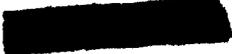


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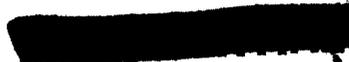
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 July to 31 July 1967

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PART I
ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (-) 1-31 Jul: LtCol Robert L. SHUFORD

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Bn 1-31 Jul: Maj Ruel O. DEPOALI
 "A" Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Bn 1-2 Jul: Capt Gary D. SOLIS
 3-31 Jul: Maj Robert D. DASCH
 "B" Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Bn 1-31 Jul: Capt William H. VAN ANTWERP

ATTACHED UNITS

1-5 Jul: 4th Plt, Company "A", 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion OPCON 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (-), (Rein). 6 Jul: Said Plt/Co. returned to parent unit.

2. LOCATION.

1-31 Jul: Da Nang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Executive Officer | 1-31 Jul: Maj James E. SWAB |
| S-1 | 1-31 Jul: 1stLt Frank A. LAMBERT |
| S-2 | 1-10 Jul: 2dLt David E. WELBORN 11-31 Jul: 1stLt James R. LYNCH |
| S-3 | 1-21 Jul: Maj Robert D. DASCH 3-31 Jul: Maj James E. SWAB |
| S-4 | 1-31 Jul: Maj Ruel O. DEPOALI |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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| 23 | 779 | 3 | 14 | NONE | NONE |

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During this reporting period the battalion maintained an overall combat readiness posture of category 2. Problem areas were: (1) Shortage of Officers, two (2) Majors 1803, and one (1) Capt 2502, one (1) Capt 1803 and two (2) Lt's 1803; (2) Combat equipment losses are at 18%; (3) Critically needed spare parts have not arrived in sufficient quantities. Anticipated future combat losses may degrade our combat equipment readiness to C3.

The Battalion continued its support of the 1st and 7th Marine Regiments and the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines during this period. One (1) platoon remained under operational control of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade in the Chu Lai TAOR. Technique of employment consisted of one platoon (10 LVTP5's) in support of each infantry battalion in the Da Nang TAOR, except 2/7 which is supported by a section (5 LVTP5's).

The missions performed by these platoons vary from battalion to battalion. The basic missions have been re-supply, Med Evac's, tactical sweeps, blocking forces and reaction forces. Other missions performed by the LVT units have been laying of communication wire in water, riverine operations, and road patrols.

The battalion participated in three (3) major operations during this period. An extensive road reconnaissance was made with the 7th Marines. Operation "Elliot" (1/7) utilized six (6) LVTP5's and two (2) LVTE1's. Operation "Sweep" (1/7) was supported by 15 LVTP5's and one (1) LVTP5 CMD. Operation "Gem" (7th Mar) was the largest operation with 24 LVTP5's.

The LVTE1's were extensively used by the 1st Marines during this period. A total of 47 line charges were fired. The line charges were used to clear known mined areas and enemy fortifications.

Camp improvement continues to make excellent progress, especially in the areas of troop supporting facilities. The Mess Hall has undergone extensive remodeling, adding many features that provide this camp with an excellent Mess Hall. The Camp is scheduled for re-wiring in the near future. Work is continuing on the improvement of the battalion's defensive fortifications.

On the 15th of July the Battalion celebrated its 25th Anniversary. A parade and awards ceremony highlighted the day's festivities.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. TOPICS.

a. Personnel and Administration.

(1) During the reporting period three (3) MC Officers, 0 Navy Officers, sixty-four (64) MC Enlisted and 0 Navy Enlisted rotated to CONUS. Four (4) MC Officers, one (1) Navy Officer, twenty-five (25) MC Enlisted and three (3) Navy Enlisted replacements were received.

(2) During the reporting period the battalion had the following casualties: (0) KIA and thirty-three (33) WIA.

b. Intelligence.

(1) Normal administrative and combat intelligence functions were carried out during the month.

(2) Thirteen (13) LVT's were mined during this period, resulting in five (5) requiring evacuation to CONUS, seven (7) second echelon maintenance, and one (1) receiving minor damage to the suspension system.

(3) There were twelve (12) other contacts consisting of eleven (11) incidents of sniper fire and one (1) incident of incoming 81mm mortar fire.

(4) The battalion patrols and ambushes encountered no hostile activity and observed nothing unusual in the assigned sectors of responsibility. Inhabitants of the hamlets around the battalion perimeter have displayed a spirit of friendliness and cooperation.

c. Training.

(1) Formal Training was conducted throughout this month of July in conjunction with operational commitments.

(2) OJT and normal maintenance procedures were conducted during the month.

(3) A training program for new Officers and staff NCO's was established.

(4) Familiarization fire of M16 and 30 Cal machine gun was conducted for new personnel joining the battalion.

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(5) An annual battalion training bulletin was published for this quarter setting forth required general military subjects training.

d. Schools.

- (1) Quotas for schools during 1st Quarter FY 68 were submitted to division.
- (2) Six (6) Enlisted personnel attended Vietnamese Language School.
- (a) Two (2) attended at Okinawa on 1 July.
- (b) Two (2) attended at III MAF on 20 July.
- (c) Two (2) attended at Okinawa on 29 July.
- (3) Three (3) attended NCO Leadership school on 22 July.
- (4) Two (2) attended Weapons Repair School at Okinawa.
- (a) One (1) on 8 July.
- (b) One (1) on 29 July.
- (5) One (1) attended Career Advisory School at Okinawa on 19 July.

e. Special Operations.

(1) Enclosure (2) contains the Battalion's Sit Rep's for 1-31 July 1967.

f. Logistics.

(1) Significant events.

(a) Receipt of a limited quantity of LVT suspension parts and numerous general supply items during the month enables the Battalion to retain a good overall logistic status. (C2).

