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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (ACofS, G-3 Field Historian)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-30 April 1969

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2C

Encl: (1) April 1969 Command Chronology

(2) Copies of April 1969 SITREP and other amplifying documents.

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are herewith submitted.

2. Upon removal of enclosures (1) and (2), this letter is down graded to UNCLASSIFIED.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 to 30 April 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion

Major K. D. THATENHURST, SR.
1-30 Apr 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION: 1-30 Apr 1969; Quang-Nam Province; DaNang, Republic of South Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

ExecO - Maj J. W. RAHILL 1-30 Apr 1969
S-1 - Capt G. R. FAIRCHILD 1-30 Apr 1969
S-2 - Capt H. C. BARGER 1-15 Apr 1969
1st Lt W. P. EPPER 16-30 Apr 1969
S-3 - Maj D. W. MAILLER 1-30 Apr 1969
S-4 - Maj J. F. CARNEY 1-30 Apr 1969

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>
23		590

	<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>
2		15

	<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>
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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Disposition of subordinate units remained as reported in the March 1969 Command Chronology. An average of 7.6 of the battalion's 9 LVTP5 platoons continuously provided support to battalions of the 1st, 5th, 26th Marines and companies of the 2d Brigade ROKMC. A study recently conducted by the Command revealed that the battalion's LVTP5 availability rate, 54.1, and 1.90 hours/month running time are the highest on record for any Amphibian Tractor Battalion in Marine Corps history. This is an extremely noteworthy point in view of the wear on vehicle suspension caused by operating in Vietnam's fine grain sand.

During April, the LVTP4 vehicles were placed into operation. On the 19th the Mine Clearance Platoon conducted their first test firing of the vehicles under the new procedural instructions issued by III MAF. A total of ten linear charges were fired during the month. Two were test fired, five were fired in support of 1stBn, 1st Marines, and three in support of the 5th Marines.

The battalion Combat Operations Center underwent major functional and physical changes which now allow us to maintain a summary of recent events in the Division's TAOR as our own immediate areas by means of florescent plotting maps similar to those in 1st Marine Division COC. The Communication facilities have been expanded and now permit us to maintain continuous and concurrent voice communications with higher, adjacent, and subordinate commands as well as combat support units (artillery, air, and swift boats).

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The recent installation of a freezer unit maintains a air-conditioned temperature inside the COC suitable for efficient radio and teletype operations as well as personnel comfort. None of the COC's renovation required any effort by any outside command.

No reports of incoming sniper fire into the cantonment was recorded during April. The battalion received information from the 1st Marine Division that the source of one incoming 155mm artillery round on 27 February 1969, reported in the February 1969 Command Chronology, came from the 2d RCTM AC and as such was referred to III MAF for further action. No subsequent report has been received from III MAF to date.

During April this command conducted a total of three day and night-patrols. A total of three persons were detained as V's of which two were detained for further questioning by 5th CIT and the third released as an innocent civilian. During the reporting period there were two enemy sightings. A total of 14 enemy contacts were reported as follows:

- (1) 1-LVT detonated a floating mine.
- (2) 3-LVT's detonated anti-tank mines.
- (3) 2-LVT's detonated AP/mines.
- (4) 3-LVT's detonated SFD's.
- (5) 2-LVT's received small arms fire.
- (6) 1-Attack by fire.
- (7) 2-Surprise firing devices.

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The Battalion had an average of 112 vehicles committed daily in direct support of the 1st Marine Division. The mission and frequency of specific tasks were:

- (1) Patrol and Minesweep - 84
- (2) Waterway Denial and River Patrol - 8
- (3) Blocking Force - 7
- (4) Security Force - 11
- (5) Red Cap Force - 7
- (6) Search and Destroy - 20
- (7) Ambush - 23
- (8) Convoy Escort - 28
- (9) Security - 117
- (10) Administrative - 149
- (11) Recovery - 96
- (12) Troop Movement - 18

Vehicle utilization averaged 5.24 hours per day carrying an average of 14 persons and 675 pounds of cargo per day.

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(1) The personnel readiness category remains at C-2 for the month of April. We do anticipate a change in this category to C-1 when a significant amount of replacements will arrive in the month of May.

