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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B

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

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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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 May 1968 to 31 May 1968

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PART I
ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

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

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

Company "A", 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion 1-04 May: Major Raymond R. BERLING Jr.

5-31 May: 1stLt John W. ROTH

Company "B", 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion 1-31 May: Major Joseph F. MOLINEAUX Jr.

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Platoon, Company "B", 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion

1st Platoon, Company "B", 5th Amphibian Tractor Battalion

2. PERIOD COVERED/LOCATION: 1 - 31 May 1968, DaNang, Viet Nam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer 1-31 May: Major Frank C. CHACE Jr.

S-1 1-31 May: 1stLt James J. MCCABE

S-2 1-31 May: Capt William J. PFISTER Jr.

S-3 1-31 May: Capt Barteld A. VREDEVELD

S-4 1-31 May: Major Frederic M. VANN

S-5 1-31 May: 1stLt John D. JURCZAK

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
27	635

USN	
OFF	ENL
2	12

OTHERS	
OFF	ENL
0	0

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period the Battalion continued its role of direct support of the 7th Marine Regiment, 2nd & 3rd Battalion 27 Marines, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade, Task Force X-Ray and 1st Engineer Battalion. Technique of employment consisted of one platoon in support of each infantry Battalion in the DaNang TAOB with a section in support of 3/7 at An Hoa and a section in support of Task Force X-Ray and the 1st Engineer Bn. The Company Command Group (-), Company "B" continued their role of direct support of the 2nd Republic of Korea Marine Brigade, vicinity of Hoi An.

The Battalion had a average of (90) vehicles committed daily in general support of the 1st Marine Division. The missions and frequency of specific tasks performed during the month were: resupply (74), patrol and minesweep (3), blocking force (9), Med Evac (9), Med-Cap force (2), reaction force (20), search and destroy (19), ambush (1), security (62), administrative (28), recovery (3), troop movement (53). Vehicle utilization averaged (7) hours per day, carrying a average of (8.7) persons and 388 pounds of cargo per day. In addition, the LVTE's fired (32) 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 May 1968 was category II with the expectation of reaching Category I on or about 1 July 1968.

(2) Zero (0) Marine Corps Officers, zero (0) Navy Officers, twenty-two (22) Marine Corps enlisted and one (1) Navy enlisted rotated to CONUS. Two (2) Marine Corps Officers, one (1) Navy Officer, forty-seven (47) Marine Corps enlisted and zero (0) Navy enlisted replacements were received.

(3) The Battalion had the following casualties:

three (3) KIA, two (2) DOW, forty-five (45) WIA and one (1) DAI

(4) The Battalion had nine (9) extensions of overseas tours, six (6) new enrollments in USAFI Courses, and maintained a Savings Bonds participation of 75%.

(5) One (1) Bronze Star, One (1) Navy Commendation Medal and forty-five (45) Purple Hearts were received by members of the Battalion.

b. Intelligence

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

(2) The Battalion had fifteen (15) LVT's damaged or destroyed during the month of May. Six (6) were destroyed and nine (9) damaged. Three (3) destroyed and seven (7) damaged by satchel charges. Three (3) destroyed and two (2) damaged by mines.

(3) The Battalion had seventeen (17) contacts. These contacts consisted of the following:

- a. Four (4) ambushes
- b. Three (3) sightings
- c. Four (4) booby traps, which consisted of one (1) LAAW rocket round rigged with trip wire, detonated by patrol; one (1) 60 MM mortar round blown in place; one (1) M -79 round wrapped in plastic explosive with secondary booby trap underneath, both blown in place.

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d. (1) attack by rocket and mortar fire, followed up with ground assault against perimeter, resulted in three (3) LVT's being destroyed and seven (7) damaged by satchel charges.

e. Five (5) LVT's sustained mine damage; three (3) were destroyed and two (2) repaired.

(4) The Battalion apprehended twenty-one (21) detainees. Nineteen (19) were turned over to 5th CIT, two (2) turned over to 19th ITT. Of these detainees four (4) were NVA, and two (2) were confirmed V.C.