(b) The deadline for the month averaged approximately 10% for the LVT's. Receipt of the first two (2) LVTP5's under the FY 68 R&E program and notification of incoming combat loss replacements will further improve the readiness position of the Battalion.

(2) Motor Transport.

(a) No particular problem during the month. Notification of approval of a T/E increase of five (5) M35's will greatly improve our organic transportation capability.

g. Civic Action.

(1) MED CAP's were conducted in the hamlets of Bin Thai, Cam Ba and Pho Hoa. A Total of 1267 villagers were treated. The MED CAP to Pho Hoa continued to be jointly administered by the battalion and the ARVN.

(2) Civic improvements were continued in Binh Thai and Cam Boc. Two (2) truck loads of dunnage and twelve truck loads of dirt fill were delivered.

(3) Seven (7) pigs were added to the pig farm in Binh Thai. A total of 7000 pounds of garbage was given to the pig farm.

PART IV
CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1.
 - a. Subordinate unit command's chronologies are incorporated in this report.

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1. RE OPER. NO CHANGE.

2. CONTACTS.

A. AT ~~021500~~ 1H, RECON PATROL LEADER TRIPPED BOOBY TRAPPED GRENADE COORD AT ~~984700~~. ONE (1) USMC WIA.

3. END POSTS LOCATION.

3D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BN
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2. CONTACTS.

A. AT ~~041435H~~ JUL, AT COORD ~~BT65630~~ AN LVT DETONATED A MINE APPROX 100 LBS
G4, DETONATED PRESS TYPE, WHILE IN SUPPORT OF 3/1. DAMAGE CONSISTS OF IDLER RUINED,
SKIIRT BENT, FOUR (4) ROADWHEEL ASSEMBLIES DESTROYED, HOLE IN HULL AND TRACK BROKEN.
FOUR (4) USMC WIANE.

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A. AT 1215H JUL, AT GRID BT16625 AN LVT DETONATED A MINE APPROX 100 LBS, DETONATED PRESS TYPE, WHILE IN SUPPORT OF 1/1. DAMAGE CONSISTS OF (4) ROADWHEELS, SKIRT RIPPED, (4) FUELCELLS DAMAGED AND HULL WARPED. ONE (1) USMC WIA.

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1. BN OPER. NO CHANGE
2. CONTACTS.

A. AT 15~~00~~53~~00~~H JUL, AT COORD BT11562~~0~~ AN LVT DETONATED A MINE APPROX 75LBS PRESSURE DETONATED, WHILE IN SUPPORT OF 1/1, DAMAGE CONSISTS OF (4) ROADWHEELS PARTLY BLOWN OFF, SKIRT RIPPED OUT WARD, HOLE IN HULL AND TRACK DAMAGE.

B. (LATE ENTRY) AT 1414~~00~~5H JUL AT COORD BT~~09~~9365~~0~~ AN LVT DETONATED A MINE APPROX 50LBS PRESSURE DETONATED, WHILE IN SUPPORT OF 3/1 DAMAGE CONSISTS OF (2) ROADWHEEL HOLE IN HULL AND TRACK DAMAGE, ONE (1) USMC WIANS.

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- 1. SUBJECT. NO CHANGE.**
- 2. SUBJECTS.**

A. AT 180415Z JUL AT COORD AT120628 AN LVT DETONATED A MINE APPROX 50 LBS WHILE ON A REE EVAC RUN FOR 1/1. DAMAGE CONSISTS OF TWO (2) ROADWHEELS, SKIRT RIPPED, AND HULL OUT OF LINE. ONE (1) UMS WANE.

B. AT 180530Z JUL AT COORD H064662 AN LVT DETONATED A MINE APPROX 20 LBS PIONEER TYPE WHILE ON A TROOP MOVEMENT FOR 3/1. DAMAGE CONSISTS OF ONE (1) ROADWHEEL AND TORSION ARM DESTROYED. VEH REFINISHED TO 3/1 C.P. ON ITS OWN POWER. FIVE (5) UMS WANE.

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**AT 271559H JUL, AT COORD AT 978494 AN LVT IN SUPPORT OF 2/5
 SUSTAINED A HIT, AFTER WHICH LVT RUC APPROX 24 RDS SWIRL FIRE
 CONTINUING 550 RDS .30 CAL AND 140 RDS 7.62. DAMAGE CONSISTS OF
 THREE (3) BOWDRUMS, TWO (2) TORISON AIDS, HOLE IN HULL AND HULL
 AND FUEL CELLS. VEH WAS TOWED TO 2/5 C.P.**

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A. PROVIDED TWENTY-FOUR (24) LVT'S AND THREE (3) LVT'S CMD'S
 IN SUPPORT OF THE 1ST MARINES ON OPERATION "PIKE". OPERATION
 COMMENCING ON 01 AUG AND CONCLUDING ON OR ABOUT 05 AUG 67.

3. CONTACTS.

A. AT 311500H JUL AT COORD BT19622 AN LVT IN SUPPORT OF
 1/1 DETONATED A MINE. DAMAGE CONSISTS OF FOUR (4) ROAD WHEELS AND
 TWO (2) SUPPORT ROLLERS; ON STARBOARD SIDE. TWO (2) USMC WIRES.

B. AT 311955H JUL AT COORD AT091025 AN LVT IN SUPPORT OF
 2/7 DETONATED A MINE. DAMAGE CONSISTS OF ONE (1) ROADWHEEL,
 STUB SHAFT, SKIRT RIPPED (13" LONG, AFT OF ROADWHEEL ON STAR-
 BOARD SIDE). TRACTOR IS RETURNING TO OP ON ITS OWN POWER.
 TWO (2) USMC WIRE AND TWO (2) USMC WIRES.

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