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FIRST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY  
11th Marines  
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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Encl: ✓(1) First Armored Amphibian Company Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) through (d), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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**COMMAND CHRONOLOGY**  
1 June 1967 to 30 June 1967

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PART IORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1st Armored Amphibian Company  
11th Marine Regiment

Major D. L. HOWARTH  
1-30 June 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Company CP	DaNang, RVN	1-30 Jun 67
1st Platoon	Dong Ha, RVN	1-7 Jun 67
	DaNang, RVN	9-30 Jun 67
2nd Platoon	DaNang, RVN	1-30 Jun 67
3rd Platoon	DaNang, RVN	1-6 Jun 67
	Dong Ha, RVN	7-30 Jun 67

3. STAFF OFFICERS

<u>(Billet)</u>	<u>(Rank and Name)</u>	<u>(Dates)</u>
Executive Officer	Capt. R. W. SCHMID	1-30 Jun 67
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt R. S. MCLELLAN	1-30 Jun 67
1st Platoon Leader	2ndLt H. E. MACDONALD	1-30 Jun 67
2nd Platoon Leader	1stLt S. R. LAGERLOF	1-30 Jun 67
3rd Platoon Leader	2ndLt J. J. ROBERSON	1-12 Jun 67
3rd Platoon Leader	2ndLt S. E. COTTLE	12-30 Jun 67
Liaison Officer	2ndLt S. E. COTTLE	1-12 Jun 67
Liaison Officer	2ndLt G. L. PHILLIPS	1-30 Jun 67
Liaison Officer	2ndLt P. J. O'BRIEN JR.	1-30 Jun 67
Liaison Officer	2ndLt J. J. ROBERSON	12-30 Jun 67
Supply Officer	Capt. T. R. BERCHOU	1-30 Jun 67
Maintenance Officer	2ndLt H. P. GIBBS	1-30 Jun 67

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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>
11	231	0	3	0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. The 1st Platoon departed from its position at the mouth of the Cua Viet River (YD 348698) on 7 June 1967. They arrived at the Command Post (AT 995723) on 9 June 1967 after experiencing difficulties in getting from the Bridge Pier to the Command Post due to a road from coordinates 002723 to 028733 being closed to tracked vehicles. They have remained in the CP except for two vehicles that supported the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines for two days.

2. The 2nd Platoon continues to be located at coordinates (AT 98416748) where they are OPCON to the 1st Battalion, 11th Marines. During the month, they remained in position except for participating in operations ARIZONA and BROWN from 13-20 June 1967.

3. The 3rd Platoon left the Command Post, coordinates (AT 995723), on 6 June 1967 and arrived at the 1st Platoon's old position at the mouth of the Cua Viet River (YD 348698) on 7 June 1967. They have performed the mission of General Support Reinforcing for the entire period. The 3rd Platoon received heavy artillery and mortar fire on 12 June 1967 resulting in five WIAs. Three members of the platoon distinguished themselves and were recommended for awards.

4. TABLE OF INDIRECT AND DIRECT FIRE MISSIONS

<u>PLT</u>	<u>OBSERVED FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOT</u>	<u>H&amp;I</u>
1st	46	0	0	96
2nd	76	0	6	220
3rd	35	2	0	572

<u>PLT</u>	<u>TOTAL RDS FIRED</u>	<u>SUPPORTING</u>
1st	604	III MAF
2nd	1566	III MAF
3rd	1972	III MAF

<u>PLT</u>	<u>DIRECT FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL ASSESMENTS</u>
1st	0	0
2nd	4	No confirmed KIA
3rd	4	17 Confirmed WIA
		20 Probable KIA

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Personnel and Administration. The Company has 66% of its personnel due for rotation during the months of October and November of this year. Routine administration was conducted normally without any significant problems or unusual occurrences. Below are listed the significant personnel changes during the month:

- (1) Joinings: Ten (10) Enlisted
- (2) Transfers: Seven (7) Enlisted
- (3) Net present for duty (man days)

	OFF	ENL
TAD	0	90
TEM DUINS	0	7
Lv(emerg)	11	86
R&R	0	131
Hosp(NBC)	0	19
Hosp(WIA)	23	47

- (4) Promotions: 1 Sgt - 9 Cpl - 34 ICpl - 4 PFC
- (5) Awards: 1 Silver Star - 2 Bronze Stars - 10 Navy Commendation Medals - 6 Purple Hearts
- (6) One KIA Enlisted
- (7) Seven WIA (6 medevaced)

b. Training. This Company continued on a planned program of GMSF subject classes and on the job training. Officer and Staff school is conducted on a weekly basis. Special emphasis was placed on instruction of the M-16 rifle to include care, cleaning and familiarization firing. Test firing and familiarization firing of individual and crew served weapons continued as required.

c. Special Operations

(1) Operation ARIZONA. From 13-20 June 1967, the 2nd Platoon was involved in a multi-battalion operation south of DaNang. On 12 June 1967, one section from the 2nd Platoon moved to coordinates 870480 to provide direct fire for the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines. On 14 June 1967 the remainder of the 2nd Platoon moved to Hill 65 (coordinates 882581). At approximately 1800 on 15 June 1967, an LVTH-6 vehicle #22, received a direct hit in the radiator from a 57mm recoilless rifle. Consequently, the engine froze. In Operation ARIZONA, One man was KIA and two men were WIA and evacuated. On 17 June 1967, one section secured from the operation and returned to their command post at 1st Battalion, 11th Marines. Another section went to Hill 55 (coordinates 970627) for indirect fire in support

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of Operation BROWN and secured on 20 June 1967. There were no confirmed enemy casualties from either operation. The platoon expended 2,366 .50 caliber rounds, 1,400 .30 caliber rounds, 750 7.62mm rounds and 250 rounds of 5.56mm ammunition.

(2) Operation with G Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines. On 27 June 1967, two LVTH-6s and one LVTP5 from the 1st Platoon moved to Hill 190, (coordinates 895822), in support of G Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines. They assumed a defensive role and fired indirect fire until 30 June 1967, at which time they secured from the operation and returned to the CP.

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PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Annex A (list of references) to 1st Armored Amphibian Company Command  
Chronology 1 June to 30 June 1967.

<u>References</u>	<u>Attached</u>
a. Map Vietnam 1:50,000 series L7014, sheet 6640I, HOI AN	Not attached
b. Map Vietnam 1:50,000 series L7014, sheet 6640IV, DAI LOC	Not attached
c. Map Vietnam 1:50,000 series L7014, sheet 6641III, DANANG	Not attached
d. Map Vietnam 1:50,000 series L7014, sheet 6442IV, QUANG TRI	Not attached

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