(5) The Battalion captured the following: nine (9) individual weapons, one (1) B-40 rocket launcher, two (2) box type mines, twenty (20) satchel charges, twenty (20) grenades, assorted small arms, clothing and food. Assorted enemy documents; documents taken from two (2) NVA KIA revealed information about a planned attack on the New Life Hamlet at coord (BT 078707) and the capture of one female, who is alledged to be a U.S. forces informant. One (1) document revealed to be a National Liberation Front deed for the sale of land. All documents turned over to 5th CIT.

(6) The Battalion conducted 130 squad size patrols within the AOR. Ninety (90) patrols were conducted during hours of darkness and fourty (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) Tactical Security (Defense)
- (c) Rules of Engagement
- (d) Laaw
- (e) Revolutionary Development Support Trng.
- (f) Rifle Plt (OFF & Def) Combat
- (g) Gas Mask care & cleaning
- (h) Military Courtesy & Discipline
- (i) 30 Cal. Machine Gun

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- (j) Individual Responsibility
- (k) Quick Fire (M-16)
- (l) Heat Exhaustion & stroke
- (m) Personnel Response
- (n) Weapons Safety M-16, 30Cal MG, 45Cal Pistol
- (o) Field Sanitation
- (p) VD Lecture
- (q) First Aid

d. Battalion personnel attended the following schools:

- (1) Basic Infantry Weapons Repair (Okinawa)
 - (a) One (1) enlisted 27Apr-24May68
- (2) SNCO School
 - (a) One (1) enlisted 5-11May68
- (3) Division Embark School
 - (a) One (1) enlisted 6-9May68
- (4) KY 28/38 Maintenance Training Course (MAW)
 - (a) One (1) enlisted 12-18May68
- (5) Motor Transport O/SNCO School
 - (a) One (1) enlisted 12May68
- (6) NCO School
 - (a) One (1) enlisted 13-25May68
- (7) Generator School
 - (a) Two (2) enlisted 14-15May68
- (8) Vietnamese Language School (III MAF)
 - (a) Two (2) enlisted 18May-14Jun68
- (9) Land Mine, Demolitions & Booby traps school
 - (a) Six (6) enlisted 19-22May68
- (10) Officer Leadership School
 - (a) One (1) Officer 20-25May68

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(11) Basic Organic Supply School
 (a) One (1) enlisted 19-23 May 68

(12) Layleaders School
 (a) Six (6) enlisted 27-30 May 68

(13) NCO School
 (a) One (1) enlisted 27 May-8 Jun 68

e. Special Operations

(1) Enclosure (2) contains the Battalion Situation Reports for 1-31 May 1968.

f. Logistics

(1) The most significant event effecting the logistical posture of this Battalion was the sapper attack on 5 May. Ten (10) LVT's were damaged by RPG rounds, satchel charges, and grenades. Three of the vehicles were destroyed and seven were repaired. In addition to the LVT damage, one LVT maintenance building was destroyed. The SNCO Club, one living quarters and two maintenance buildings were damaged. All buildings were repaired within two weeks of the attack.

(2) During the month of May, the Battalion averaged eight (8) LVT's on daily deadline. In addition to the vehicles damaged on 5 May 1968, five other vehicles received mine damage. Three were destroyed, two were repaired.

(3) The Battalion received seven (7) LVTP5's and one LVTEL, all combat replacements in May. Current T/E deficiencies are sixteen (16) P5's one C1; two E1's, and one R1. Two LVTP5's were received for the FY 68 R&E program. Suspension components, except for track, remain critically short. Other critical shortages are OEM and stern tow cables for LVT's.

(4) Two (2) M422's (mity mites) are being invoiced to this organization to replace the T/E shortages of M38 Jeeps. Total mileage for wheeled vehicles in May was 12291 with 2500 passengers transported. Considerable maintenance problems are occurring with the M37's due to a high rate of usage and to vehicle age.