(2) Two Marine Officers and forty-four Marine Enlisted rotated to CONUS. Four Marine Officers and forty-four Marine Enlisted were received.

(3) Our first term reenlistment rate was 66.6% based on two reenlistments, and our career reenlistment was 100% based on three reenlistments.

(4) The Battalion sustained the following casualties: 10 Marine Enlisted were wounded and all were medevaced out of country.

(5) There was 22MCI and 6 USAFI enrollments.

(6) There were 18 Purple Hearts awarded.

(7) Seven Marines went on R and R. This program receives full participation and is essential to the morale of this command.

(8) Ten extensions of overseas tours were forwarded for approval. These extensions have made a substantial increase in this Battalion's Combat Readiness and Effectiveness.

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- (9) The Battalion's Savings Bond participation stands at 85.9%.
 - (10) The Exchange Services are excellent.

b. ENEMY

(1) The enemy units operating near our perimeter range from squad to platoon size. These units usually operate in the areas South, North, and West of our CP. Due to the VC's limited capabilities they are forced to conduct harrassing type activities around our area. The VC tend to avoid any prolonged contact with our partols and perimeter guards.

(2) The enemy's principle tactic will continue to be the use of Surprise Firing Devices and Mines to inflict casualties, interdict traffic and hamper the fulfillment of operational commitments in our area.

(3) The enemy has the capability to conduct single or multiple ground attacks against our CP.

(4) The enemy has the capability to conduct attacks by fire supported 122mm and 140mm rockets.

(5) The enemy has the capability of engaging in Psychological Warfare Operations to gain control over the civilian populace.

(6) The enemy has the capability of withdrawing to the remote areas of our ACR.

(7) The enemy has the capability to interdict our lines of communications and routes of movement by minings, SFD's, and/or ambushes.

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(a) Civilian Population. The inhabitants in the immediate Marble Mountains live in the following villages: NUI KIM SON, SON THUY, and TAN LUU. They are continuing to side with the Government of South Vietnam; however due to the presence of the Viet Cong who operate within these villages, they willingly and out of fear render assistance to the Viet Cong. The attitude displayed by the villagers is one of knowledge of any incidents prior to their occurrence, and total lack of warning to friendly troops. They continue to express fear of Viet Cong retaliation, should they give information to GVN or American Officials, thus lending credence to the control factor the Viet Cong have in these villages.

c. WEATHER

(1) During the month of April 1969, the monthly mean precipitation increased to .59 inches. The temperature ranged from a low of 64° to a high of 98°. The illumination ranged from a high of 100% on 3 April to a low of 0% on 16 April. The average visibility was six plus miles. The wind direction was variable with an average velocity of 8 knots.

(2) The general overall weather conditions were partly cloudy with a cloud ceiling of 4,500 feet.

(3) This Command could have participated with other units in low and mid level operations without being hampered by severe weather conditions.

d. Terrain. The terrain conditions since the last reporting period has not had an adverse change that would hamper this unit in normal operations.

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(1) Formal training and OJT were conducted in conjunction with operational commitments. The following classes were presented.

- (a) Personal Response
- (b) Weapons Safety
- (c) Care and Cleaning of Weapons
- (d) VC Mines and Booby Traps
- (e) Map and Compass Reading
- (f) Voice Radio Procedures
- (g) Map and Aerial Photograph Reading
- (h) Military Courtesy and Discipline
- (i) First Aid and Sanitation
- (j) Rules of Engagement
- (k) Handling of Detainees and POW's
- (l) Forward Observer Procedures
- (m) M-72 LAAW
- (n) River Crossings
- (o) Excavating Techniques (LVTEL)
- (p) Line Charge Firing Procedures (LVTEL)
- (q) Military Leadership

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(2) Two officers and twelve enlisted Marines attended formal schools during this period as follows:

- (a) Officer Leadership Course - 2
- (b) SNCO Leadership Course - 2
- (c) NCO Leadership Course - 3
- (d) Organic Supply Accounting Course - 2
- (e) Welders School - 3
- (f) 16mm Projectionist School - 1
- (g) Career Planning - 1

f. Logistics

(1) Supply

(a) Responsiveness of the supply system with the exception of a few items has regressed over the past month.

(b) The deficiencies are four LVTP5A1's and two LVTEL's. The Command is awaiting disposition instructions on four LVTP5A1's and two LVTEL's.

