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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 Nov 1967 to 30 Nov 1967

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: √(1) November 1967 Command Chronology
√(2) Situation Reports for November 1967

1. In accordance with references (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 November to 30 November 1967

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(2) NCO Leadership School - Okinawa

(a) Two (2) Enlisted men on 21 Oct 67.

(b) Three (3) Enlisted men on 28 Oct 67.

(3) Vietnamese Language School - Okinawa

(a) One (1) Enlisted man on 14 Oct 67.

(b) Two (2) Enlisted men on 21 Oct 67.

(4) Communication Secret/Crypto School

(a) One (1) Enlisted man on 23 Oct 67.

(5) Embarkation Training Course

(a) One (1) Enlisted man 16 Oct 67.

(6) Vietnamese Language School - III MAF

(a) One (1) Enlisted man on 14 Oct 67.

(7) Training of personnel in observed fire techniques

(a) Thirty-six (36) Enlisted on 30 Oct and 31 Oct 67.

e. Special Operations.

(1) Enclosure (2) contains the Battalion Sit Reps for 1-31 Oct 1967.

f. Logistics

(1) Significant events.

(a) Coding and subsequent evacuation of five (5) LVTP5A1's. Mine damage of a less extreme nature sustained by three (3) others and normal deadline have sericusly reduced the number of operational vehicles.

(b) Two (2) R&E vehicles or T/E replacements were received during the period

(c) The Battalion has realized an average deadline of twelve (12) combat vehicles. Primary causes of 2nd echelon deadline are electrical failures, fuel leaks and stub shafts. Other than mine damage, the majority of 3rd echelon deadline has been caused by engine and transmission failures.

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(d) Motor transport has encountered difficulties during the period with the extra burden on organic cargo vehicles with the termination of unit delivery of dairy products and bread previously enjoyed at the last camp site. In addition the inordinate number of miles being placed on these vehicles due to the location of this unit is causing increased down time for 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance. One (1) M-35 was lost due to mine damage during this reporting period. Another problem of related nature concerns the deadline of the organic wrecker. This vehicle is sorely missed as it is the principle means of pulling packs from ITT's operating in support of infantry units. Although some division units will make their wreckers available when possible such assistance cannot be expected when required on a full time basis.

C. Civic Action

(1) MED CAP's were conducted in both areas which included the following hamlets: Binh Thai, Cam Dac, Phu Hoa, Phong Bac, Nui Kim Son, Xom Son Thuy, and Christ Church Orphanage. A total of 1,260 people were treated in the seven locations visited.

(2) Civic improvement continued in each hamlet. Thirty (30) pounds of soap, 175 pounds of food, 25 lbs of clothes, 113 school kits, 500 News papers 8 loads of lumber, 6 loads of firewood, 36 bags of hog feed, 34,000 VN to the orphanage, and 180 toys were provided for the people.

(3) Other activities included the following:

(a) Numerous visits with the hamlet chief of Nui Kim Son.

(b) Investigation of two foreign claims involving damage to rice paddies and dikes, and a truck - bike accident.

(c) Beginning of Construction of the new Civil Affairs office.

(d) Dissemination of 63,000 mine leaflets to both "A" and "B" Company of the Battalion.

(e) Transportation for Vietnamese woman from the Nui Kim Son village to the Usam Hospital.

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From: Operations Commander 1-67
To: S-3

Subj: After Action Report

1. On 27 Oct 67 at 0445 operation order 1-67 was put into effect. The village of Nui Kim Son was cordoned and searched. The cordon forces were in place at 0515. At 0555 the village was alerted to the operation. At 0615 a search of the village started. Five V.C. Suspects were detained, interrogated, and released. The sweep force found numerous flashlight batteries, maps, and various U. S. military equipment. At approximately 0700 H&S Co 3d Sq attempted to halt a vitenamese woman and fired one round of 7.62mm over her head as a warning. No Marine casualties or enemy occured. The operation secured at 1115 on 27 Oct 1967.