(5) Three major service projects were completed in May. Electrical power is now received from Sea Anchor, the Navy transmitter site. The water distribution system, completed by MCB 128, is providing sufficient water to meet the Battalion's needs. The 1st Engineer Battalion completed the helicopter pad on 11 May.

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g. Civic Action

(1) Daily Med-Caps were held during the reporting period. No Med-Caps were held in out-lying Hamlets this month due to increase in V.C. activity. 530 people were given medical treatment in Med-Cap facility, set up in the Battalion S-5 office. 87 miscellaneous type shots were administered to Vietnamese civilians.

(2) Material assistance given to the people is as follows: Cost of supplies contributed from military resources for civic action projects was 32,922 \$ VN for the month. Fourteen (14) well rings were provided for the construction of two wells. Six (6) bags of Cement were given in conjunction with the well rings to aid in construction. Five (5) truck loads of assorted lumber was given to refugees in the New Life Hamlet to help them rebuild houses destroyed by the V.C. Thirty-two sheets of tin was given in conjunction with this lumber to aid in the rebuilding. A bulldozer was acquired and utilized for one day to clear debris from burned out houses so that reconstruction could begin. Three (3) trash pickup runs were made in the Hamlet of Nui Kim Son during the month. A voluntary contribution of 17,700 \$ VN was made by members of this Battalion in support of the Church of Christ Orphanage in DaNang.

(3) A party was given by this Battalion for its Vietnamese employees and their families; it was held on 26 May. It was given to them to express our appreciation for all the fine work they have done for the Battalion. Two hours of movies were shown, and a lunch was served for approximately seventy-five (75) people that were present. On 30 May children from the Church of Christ Orphanage were taken on a sight seeing tour of the Marble Mountain area. They were served lunch at the Battalion after the tour and then taken back to the Orphanage.

(4) Construction of a new school is under way and should be a big improvement when finished.

(5) The people in the area are very friendly to Marines and are becoming much more trusting and Co-operative.

h. Communications

(1) Personnel

(a) The Comm Chief has received orders to retire on 30 June, and one Tech Chief is missing from our T/O. Medical evacuation cut into our present personnel status during this period. Division is now responding and getting the platoon to full strength.

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(2) Equipment

(a) The communications section was inspected on 1 June 1968, by Division and received a satisfactory rating with no discrepancies. A message was sent to FMFPac requesting that this organization be allowed to pull AN/KRC-5 kits from R&E tractors to complete the radio modification program on the tractors from 5th Antrac Bn.

(3) Maintenance

(a) A UER was submitted on 8 May 1968 indicating a problem due to lack of access to the tractors communication system while riding on top of the tractors. Two possible modifications were suggested. FMFPac has forwarded the UER with a recommendation of approving the modification requested.

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS ARE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

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SITREP 070 AS OF 0400Z TO 0420Z MAY 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

3. CONTACTS: AT 040535H AT COORD 078700 3D AMTRAC IN POS #8

REPORTED MOVEMENT AT SOUTHERN PERIMETER MAN WAS SEEN RUNNING INTO TREE LINE. SENTRY ON POST #8 FIRED 5 ROUNDS 5.56 MM WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

B. AT 041047H AT COORD 000634 WHILE DISPLACING FROM 3D AMTRAC CP TO LIBERTY BRIDGE, LVT-5 A-02 DETONATED ESTIMATED 100LB PRESSURE TYPE MINE, VEHICLE WAS SECOND IN COLUMN OF 4 VEHICLES. SECURITY WAS ESTABLISHED AND SEARCH FOR ADDITIONAL MINES CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. FOUR (4) USMC WIA (MED EVAC)

G. AT 041330H AT COORD 088693 CONDUCTED MULTI-SQUAD SWEEP AND SEARCH MISSION 041330H OF AN TRA (2) BT 088693 IN CONJUNCTION WITH ELEMENTS OF 1ST MP IN 244TH PSY OPS CO AND 5TH CIT. SCREENING AND INTERROGATION OF VIETNAMESE VILLAGERS RESULTED IN ONE (1) DETAINEE. DETAINEE TRANSPORTED BACK BY 5TH CIT TO THEIR CP.