(c) Jungle clothing is beginning to arrive to alleviate a critical problem area. However, various outstanding requisitions are yet unfilled with significant leadtime involved.

(d) This command has yet to receive a full complement of fireproof clothing. The protection afforded by the fire retardant clothing was proven recently when an LVT was mined and burned. The driver received second degree burns on the face and upper extremities. His boots and shoe laces burned. Individual did not receive burns on legs or lower torso as a result of wearing fire-retardant trousers.

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(e) LVT Starters and generators have arrived in the Secondary Depot Repairable Item Program. In addition rebuilt LVT engines and transmissions are now held at Shop Stores FSR for exchange as required. These items in addition to starter jaws, which were previously reported critical, are no longer considered critical. A system has been developed where starter hubs can be repaired by welding and machining. Though this expedient has decreased this Command's deadline rate, the item is still considered critical. Track, adapter bolts, rim assembly road wheels are critical items and have been on order in excess of sixty days.

(2) Maintenance

(a) During this reporting period two LVTP5A1's sustained combat damage as a result of enemy mines. One was declared a combat loss and the other is awaiting despositions instruction.

(b) One LVTP5A1 submerged during a river crossing operation when the river bank caved into the river carrying the LVT with it. Vehicle was recovered and did not require evacuation. One LVTP5A1 from 1st FSR's Maintenance Float was received as a replacement vehicle.

(c) CG III MAF msg 210826Z Apr 69 established a new temporary allowance of LVTEL's in this Command of six LVTEL's vice eight LVTEL's.

(d) Received authorization to drop from the account one LVTEL which was submerged Jan 1969, also received authorization to requisition a replacement.

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(e) The average daily deadline during the reporting period was five LVTP5A1's and three LVTE1's.

(3) Communications

(a) At the present time there are twenty-three six inch holes in the LVT's where the antenna matching Units MX-6707 are supposed to be installed. Tractors missing a antenna matching unit have a reduced capability in that only one radio may be used at one time and water-tight integrity is lost.

(b) As reported in the March 1969 Command Chronology this Command is still receiving microphone assemblies M133G and M138/U packaged under the same FSN, 5965-937-1851. At present there are seventy-five Tractor Crewman's Helmets (CVC) in a deadlined status within this Command.

(4) Motor Transport

(a) The daily deadline rate for wheeled vehicles was 6%.

(b) During the reporting period two motor vehicles, one a M-35A2C and the other a MRC-109, were coded "H" as the result of accidents.

(c) Total mileage logged by the Battalion Motor Transport was 38,568.

(5) Medical. The following statistical information is provided concerning medical activities:

(a) Venereal Disease (New) - 1

(b) Physical Examinations - 11

(c) Patients seen on Med-Cap Program - 150

(d) Inoculations given on Med-Cap Program - 2300

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- (e) Patients seen in BAS-336
- (f) Numbers of inoculations given in BAS-851
- (g) One corpman detached from Command

(6) Miscellaneous

- (a) Work commenced on rewiring the Messhall and a new burner shed was constructed adjacent to the Messhall.
- (b) The access road from Route 13C into the CP was graded and oiled.
- (c) A Public Works construction team commenced correcting structural discrepancies within the cantonment. Work consisted of screen repairs, electrical work, and patching roofs.
- (d) "A" and "B" Company's supply buildings were raised above the high water mark to prevent flooding during the monsoon season.

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15 May 1969g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

- (1) VIP funds of 13,000\$VN was expended to VN personnel for turning in various types of munitions such as; M-79 HE, Gas and Fragmentation Grenades, 60mm Illumination, M-16 rounds.
- (2) Solatium payments of 19,000\$VN was expended to personnel from KHUE BAC (H), HOA LONG (V) HOA VANG (D) for injuries, fatalities, and damage to their homes. With authorization of 1st MarDiv G-5, 2,000\$VN of the 19,000\$VN was paid for damage to homes that were destroyed by fire from 60mm illumination flares fired by FOB-4, who refused to make solatium payments.
- (3) The Swiftboat unit in this area on 24 April fired upon and destroyed five fishing boats and nets of villagers from XOM SON THUY. Payment will be made by III MAF of the Swift boat Command.
- (4) Four truck loads of wood and two bags of cement was presented to the villagers of XOM SON THUY and fifteen bags of cement to the monks from KHUE BAC who are building a school.
- (5) HOA LONG (V) was struck with a plague epidemic. Our Battalion Aid Station rendered medical assistance by giving plague shots, fumigation of homes, and evacuation of the seriously ill.

