH DOWN A TRAIL AT ABOVE COORD. THE SEVENTH MAN IN COLUMN DETONATED A BOOBY TRAP BELIEVED TO BE AN 81MM MORTAR ROUND. ONE USMC WAS WIA (EVAC). SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL BOMBS BOOBY TRAPS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AN ARMY HELICOPTER WAS IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY. PATROL FIRED FLARES AND HELICOPTER LANDED. WIA WAS EVACUATED.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
 1 WIA (EVAC)

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SITREP 041 1521 150001 TO 152400 15MAR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 151445H 15MAR68 AT COORD 035705 A VIETNAMESE AIR
A1H SKYRAIDER AIRCRAFT (TACTICAL NAME VNAF 34607) CRASH LANDED AT ABOVE
COORD. AIRCRAFT WAS PARTIALLY IN THE WATER WHEN IT CAME TO A STOP. PILOT
WAS RESCUED BY FUDGECAKE PERSONNEL AND MED EVAC. PILOTS CONDITION UNK.
DAMAGED AIRCRAFT WAS PULLED ONTO THE BEACH BY FUDGECAKE LVTR1. FUDGECAKE
IS GUARDING THE DAMAGED AIRCRAFT ~~XXXX~~ AWAITING DISPOSITION BY VNAF PERSONNEL.
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP 040 (ADDITION) / 062000ZMAR68 TO 142400ZMAR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: (LATE ENTRY)

B. AT 141800ZMAR68 AT COORD 059631 LVTP5A1 (XXXX 1-B-15) DETONATED AN ENEMY MINE ESTIMATED AT EIGHTY POUNDS. LVT WAS ON A TROOP MOVEMENT. MINE WAS BELIEVED TO PRESSURE DETONATED. SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SIX USMC WERE WIA (FIVE MED EVAC). ONE OF THE WIA'S EVACUATED WAS FUDGECAKE BRAVO SIX. LVT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE: (STARBOARD SIDE) NUMBERS TWO, THREE AND FOUR ROAD WHEELS DESTROYED, HULL CRACKED AND LEAKING GAS. LVT DID NOT BURN. TWO LVT'S ARE AT ABOVE COORD 10 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR DAMAGED LVT WHICH WILL RECOVERED ON 15MAR68.

C. AT 142000ZMAR68 AT COORD 072632 LVTP5A1'S IN A DEFENSIVE POSITION RECEIVED THREE INCOMING ROUNDS OF SIXTY MM MORTAR FIRE FROM UNK COORD. THREE USMC WIA (MINOR). NO ACTION TAKEN.

14MAR68

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4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: USMC

5 WIA (EVAC), 3 WIA (MINOR) (TOTAL: 5 WIA (EVAC), 6 WIA (MINOR))

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SITREP ~~040~~ ~~0624~~ 14MAR68 TO 1424~~00~~ 14MAR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 14~~09~~ 14MAR68 AT COORD ~~042662~~ LVTP5A1 (3-B-11) DETONATED AN ENEMY MINE ESTIMATED AT 5~~0~~ POUNDS. LVTP5A1 WAS ON A SWEEP MISSION. SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES W/NEGATIVE RESULTS. THREE (3) USMC WIA (MINOR). LVTP5A1 RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE: (PORT SIDE) NUMBERS ONE AND TWO ROAD WHEEL ASSEMBLIES DESTROYED, STUB SHAFT CRACKED. LVT WAS SHORT TRACKED AND KEE TOWED TO 3/27 CP.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
3 WIA

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 SITREP 039 050001 TO 052400 05MAR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 051200 05MAR68 AT COORD 055654 LVT521 (3-B-14) DETONATED AN ENEMY SHAPE CHARGE MINE ESTIMATED AT SIXTY POUNDS. LVT WAS RETURNING FROM TROOP MOVEMENT AT TU CAU BRIDGE. SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. FIVE USMC WIA (MINOR). LVT BURNED AND SUBSEQUENTLY DESTROYED. DESTROYED LVT TOWED TO 3/27 CP.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
 5 WIA

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FM THIRD ANTRBN
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 SITREP ~~030~~ ~~040001~~ TO ~~042000~~ 04MAR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
 3. CONTACTS: AT ~~040130~~ 04MAR68 CAP GOLF SIX (COORD ~~070701~~) RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN ROUNDS OF AUTOMATIC CARBINE SNIPER FIRE FROM VC LOCATED AT COORD ~~073703~~. NO FIRE WAS RETURNED DUE TO A FRIENDLY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA. FC PROVIDED ILLUMINATION AT COORD/~~073703~~. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL OF ILLUMINATION. NO CASUALTIES.
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
 5. CASUALTIES: NONE
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SITREP 037 020001 TO 032400HMAR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 021000HMAR68 AT GRID 012658 LVT5A1 (3-B-31) DETONATED AN ENEMY MINE ESTIMATED AT THIRTY POUNDS. LVT WAS ON A SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION. NO CASUALTIES. SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. LVT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE: BROKEN TRACK ON STARBOARD SIDE. DAMAGED LVT TOWED TO SECOND ROKMC BRIGADE CP.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. AT 021000HMAR68 AT GRID 012658 DAMAGED LVT5A1 (3-B-31) WAS BEING TOWED STERN FIRST BY LVT5A1'S B-32 AND B-34. ROKMC PERSONNEL WERE TOLD TO DISMOUNT AND STANDBY THEIR RESPECTIVE TRACTORS. WORD WAS THEN PASSED FOR ROK PERSONNEL TO DISPERSE BECAUSE B-31 WOULD BE TOWED BACK THROUGH THE COLUMN. THIS WORD WAS PASSED AUDIBLY DOWN THE COLUMN. AMPLE TIME WAS GIVEN ROK PERSONNEL TO DISPERSE. ALL PERSONNEL DISPERSED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE ROKMC WHO WAS APPARENTLY ASLEEP IN TALL GRASS. THE LVT'S PROCEEDED TO MOVE.

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LVT (3-B-31) SWERVED TO STARBOARD SIDE DUE TO PORT TRACK HAVING BEEN BLOWN OFF. TRACTOR SWERVED THREE FEET INTO THE GRASS AND STRUCK THE ROKMO. ROK RECEIVED SLIGHT TO MODERATE EXTERNAL INJURIES. IT IS THE OPINION OF THE ON THE SCENE COMMANDER THAT THE INCIDENT WAS UNAVOIDABLE AND NOT DUE TO NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF MUDGECAKE PERSONNEL.

4. AT 030515H MAR 68 AT COORD 074708 PG SQUAD SIZE PATROL APPREHENDED TWO FEMALE VCS IN A HOUSE THAT WAS KNOWN TO HAVE PREVIOUSLY HOUSED VC. THE DETAINEES WERE BROUGHT TO PG CP FOR QUESTIONING. DETAINEES WERE TURNED OVER TO THIRD BATTALION, FIFTY FIRST ARVN REGIMENT.

5. CASUALTIES: ROKMO

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