~~I. ONE (1)~~

~~H. VE HICLE IS STILL BURNING AND PRESUMED A TOTAL LOSS~~

~~4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE~~

5. CASUALTIES: USMC
4 WIA (MED EVAC)

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9. AT 042010H AT COORD 078708 3D AMTRAC BN SQUAD SIZED PATROL RECEIVED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM THE SOUTH APP. 50 METERS. POINT MAN & SQUAD LEADER WERE WOUNDED. REACTION SQUAD DISPATCHED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR MED-EVAC. REACTION SQUAD SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS WOUNDED MED EVACED TO NSA.

L. ONE (1)

N. VEHICLE IS STILL BURNING AND PRESUMED A TOTAL LOSS

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: USMC
6 WIA (MED EVAC)

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RETRIP 071 AS OF 0500H TO 052400H MAY68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 050130H AT COORD 078700 3D AMTRON CP ATTACKED AND PENETRATED BY ESTIMATED PLATOON SIZE SAPPER UNIT. TWO BUNKERS DESTROYED BY RPG ROUNDS AND GRENADES. BUNKERS WERE OVERSEEN DURING BREACH OF WIRE. SAPPERS CONTINUED INTO LVT TRACTOR PARK AND DESTROYED 3 LVT'S AND DAMAGED 5 OTHERS. B-40'S, SATCHEL CHARGES AND 82MM MORTARS CAUSED DAMAGE. FOUR BUILDINGS DESTROYED. ESTIMATED CP RECEIVED (80) 82MM AND 50 RD RPG. ASSUMED 100% ALE RT POSTURE. REACTION FORCES SWEEP CP AREA AND KILLED 6 VC.
- B. AT 050130H AT COORD 085600 NAVAL TRANSMITTER SITE WAS TAKEN UNDER B-40 ROCKET AND 82MM MORTAR ATTACK. RECEIVED APPROX (6) B-40 AND (15) 82MM ROUNDS.
- C. AT 050130H AT COORD 072700^(CAP) 2-5-1 RECEIVED B-40 AND 82MM FIRE 100 METERS OF NORTHERN PORTION OF VILLAGE WHERE 2-5-1^(CAP) IS LOCATED WAS DESTROYED.
- F. TWO (2) USMC
- G. TWENTY-ONE (21) USMC (15 EVAC)
- I. SIX (6)
- M. ONE (1) AK47, SIX (6) SATCHEL CHARGES, ONE (1) B-40 LAUNCHER, GRENADES AND ASSORTED GEAR.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
2 KIA
21 WIA (15 EVAC)

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SITREP 072 AS OF 060000H TO 062400H MAY 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
 3. CONTACTS: AT 061240H AT COORD 074623 LVTP5's BRAVO 24 & 27 WHILE ON SWEEP WITH ROKMC RECEIVED HEAVY VOLUME OF SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM TREE LINE. RETURNED FIRE. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT, AND ROKMC NOW SEARCHING AREA.
 - B. AT 062235H AT COORD 075704 CAP 2-5-1 RECEIVED APPROX (8) MORTAR ROUNDS AND (800) SMALL ARMS ROUNDS FROM MARBLE MOUNTAIN NO CASUALTIES SUSTAINED. 3D AMTRAC BN PROVIDED 81 MM ILLUM. GUN SHIP WAS CALLED ON STATION AND CONDUCTED STRAFING ATTACK ON MARBLE MOUNTAIN. 3D AMTRAC BN PATROL WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.
 - G. ONE (1) USMC (NON-EVAC)
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
 5. CASUALTIES: USMC
1 - WIA (NON-EVAC)
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SITREP 075 AS OF 0700/1H TO 0720/1H MAY 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 0700/45H AT COORD 071702 CAP 2-5-1 RECEIVED TWO (2) MORTAR ROUNDS AND HEAVY VOLUME SMALL ARMS FIRE. SMALL ARMS FIRE CAME FROM SOUTHERN BASE OF CROWS NEST. NO CASUALTIES SUSTAINED. ENEMY STRENGTH ESTIMATED AT (1) SQUAD. CAP 2-5-1 RETURNED FIRE 3D AMTRAC BN PROVIDED 81 MM ILLUM. FLARE SHIP CALLED ON STATION AND ALSO PROVIDED ILLUM. CROWS NEST DELIVERED 50 CAL FIRE INTO ENEMY LOCATION.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP #73 AS OF 0700H TO 0720H MAY68