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15 May 1969h. COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Personnel strength is near T/O and no critical shortage is foreseen exists at the present time.
- (2) The communication platoon has seven items deadlined awaiting parts and sixty items at 1st FSR for third and fourth echelon maintenance. There are two items of test equipment in for calibration and eight test equipments on requisition.
- (3) A T/E shortage still exists for seventeen Radio Sets, AN/PRC-77 and one AN/MRC-109. Requisition for the AN/MRC-109 is valid. The Radio Sets-AN/PRC-77 are initial issue and are to be force fed by the supply system.
- (4) One Radio Set AN/MRC-109 was in an accident. Radios were removed and are held at Battalion Communication Sections. The vehicle is at 1st FSR for repair or disposition.

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CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. See enclosure (2) for supporting documents.

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(U) SITREP #39 AS OF ~~010000H~~ TO ~~012400H~~ APR69

1. (U) UNIT LOC: NO CHNG

2. (U) SUM OF OPER: NO CHNG

3. (C) CONTACTS: AT ~~011530H~~ AT 926841BT THIRD AMTRACBN LVT HIT
SML EXPL DEV IN WATER. INSPECTD AREA W/ NEG RES. NOTIF LVT PERS.

B. AT ~~012315H~~ AT ~~086707~~ THIRD AMTRACBN PTL WHILE SET IN AMBUSH
REC'D ONE C/S GREN, TWO M-26 GRENS FROM HOUSE AT ABOVE COORD. ONE
MINOR CAS. PUT ON GAS MASKS. SERCHD AREA W/NEG RES.

G. (C) (B) ONE USMC MINOR LEG WND

H. (C) (A) NO. 8 RDWHEEL RUBBER BLOWN OFF

4. (U) SIGNIF EVNTS: NONE

5. (C) CAS: ONE USMC MINOR

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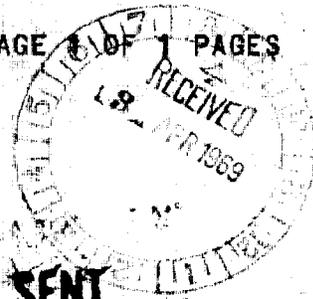
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1. (U) UNIT LOC: NO CHNG
2. (U) SUM OF OPER: NO CHNG
3. (C) CONTACTS: (FOLLOW-UP TO SITREP 039 CONTACT B.) ADD INFO LINE F: TWO VN CIV KIA. ADD INFO LINE G: THREE VN CIV WIA.
A. AT 021145H AT BT068689 WHILE ON RESUP MISS LVT DET UNK TYPE ANTI-PERS FIRING DEV. NEG DAM TO LVT. NEG CAS.
4. (U) SIGNIF EVNTS: NONE
5. (U) CAS: NONE

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	Act	Info	Int
CO		4	
IO		3	
Sgt/Maj		1	
S-1		5	
S-2		6	
S-3		2	
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1. (U) UNIT LOC: NO CHNG **HAS BEEN SENT**
2. (U) SUM OF OPER: NO CHNG
3. (C) CONTACTS: AT 081000H AT BT098553 TWO LVTS PROCEEDING UP SONG CAU LAU RIVER AMBUSHED W/ 15-25 RND5 S/A FIRE FM UNK SIZE ENEMY FOR. RETURNED FIRE, CALLED ARTY. CONDUCTED MEDEVAC.
6. (A) ONE USMC WIA
4. (U) SIGNIF EVNTS: NONE
5. (O) CAS: ONE USMC WIA
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1. (U) UNIT LOC: NO CHNG
2. (U) SUM OF OPER: NO CHNG
3. (C) CONTACTS: AT 100945H AT #17608 ONE USMC WHILE WALKING IN COL. NEXT TO LVI TRIGGERED BOOBY TRAP WINDING HIMSELF & TWO OTHER USMC. CONDUCTED MED EVAC TO NSA.
- (D) AT 101350H AT #56636 WHILE PROCEEDING TO PHASE LINE RED, LVI DEI PRESS DEI TYPE MINE. NEG DAM TO VEH, NEG BERS INJ. CON/D MIS.
6. (A) THREE USMC WIA
4. (U) SIGNIF EVENTS: NONE
5. (C) CAS: THREE USMC WIA

