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Encl: ✓(1) August 1967 Command Chronology
✓(2) Sit Rep's for August 1967

1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.
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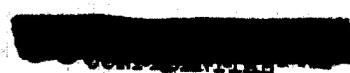
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 August to 31 August 1967

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PART I
ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion

1-31 Aug: LtCol Robert L. SHUFORD

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

ATTACHED UNITS

None.

2. LOCATION.

1-31 Aug: Da Nang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	1-12 Aug: Maj James E. SWAB
	13-31 Aug: Maj Raymond R. BERLING
S-1	1-31 Aug: 1stLt Frank A. LAMBERT
S-2	1-31 Aug: 1stLt James R. LYNCH
S-3	1-31 Aug: Maj James E. SWAB
S-4	1-31 Aug: Maj Ruel O. DEPOALI

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>
27	730	3	13	NONE	NONE

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Battalion maintained an overall combat readiness of category 2 for the reporting period. Receipt of one (1) Major 1803, one (1) Capt 2502, one (1) Capt 1803 and four (4) Lts 1801 placed the personnel status in category 1. Equipment and supply fluctuated between category 2 and category 3. The Battalion finished the reporting period in category 2 in both areas.

The Battalion continued its support of the 1st and 7th Marine Regiments and the 2nd Battalion 5th Marines. 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 in support of each infantry battalion in the Da Nang TAOR, except 2/7 which is supported by a section.

The missions and the number performed by the Battalion were: Search and destroy (130), resupply (210), patrols (91), convoy escort (1), troop movement (32), perimeter security (34), village relocation (3), county fair (2), river patrols and denial (132), blocking forces (88), MED EVACs (20), alternate BAS (15) and reaction forces (210). The Battalion had an average of sixty-four (64) LVTP5's committed each day.

Operation "Pike" conducted by the 1st Marines had 28 LVTP5's in support. Amphibious assault, troop movement, mobile aid station, MED EVAC, perimeter security, HLZ security, Mobile Command Center, and resupply were some of the missions performed by the vehicles. The vehicles were also utilized as mobile platforms for 81mm mortars. Armament for the vehicles was increased by mounting 50 Cal. machine guns. On several occasions the vehicles assaulted fortified positions bringing heavy automatic fire to bear on the enemy. The vehicles were brought under heavy automatic fire and rocket fire several times. The Battalion suffered two (2) KIA, one (1) DOW, three (3) WIAE and seven (7) WIANE during the operation. The Battalion accounted for 8 VC KIA confirmed and 13 VC KIA probable during the operation.

The LVTE1's remained in support of the 1st Marines. Due to a lack of rockets they were only able to fire 18 line charges. The line charges were used to clear known mined areas and enemy fortifications.

Planning began for the new Battalion CP at Marble Mountain. A security element with nine (9) LVTP5's and one (1) LVTP5 CMD was sent to the new area. They are constructing the perimeter wire. Laterite roads have been constructed into the new area and some progress has been made on the planned buildings. Close liaison is being maintained with MCB 133, the construction unit in charge of the project.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. TOPICS.

a. Personnel and Administration.

(1) During the reporting period one (1) MC Officer, one (1) Navy Officer, sixty-three (63) MC Enlisted, and one (1) Navy Enlisted rotated to CONUS. Seven (7) MC Officers, zero (0) Navy Officers, fifty-nine (59) MC Enlisted and two (2) Navy Enlisted replacements were received.

(2) During the reporting period the Battalion had the following casualties: Three (3) KIA and twenty-six (26) WIA.

b. Intelligence.

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

(2) There were ten (10) other contacts consisting of seven (7) incidents of sniper fire, one (1) incident of RPG rocket fire, one (1) rifle grenade and one (1) incident of incoming 81mm mortar fire.

(3) The Battalion's patrolling and ambushing activities were increased during the reporting period. Three (3) contacts were made with negative results in the assigned sectors of responsibility.

c. Training.

(1) Formal training was conducted throughout the month of August in conjunction with operational commitments.

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

(3) Familiarization firing of the M-16 and .30 cal machine gun was conducted for the new personnel joining the Battalion.

d. Schools.

(1) Four (4) Officers and four (4) Enlisted personnel attended M-16 class at 1st Marine Division on 1 Aug 1967.

(2) One (1) Enlisted man attended a III MAF Civic Action orientation course on 17-18 Aug 1967.