LATE ENTRY

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 072150H AT COORD 067704 3D AMTRAC SQUAD SIZE PATROL OBSERVED TEN (10) VC MOVING SOUTH AT ABOVE COORD. PATROL OPENED FIRE AND PINNED ENEMY DOWN. GROWNEST DELIVERED 106 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE INTO AREA. PATROL SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND TWO (2) VC BODIES. WILL SEARCH AGAIN AT FIRST LIGHT FOR MORE BODIES.
 1. TWO (2)
 2. TWO (2) AK-47 RIFLES, DOCUMENTS, SHAVING GEAR, EXTRA CLOTHES, GRENADES, AND AMMUNITION.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: VC
(2) KIA

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SITREP 074 AS OF 080001H TO 082400H MAY68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 080730H AT COORD 082703 3D AMTRAC SQUAD SIZE PATROL BROUGHT DOCUMENTS IN FM TWO (2) NVA KIM'S (REFER TO LATE ENTRY SITREP 073). 3D AMTRAC BN ITT TRANSLATED DOCUMENTS.

TACTICAL INFO HIGHLIGHTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- a. ONE (1) MAN MEMBER OF K-36 UNIT
 - b. THREE (3) MEN MEMBERS OF 47TH PLT 140TH BN, NVA
 - c. NVA BUILDUP TO HIT NEW LIFE HAMLET (078707) AND TO CAPTURE A WOMAN NAMED THIEM WHO GIVES INFO TO US FORCES AND WHO USED TO BE WIFE OF NVA KIA NGUYEN THANH TUNG (VC OF K-36 UNIT.
- B. AT 081225H AT COORD 022579 WHILE ON SWEEP WITH THE KMC, A ROKMC STEPPED ON AN AP TYPE BOOBY TRAP CAUSING FRAGMENTATION TO FLY INTO NEARBY TRACTOR LVTP-5. ONE (1) USMC WAS STRUCK IN SHOULDER AND CHEEK. ONE (1) KMC WAS MED-EVACED. 2 LVTP-5'S WERE SUPPORTING THE 27TH COMPANY, ROK. CONTINUED SWEEP.
- C. AT 081715H AT COORD 122635 LVTP-5 B-45 AND B-46 WERE RETURNING TO 27TH COMPANY ROK CP. B-46 HIT AN ESTIMATED 100 LB A.T. MINE. VEHICLE WAS FIRST IN A COLUMN OF TWO RETURNING FROM ROKMC COMPANY SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION. STARBOARD SIDE 3, 4, & 5 ROAD WHEEL ASSEMBLY BLOWN OFF 15 BLOCKS OF TRACK WERE BLOWN OFF, 12 INCH SPLIT IN HULL.

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SECURITY WAS ESTABLISHED AND AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED TO 27TH COMPANY AREA.

- 8. THREE (3) USMC NON-MED EVAC
- 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
- 5. CASUALTIES: USMC
(3) WIA NON-MED EVAC