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1. (U) UNIT LOG: NO CHNG

2. (U) SUM OF OPER: NO CHNG

3. (C) CONTACTS: AT 111105H AT 138542 WHILE DISEMBARK TRPS ON BANK OF SONG PHU BON RIV, BANK GAVE WAY, CAUSING LVI TO SLIDE INTO DEEP WATER. ENGINE STALLED. VEH SUBMROD EXCEPT SMALL FORWARD PORTION. SALVGD SUPPLIES, RETRIEVED VEH.

4. (U) SIGNIF EVNIS: NONE -

5. (U) CAS: NONE -

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SITREP 1407 AS OF 140001H TO 142400H APR 69 (U)

- 1. (U) UNIT LOC: NO CHNG
- 2. (U) SUM OF OPER: NO CHNG
- 3. (O) CONTACTS: AT 140700H AT 045653 WHILE PROCEEDING ON TO GAU ROAD, LVT HIT PRESS DET 40-60LB MINE. CONDUCTED MED EVAC NSA.
- 6. (A) ONE USMC
- 4. (U) SIGNIF EVNTS: NONE
- 5. (O) GAS: ONE USMC WIA

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1. (U) UNIT LOG: NO CHNG
 2. (U) SIB OF OPER: NO CHNG
 3. (C) CONTACTS: AT 151025H AT COORD 035520 WHILE ON SEARCH AND DES OPER W/
5TH CO ROKMC, REC'D APPROX 50-100 RND S/A FIRE FM TREE LINE. ONE USMC
WMD RIGHT ANKLE. RETURNED FIRE W/ 2000 RND S/A FIRE. CONDUCTD MED EVAC.
 4. (A) ONE USMC WIA
 4. (U) SIGNIF EVNTS: NONE
 5. (C) CAS: ONE USMC WIA
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1. (U) UNIT LOC: NO CHNG
2. (U) SUM OF OPER: NO CHNG
3. (C) CONTACTS: AT 1610~~00~~15H AT 0747~~00~~77 LOC VN CIVNS REPORTD VN CHILD W/ POSS CASE PLAQUE TO THIRD AMTRACEN PTL. CONDUCTD MEDEVAC TO KU-SON HOSP DANANG
(B) A T 1616~~00~~3H AT 0747~~00~~77 VN WOMAN W/ POSS CASE PLAQUE APPROACHD THIRD AMTRACEN MAINGATE SENTRY REQ'NG ASSIST FROBAS. CONCTED MEDEVAC TO KU-SON HOSP DANANG.
(C) AT 1618~~00~~0H AT 0747~~00~~77 THIRD AMTRACEN PTL DISCVRD ONE VN WOMAN W/ POSS CASE PLAQUE.
4. (U) SIGNIF EVNTS: NONE
5. (C) CAS: THREE VN CIV PERS W/ POSS PLAQUE

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1. (U) UNIT LOC: NO CHNG
2. (U) SUM OF OPER: NO CHNG
3. (C) CONTACTS: AT 170740H AT COORD BT 74708 TWO VN CIVILNS W/ POSS CASE PLAGUE REQD MED ASSIST FM THIRD AMTRACEN. MEDEVACD PERS TO HU-SON HOSP, DANANG.
(B) ONE VN WOMAN W/ POSS CASE PLAGUE REQD MED ASSIST FM THIRD AMTRACEN. MEDEVACD WOMAN TO HU-SON HOSP, DANANG.
6. (A) TWO VN CIVILNS W/ POSS CASE PLAGUE
(B) ONE VN CIVILN W/ POSS CASE PLAGUE
4. (U) SIGNIF EVNTS: NONE
5. (C) CAS: THREE VN CIVILNS

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SITREP #48 AS OF 180000H TO 182400H APR69 (U)

1. (U) UNIT LOC: NO CHNG

2. (U) SUM OF OPER: NO CHNG

3. (C) CONTACTS: AT 180730H AT BT#78708 TWO VN WOMEN W/POSS PLAGUE REQD MED ASSIST
FM THIRD AMTRACBN. MEDEVACD WOMEN EU-SON HOSP DANANG.