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ENCLOSURE (1)

[REDACTED]

(3) One (1) Enlisted man attended the infantry weapons repair school in Okinawa 18 Aug.

(4) Three (3) Enlisted man attended NCO Leadership school in Okinawa 19 Aug.

(5) Two (2) Enlisted men attended Vietnamese Language School at III MAF 19 Aug.

(6) Three (3) Enlisted men attended multifuel vehicle instruction at 1st Motor Transport Bn 26 Aug.

(7) One (1) Enlisted man attended Embarkation instruction at 1st Marine Division 31 Aug.

e. Special Operations.

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

f. Logistics.

(1) Significant events.

(a) Receipt of 418 track kits and arm and spring assemblies have greatly improved our maintenance capability. Supply readiness condition is C-2.

(b) Twelve (12) LVT's sustained mine damage during the period. Three (3) were coded and evacuated, and one (1) was a total loss. The remaining eight (8) have been or are being repaired for return to service.

(c) Six (6) T/E replacement LVTP5's were received. Three (3) have been placed into service, and three (3) are presently undergoing modifications prior to becoming operational.

(d) Deadline for the period averaged 12%.

(e) Motor transport logged 35,741 miles for the period. There were two accidents (M38 and MRC 109) and one mining incident (M62). The average deadline was 14%.

g. Civic Action.

(1) MED CAP's were conducted in the hamlets of Binh Thai, Cam Bac, Phong Bac and Phu Hoa. A total of 1532 persons were treated. The MED CAP at Phu Hoa continued to be jointly administered by the Battalion and the ARVN.

[REDACTED]

(2) Civic improvement continued in each hamlet. Repairing of MED CAP Stations, digging a well, and erecting a volley ball facility were some of the major projects.

(3) Liaison was made with the hamlet chief at the Battalion's new CP. Arrangements were made to relocate graves from the camp.

(4) Support of the pig farms continued with good success.

PART IV
CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Subordinate unit commands' chronologies are incorporated in this report.

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ENCLOSURE (1)

1st MARINE DIVISION

1317 08/28 (1-2)

FROM CO THIRD AMTRBN

ACTION CG FIRST MAR DIV

INFO

SIT REP #299 FOR PERIOD 020001H TO 022000H
AUG 1967

1. BN OPER. NO CHANGE.

2. CONTACTS.

(LATE ENTRY)

A. AT 011600H AUG, AT COORD BT194525 SEVEN (7) LVT'S WERE SENT TO PROTECT GAP IN 1/1'S LINE OF DEFENSE. RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE, ROCKETS AND MORTARS. NO DAMAGE TO VEH. TWO (2) USMC KIA, TWO (2) USMC WIAE, AND FOUR (4) USMC WIANE.

B. AT 021400H AUG, AT COORD BT100642 AN LVT IN SUPPORT OF 1/1 DETONATED A MINE WHILE ON A RESUPPLY RUN. DAMAGE CONSISTS OF ONE (1) ROADWHEEL ASSEMBLY AND TRACK. TWO (2) USMC WIANE.

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DRAFTER		CONCURRENCE	
Section	Name	Section	Initials
S-3	EDWARD RUSTIC		
	RELEASER		
BN CMDR			
	Signature		
PRECEDENCE			
Action	PRIORITY		
Info			
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			MTO
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ENCLOSURE (2)

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1st MARINE DIVISION

DD FORM 1300 (1-67)

FROM **CG WIND MACHINE**
CG FIRST MAR DIV

ACTION

INFO

SIT REP #36 FOR PERIOD 221418H TO 222418H
 AUG 1967

1. DELOP R. NO CHANGE.

2. CONTACTS.

A. AT 221420H AUG, LT BOARD BY 91659 AN LVTST IN SUPPORT
 OF 3/1 IDENTIFIED A HINE APPROX 100 YDS WHILE BLADING A FIELD.
 SAW GE C-CLASS OF FUEL (5) TUBS AND LOADMSTR ASSEMBLIES,
 THREE (3) STAINLESS BOLLERS, RIGHT SIDE OF HULL SPIT FOUR (4) INCHES
 WIDE AND SIX (6) FEET LONG - SPIT THE WIDTH OF VEH ALONG THE
 HULL. VEH WAS TOWED BACK TO 3/1 CP. FOUR (4) USMC KIA.

CG 4

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			Insp
			ISO
			Legal O
			MTO
			OrdO
			SupO
			Surg

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 ENCLOSURE (2)