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SITREP #75 AS OF ~~0900~~ 0900H TO ~~0900~~ 0900H MAY 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT ~~0900~~ 0923H AT COORD 087687 3D AMTRAC SQUAD SIZE PATROL
SIGHTED BOOBY TRAP LODGED IN A TREE. LARGE AMOUNT OF PROPAGANDA
MATERIAL IN AREA. DEVICE WAS M26 RIGGED BY WIRE TO PROPAGANDA MATERIAL
IN
IN TREE. PATROL BLEW BOOBY TRAP IN PLACE AND COLLECTED SOME OF THE
PROPAGANDA CONTINUED MISSION.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 101700H AT GRID 078698 3D AMTRAC SQUAD
SIZE PATROL WHILE PROBING AN EMBANKMENT IN AN THA (1) DISCOVERED
A BURIED BOTTLE CONTAINING A DOCUMENT. WRAPPED IN WATERPROOF
PLASTIC. PATROL RETURNED DOCUMENT TO CP. BEING TRANSLATED
BY ITT PERSONNEL. DOCUMENT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO 5TH CIT.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP 076 AS OF 130000Z TO 132400Z MAY68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 131445H AT COORD 108522 ANGLICO PERIMETER TOOK (1) ONE SNIPER BOUND FROM ABOVE COORD. THE BOUND STRUCK A 3D AMTBAC MACHINE FROM "B" COMPANY IN THE LEFT SHOULDER. AREA WAS SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. MED EVAC IS IN PROCESS AT PRESENT TIME.
4. AT 131815H AT COORD MACV HOI AN MESS HALL (2) TWO LVT PERSONNEL IN SUPPORT OF 2ND BOK BRIGADE SUFFERED LIGHT WOUNDS WHEN MESS HALL WAS MORTARED.
5. (1) USMC WIA MED EVAC
(2) USMC WIA NON MED EVAC
6. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
7. CASUALTIES: (1)USMC WIA MED EVAC
(2)USMC WIA NON MED EVAC

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1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

3. CONTACTS: AT 151835H AT COORD ~~072703~~ CAP 2-5-1 RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY TEN (10) ROUNDS SMALL ARMS FROM ABOVE COORD.

CAP 2-5-1 RETURNED FIRE AND DISPATCHED PATROL. SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

B. AT 152235H AT COORD ~~Ø727Ø2~~ CAP 2-5-1 REPORTED FIVE (5) ROUNDS MORTAR FIRE AND HEAVY VOLUMN SMALL ARMS FIRE INCOMING. POPULAR FORCES PERSONNEL AT COORD ~~Ø727Ø6~~ BT REPORTED FIFTEEN (15) RIFLE GRENADES INCOMING. APPROXIMATELY FIFTY (50) MEN WERE OBSERVED MOVING SOUTH FROM CAP 2-5-1 POSITION TO COORD ~~Ø737Ø3~~ BT. APPROX.

NINE (9) CIVILIANS WOUNDED AND FIVE (5) KIA'S
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX AT COORD 072106 BT. 3D AMTRBN
PRESENTLY CONDUCTING MED EVAC:
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX CAP 2-5-1 RETURNED FIRE AND

ARTILLARY MISSION CALLED. AREA WILL BE SEARCHED AT FIRST LIGHT.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP 079 AS OF 1600H TO 1620H MAY68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 1600H AT COORD 119629 WHILE ON BLOCKING FORCE IN SUPPORT OF HOK 10TH COMPANY, LVT-5 #B-48 DETONATED ESTIMATED 80-100 LB PRESSURE TYPE A T MINE. VEHICLE WAS THIRD IN COLUMN ON SMALL TRAIL NEAR MAIN ROAD. B-48 SUFFERED A BADLY WARPED SKIRT, SPLIT HULL, 3, 4, & 5 ROAD WHEEL ASSEMBLIES AND TORSION ARMS WERE BLOWN OFF, AND FOUR (4) FUEL CELLS WERE RUPTURED. KMC SET UP SECURITY AND SEARCHED AREA FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. B-48 WILL BE TOWED TO KMC BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.
6. TWO (2) WIA'S
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: TWO (2) WIA'S
ONE (1) USMC NON MED-EVAC
ONE (1) KMC NON MED-EVAC