(B) AT 181330H AT BT#78703 CAP UNIT REQD MED ASSIST FM THIRD AMTRACBN FOR VN CHILD
W/BROKEN ARM. MEDEVACD CHILD EU-SON HOSP DANANG.

(C) AT 181445H AT BT#78708 ONE VN MALE W/STOMACH CRAMPS & HIGH FEVER REQD MED ASSIST
FM THIRD AMTRACBN. MEDEVACD VN MALE EU-SON HOSP DANANG.

(D) AT 181735H AT BT #78708 VN CIVILN APPROCHD PTL W/POSS PLAGUE VICTIM. MEDEVACD
VICTIM EU-SON HOSP DANANG.

(E) AT 181930H AT BT#78708 CAP UNIT REQD MEDEVA FOR VN CHILD W/POSS PLAGUE. MEDEVACD
CHILD NSA HOSP.

4. (U) SIGNIF EVNTS: NONE

5. (C) CAS: SIX VN CIVILNS

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SITREP #19 AS OF 190000H TO 192000H APR69 (U)

1. (U) UNIT LOG: NO CHNG
2. (U) SUM OF OPER: NO CHNG
3. (C) CONTACTS: AT 190920H AT BT#74708 ONE VN WOMAN REQD MED ASSIST FM THIRD AMTRACBN FOR POSS CASE PLAQUE. MEDEVACD WOMAN HU-SON HOSP, DANANG.
(B) AT 191100H AT BT#74708 VN WOMAN W/POSS PLAQUE REQD MED ASSIST FM THIRD AMTRACBN. MEDEVACD WOMAN HU-SON HOSP, DANANG.
(C) AT 191125H AT BT#74708 ONE VN BABY W/POSS PLAQUE BROUGHT THIRD AMTRACBN PZL FOR MED ASSIST. MEDEVACD BABY HU-SON HOSP, DANANG.
(D) AT 191925H AT BT#78708 ONE VN CHLD, W/POSS PLAQUE, BROUGHT THIRD AMTRACBN G.P. OR MED ASSIST. MED EVACD CHLD NSA HOSP.
4. (U) SIGNIF EVNTS: NONE
5. (C) CAS: FOUR VN CIVILNS W/POSS PLAQUE

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SITREP ~~050~~ AS OF ~~200000H~~ TO ~~202100H~~ APR69 (U)

1. (U) UNIT LOC: NO CHNG
2. (U) SUM OF CPERS: NO CHNG
3. (C) CONTACTS: AT ~~200750H~~ AT 922838 THIRD AMTRACBN LVT DET SPD OF UNK SIZE
IN REVERL REACHED VEN, CHKD VEN. CNTD MIS.
(B) ~~200050H~~ AT ~~BT074700~~ VN GIRL W/POSS PLAGUE REQD MED ASSIST FM THIRD
AMTRACBN. MEDEVACD GIRL EU-SON HOSP, DANANG.
(C) AT ~~201140H~~ AT ~~BT074700~~ ONE VN WOMAN W/POSS PLAGUE REQD MED ASSIST FM
THIRD AMTRACBN. MED EVACD VN WOMAN EU-SON HOSP, DANANG.
4. (U) SIGNIF EVNTS: NONE
5. (U) CAS: TWO VN CIVLNS

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SITREP #51 AS 220000H TO 222400H APR69 (U)

1. (U) UNIT LOC: NO CHNG

2. (U) SUM OF OPER: NO CHNG:

3. (C) CONTACTS: AT 220945H AT #41578 FIRST LVT IN COL HIT PRESS DET 100LB MINE. ESTAB
SEC. REQD MEDEVAC THREE USMC WIA.

(B) AT 221000H AT #65652 LVT CREWMAN WORKING IN ENGINE COMPARTMENT PAINTED, DUE POSS
HEAT STROKE. CONDUCTD MEDEVAC.

(C) AT 221450H AT #82697 US ARMY MEDCAP REQD MED ASSIST FM THIRD ANTRACOM FOR ONE
VN CHILD W/POSS PLAGUE. CONDUCTD MEDEVAC KU-SON HOSP DANANG.

(D) AT 221650H AT #82697 REQD RPT FM ARMS OF TWO SFDS (ONE 8200H MOR RND W/TRIP WIRE,
ONE 8200H MOR RND IN 105MM ILLUM RND CANNISTER). PRESS FM THIRD ANTRACOM DISPATCHD DES
SFD. BLEW SFDS IN PLACE.

G. (A) THREE USMC WIA

(B) ONE USMC HEAT STROKE

(C) ONE VN CHILD (PLAGUE)

H. (A) ONE LVTP5A1 DES W/AS-ORTD EQUIP

4. (U) SIGNIF EVNTS: NONE

5. (C) CAS: FOUR USMC
ONE VN CHILD

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SITREP #52 AS OF 240000H TO 240000H APR69 (U)

1. (U) UNIT LOC: NO CHNG
2. (U) SUB OF OPER: NO CHNG
3. (C) CONTACTS: AT 240710H AT 083705 VN CIVLNS APPROCHD SEA ANCHOR
W/ ONE VN WOMAN WIA. WOMAN RECD WINDS FM UNK SOURCE. THIRD AMTRACBN
MEDEVACD WOMAN EU-SON HOSP, DANANG.
(B) AT 241940H AT 088608 2/1 UNIT REQD MEDEVAC BE CONDUCTD BY
THIRD AMTRACBN FOR TWO USMC WIA. CONDUCTD MEDEVAC NSA HOSP.
(C) AT 242023H AT 071703 CAP 2-7-6 REQD MED ASSIST FM THIRD AMTRACBN
FOR THREE PF WIA. CONDUCTD MEDEVAC NSA HOSP.
4. (U) SIGNIF EVNTS: NONE
5. (C) CAS: ONE VN CIVLN WIA
TWO USMC WIA
THREE PF WIA

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SITREP #53 AS OF 251800Z TO 252400Z APR69 (U)

1. (U) UNIT LOC: NO CHNG
2. (U) SUB OF OPER: NO CHNG
3. (C) CONTACTS: AT 251800Z AT BT 747000 ONE VN WOMAN W/BULLET WND LEFT SIDE RECD MEDASSIST FM THIRD ANTRACBN. WOMAN RECD WND FM COOK-OFF RND DANANG EAST DUMP (BT 69713). CONDUCTD MEDEVAC HSA HOSP.

(B) AT 251800Z RECD TWO LOW LEVEL AGENT RPTS WRNG OF 50-100VC W/ MIS TO ATTACK CAP 2-7-6 (BT 27272) APPROX 260100Z TO 260300Z APR69. NOTIFD 2/1, SEA ANCHOR.

6. (A) ONE VN CIVLN WOMAN WIA

4. (U) SIGNIF EVNTS: NONE

5. (C) CAS: ONE VN WOMAN WIA

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SITREP #55 AS OF 29~~00~~01H TO 2924~~00~~01H APR69 (U) (LATE SUBMISSION)

1. (U) UNIT LOC: NO CHNG
2. (U) SUM OF OPER: NO CHNG
3. (C) CONTACTS: AT 2919~~00~~01H AT BT0747~~00~~03 ONE VN WOMAN W/POSS PLAGUE
REQD MED ASSIST FM THIRD ANTRACBN. MEDEVACD WOMAN EU-SON HOSP DANANG.
(B) AT 2916~~00~~01H AT BT925942 WHILE TRAVELING IN COL, ANTRAC DET CONCUSSN
GRENADE. REQD MINOR DAM ROAD WHEEL. CHCKD AREA W/ NEG RES. CONTD MIS.
(C) AT 2917~~00~~01H AT BT398487 LVTE-1 DET ONE 105MM RND W/EXCAVATOR BLADE,
WHILE ON SEARCH & DES MIS. BELIEVD PRESS DET SFD. CHCKD VEH W/NEG DAM.
(D) AT 2922~~00~~01H AT BT995647 ONE LVT PERS MEDEVACD NSA HOSP W/APPENDICITIS.
6. (A) ONE VN WOMAN W/POSS PLAGUE
(D) ONE USMC W/APPENDICITIS
4. (U) SIGNIF EVNTS: NONE
5. (C) CAS: ONE VN WOMAN
ONE USMC SICK