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SITREP ~~080~~ AS OF 170001H TO 172400H MAY68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 171832H AT COORD 089691 3D AMTBH BN
SQUAD SIZE PATROL OBSERVED VIETNAMESE GIRL DIGGING IN A
HOOTCH AT ABOVE COORD. HOOTCH WAS SEARCHED AND A HIDDEN
BUNKER WAS DISCOVERED. A JAR OF WATER AND A 2LB BAG OF RICE
WAS FOUND IN BUNKER. BUNKER WAS BLOWN AND GIRL WAS BROUGHT
IN QUESTIONING.
L. One (1) FEMALE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SIGREP 081 AS OF 180000H TO 182400H MAY68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 181740H AT COORD 090692 3D ANTRAC BN SQUAD
SIZE PATROL DISCOVERED A HIDDEN BUNKER IN THE VILLAGE OF TAN AN.
THE BUNKER WAS BENEATH THE FLOOR OF A HOOTCH. BUNKER WAS SEARCHED
TWO (2) CARBINE MAGAZINES ONE (1) BOX TYPE MINE, TWO (2) FLOOD
LIGHTS, AND KHAKI CLOTHING WERE FOUND. BUNKER WAS BLOWN WITH
SATCHEL CHARGE.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP #82 AS OF 190001H TO 192400H MAY 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 191620H AT GRID 919532 3D PLATOON "A" COMPANY RECEIVED APPROX. TEN (10) ROUNDS MORTAR FIRE AT 3/7'S U.P. ALL PERSONNEL WENT ON 100% ALERT.
4. THREE (3) MINOR
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP 083 AS OF 200001H TO 202400H MAY68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 202100H AT COORD 071703 CAP 2-5-1 RECEIVED ONE (1) B-40 ROCKET INTO SOUTHERN BUNKER AREA. CAP 2-5-1 RETURNED SMALL ARMS FIRE. ILLUMINATION PROVIDED BY 3D AMTRBN
6. ONE (1) MINOR FROM CAP 2-5-1
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
ONE (1) MINOR

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SITREP #84 AS OF 210000H TO 212400H MAY68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 210200H AT COORD #83688 WAGE BARNER SQUAD SIZE PATROL
^{LAW} DETONATED ~~300~~ ROCKET BOUND RIGGED AS BOONY TRAP. SECURITY WAS ESTABLISHED
 AND HELICOPTER MED-EVAC CALLED. TWO (2) LVT'S WERE DISPATCHED AT SAME
 TIME. DUE TO SWIFT MOVEMENT IN AREA HELICOPTER WAS WAITED OFF AND LVT'S
 WERE USED.
4. TWO (2) USMC MED-EVAC
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
 TWO (2) MED-EVAC

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SITREP 085 AS OF 240000H TO 242400H MAY68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 241630H AT COORD 082690 3D AMTRAC BN SQD
SIZE PATROL APPREHENDED ONE (1) YOUNG VN FEMALE FOR POSSESSION
OF ALTERED ID CARD. BROUGHT DETAINEE TO BN CP. FOR
INTERROGATION BY ITT PERSONNEL.
- B. AT 241650H AT COORD 161576 WHILE CLEARING A MINE FIELD
FOR DIEN BAN SUBSECTOR LVTE-1 YANKEE 23 DETONATED AN AP MINE.
ONE (1) MARINE SUSTAINED BAR INJURY AND WAS MED EVACED TO MAC
& SECTOR HEADQUARTERS. LVTE-1-CONTINUED MISSION.
- C. AT 242125H AT COORD 099705 RECEIVED APPROX. 30 ROUNDS
SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM ABOVE COORD. RETURNED 50 ROUNDS 30
CAL. WILL SEARCH AREA WITH SCHEDULED PATROL AT 240100H
- G. ONE (1) USMC MED-EVAC
- L. ONE (1)
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: ONE (1) USMC MED-EVAC

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SITREP 086 AS OF 270000H TO 272400H MAY68
LATE ENTRY

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 252130H AT COORD 865255ZD WHILE SUPPORTING ARMY 1ST CAV AT THEIR C.P. TWO (2) VC ROCKET TEAMS ATTACKED WITH B-40 ROCKETS. RETURNED 5000 ROUNDS 30. CAL. RESULTING IN NINE (9) VC KIA IN AMTRAC'S SECTION OF PERIMETER.

LATE ENTRY

B. AT 261630H AT COORD 864225ZD RECEIVED SMALL ARMS AND B-40 ROCKET ROUNDS FROM TREE LINE WHILE SUPPORTING ARMY 1ST CAV. ON BLOCK AND SWEEP OPERATION. TREE LINE WAS ASSAULTED WITH AIC'S BUT WERE FORCED TO FALL BACK. AT THIS TIME MORTAR ROUNDS BEGAN LANDING IN IMMEDIATE AREA. AMTRACS SUPPORTED ASSAULT WITH 30 CAL. AND RIFLE FIRE.

G. ONE (1) USMC MED-EVAC

I. NINE (9)

M. TWO (2) AK-47, 60 RPG AND B-40 ROUNDS, GRENADES, 782 GEAR.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: USMC
ONE (1) MED-EVAC

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SITREP #87 AS OF 290000H TO 292400H MAY 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 290950H AT COORD 964584AT WHILE ON TROOP MOVEMENT WITH MIKE COMPANY 3/7, LVT-P5 A-38 DETONATED 50-60 LB MINE. A-38 WAS LEAD VEHICLE IN A COLUMN OF THREE (3). VEHICLE IS STILL BURNING AND PRESUMED A TOTAL LOSS. SECURITY WAS ESTABLISHED AND A SEARCH FOR ADDITIONAL MINES CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
6. FOUR (4) USMC - (3) MED-EVAC
(1) MINOR
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
FOUR (4) - 3 MED-EVAC
1 MINOR

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SITREP 0808 AS OF 300001H TO 302400H MAT68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: 301645H AT COORD 087690 ECHO 2 SQUAD SIZE PATROL
DISCOVERED 60MM MORTAR RIGGED AS A BOOBY TRAP AT ABOVE COORD
SITE WAS MARKED AND WILL BE DESTROYED BY LATER PATROL
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP 089 AS OF 310001H TO 312400H MAY68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 310015 AT COORD 082687BT ECHO 2 SQUAD SIZED PATROL SEARCHED A FAMILY BUNKER AT ABOVE COORD AND DISCOVERED FIVE (5) GRENADES ON A CARTRIDGE BELT. THREE (3) CHI-COMM AND TWO (2) M26. DETAINED FOUR (4) VIETNAMESE LIVING IN ADJOINING HOUSE. ONE (1) MALE AND THREE (3) FEMALES. DETAINEE'S WERE TURNED OVER TO 5TH CIT.
- B. AT 311750 AT COORD 102523 MAN WAS RETURNING FROM AN LVT OF BRAVO-2D PLT TO HIS LVT WHEN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING WITHIN THE 3D BN 2D POKMC BRIGADE C.P. MAN WAS SPOTTED IMMEDIATELY BY OTHER AMTRAC PERSONNEL. MOUTH TO MOUTH RESUSITATION WAS GIVEN AND MEDEVAC CALLED FOR. MEDEVAC COMPLETED AT 1805. MAN DOA AT NSA.
- C. AT 311900 AT COORD 070695BT LVTP5 B-17 DETONATED ESTIMATED 75LB MINE AT ABOVE COORD WHILE MOVING FROM 3D AMTRAC C.P. TO 3/27 C.P. LVTP5 B-17 WAS LEAD VEHICLE IN A COLUMN OF FOUR (4) TRACTORS. COLUMN RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE AND FIVE (5) 60MM MORTAR ROUNDS UPON DETONATION. CAP 2-5-1 DISPATCHED REACTION FORCE, ESTABLISHED SECURITY AND RETURNED FIRE TO TREE LINE WEST OF THE MSR ENEMY BROKE CONTACT IMMEDIATELY. VEHICLE IS STILL BURNING AND WILL BE RETRIEVED AT FIRST LIGHT. REMAINING VEHICLES RETURNED TO 3D AMTRAC C.P.

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- F. ONE (1) USMC NON BATTLE CASUALTY
 - G. TWO (2) MINOR
 - L. FOUR (4)
 - M. FIVE (5) GRENADES CAPTURED
 - 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
 - 5. CASUALTIES: ONE (1) USMC KIA NON BATTLE CASUALTY
TWO (2) USMC WIA MINOR

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