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SITREP 056 AS OF ~~300001H~~ TO ~~302400H~~ APR69 (U)

1. (U) UNIT LOC: NO CHNG
2. (U) SUM OF OPER: NO CHNG
3. (C) CONTACTS AT ~~301445H~~ AT BT~~077709~~ THIRD ANTRACBN RECON PTL LOCTD IN CHINSTRAP MNTN CAVE CONTAINING 178 AK47 RND; ONE VC GREEN UNIFORM; ONE SANDBAG PACK. ITEMS PRESENTLY RETAINED THIRD ANTRACBN S-2. WILL DES. (B) AT ~~301525H~~ AT BT~~097000~~ LVT DET H-26 SFD. RECD NEG DAM. CONTD WIS.
4. (U) SIGNIF EVNTS: NONE
5. (U) CAS: NONE

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AFTER OPERATION REPORT
"B" COMPANY

21 Apr 1969

1. CODE NAME: Victory Dragon X
2. DATES OF OPERATION: 9-18 Apr69
3. LOCATION: Grid Squares, 1353, 1453, 1553, 1653, 1354, 1454, 1554, 1654
4. UNITS SUPPORTED: 9th, 10th, 11th Company, 3d Bn 2d ROKMC Brigade
5. LVT TASK ORGANIZATION AND COMMANDER: 8 LVT's 2d Plt, "B" Co, 3d AmTrac Bn. 2d Lt N. CRAWFORD Plt Cmdr.
6. LVT MISSION: Search and clear, Re-supply, and Amphibious assault
7. BRIEF SUMMARY OF OPERATION: The 3d Bn, 2d ROKMC Brigade conducted a search and destroy operation from grids square 1353 to 1653, grid square 1354 to 1654 with 8 LVT's. 11th and 9th Company made an Amphibious assault from 155536 and 159541 and 165540.
8. RESULTS:

LVT KIA <u>0</u>	VC & NVA KIA <u>25</u>
LVT MIANE <u>0</u>	VC & NVA KIA (PROB) <u>0</u>
LVT MIA <u>0</u>	VC & NVA PW <u>20</u>
9. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES AND LESSONS LEARNED: Lessons Learned

A thorough recon of a splash point must be made before crossing a river to avoid unnecessary terrain. It should be made with enough time allowed to observe many possible sites.
10. DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED: A problem arose when one LVT became stuck and the KMC's were to impatient to wait for the other LVT's present to pull it out. More knowledge of LVT's must be given to KMC's, especially CoCmdrs and above.

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AFTER OPERATION REPORT
"B" Company

29 Apr 1969

1. CODE NAME: VICTORY DRAGON X
2. DATES OF OPERATION: 10-28 Apr 1969
3. LOCATION: Southeast and Northwest of DIEN BAN
4. UNITS SUPPORTED: 1st and 2d Bn, 2d ROOME Brigade
5. LVT TASK ORGANIZATION AND COMMANDER: 4th Plt, "B" Co, 3d AmTracBn.
GySgt F. OVERCASH Plt Cmd
6. LVT MISSION: Re-supply and search and destroy. Blocking forces and 106mm RR and crews
7. BRIEF SUMMARY OF OPERATION: The 5th and 6th companies of the 2d Bn conducted search and destroy missions southeast of DIEN BAN. Met heavy resistance of SAF from VC forces in spider holes and ambush sites. 1st, 2d, and 3d companies of the 1st Bn also met strong resistance Northwest of DIEN BAN mostly from sniper fire and ambush sites with a few bunkers.
8. RESULTS:

LVT KIA <u>0</u>	VC & NVA KIA <u>268</u>
LVT MIA <u>0</u>	VC & NVA KIA (PROB) <u>0</u>
LVT MIA <u>0</u>	VC & NVA PW <u>43</u>

Individual Weapons captured 148
Crew served weapons captured 12
9. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES AND LESSONS LEARNED: No special equipment.

LESSON LEARNED

There must be closer supervision and coordination of the mine sweeping teams escorting LVT's. One LVT hit a mine and was destroyed. It was later learned that only one side of the road had been swept and cleaned by mine sweep team. Result; 1-LVT destroyed and 3LVT crewman wounded.

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