M. L. CLUFF.

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PART I
ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION — COMMANDER

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein) — 1-30Nov LtCol Robert L. SHUKORD

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Bn — 1-30Nov Capt Michael L. CLUFF

"A" Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Bn — 1-30Nov Major William H. KEITH

"B" Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Bn — 1-30Nov Capt Charles R. SMITH Jr.

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Plt, Company "B", 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion OPCON 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein).

2. PERIOD COVERED/LOCATION

1-30Nov: DaNang

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	1-30Nov Major Raymond R. BERLING
S-1	1-30Nov 1stLt Bernard G. BOWYER
S-2	1-6Nov 1stLt James R. LYNCH 7-30Nov 1stLt John D. JURCZAK
S-3	1-30Nov Major Pat S. GALLIGAN
S-4	1-30Nov Major Frank C. CHACE Jr.
S-5	1-4Nov Capt Charles W. ROSS 5-30Nov 1stLt John D. JURCZAK

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
23	594	2	13	0	0

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The personnel status continues to remain in category 2. The Battalion dropped to category 3 (Equipment/Supplies on Hand) due to a shortage of combat essential equipment. No combat replacement vehicles were received during this period and four LVT's were evacuated to CONUS for rebuild.

The Battalion continued its support of the 7th and 5th Marine Regiments and 3d Battalion, 1st Marines currently under OPCON of the 5th Marines. One Platoon remains under operational control of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade and one platoon remained in support of the 2nd ROCKMC Brigade at Chu Lai. Technique of employment consisted of one platoon in support of each infantry battalion in the DaNang TAOR, except 2/7 which is supported by a section and 3/5 which has no LVT's.

The missions and the number performed by this Battalion were: Search and Destroy (18), resupply (62), waterway denial and river patrol (10), blocking forces (10), Med Evac (10), convoy escort (3), security (163), ambush (10), recovery (11), administrative (7), patrol (35), reaction force (23), and others (26). The Battalion had an average of 72 LVT's committed each day.

During the reporting period Company "A" participated in Operation "Essex" conducted by the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines and Operation Foster conducted by the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines. During this same period Companies "A" and "B" participated in Operation Dragon Fire with the 2d ROK ROKMC Brigade on the Batangan Peninsula.

On 26 Nov 1967 a village patrol from this Battalion was ambushed by an unknown number of VC. The patrol received approximately 50 rounds of small arms fire and five (05) hand grenades. One (1) USMC was WIA and one (1) USMC was KIA during the ambush. The Battalion sent out a reaction squad to assist the village patrol. While enroute to the ambush site the reaction squad was taken under fire receiving approximately 150 rounds of small arms fire. The reaction squad returned approximately 300 rounds of M-16 resulting in three (3) VC WIA probable. Blood trails were discovered on the trail near Chin Strap Mountain.

Camp improvement continues especially in the areas of troop supporting facilities. The officers and Staff NCO clubs are completed. It is especially noteworthy that the officers and Staff NCO's and Enlisted Men designed and constructed their own clubs with a minimum of help, primarily supplied by the Sea Bees (MCB 128). The Enlisted Club is fifty percent completed.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. TOPICS

a. Personnel and Administrative

(1) During the reporting period two (2) MC Officers, (0) Navy Officers, (42) MC Enlisted and one (1) Navy Enlisted rotated to CONUS. Two (2) MC Officers, (0) Navy Officers, (84) MC Enlisted and two (2) Navy Enlisted replacements were received.

(2) During the reporting period the Battalion had the following casualties: One (1) KIA and fourteen (14) WIA.

(3) The following awards were presented to personnel of this Battalion: Twenty (20) Purple Hearts.

b. Intelligence

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

(2) There were ten (10) other contacts during the reporting period. They consisted of two (2) mining incidents, damaging two (2) LVT's; seven (7) sniper incidents and one (1) ambush. Three (3) detainees, none of which were on the Black List or confirmed VC.

(3) The Battalion patrols and ambushes uncovered six (6) punji pits with booby traps during this reporting period. They found one M-14 magazine and one 60mm Mortar round with home made fuse which was destroyed by C-4. The village chief of Nui Kim Son has been cooperative toward U.S. Forces, however he demonstrates his confidence by residing in DaNang. The people of the village are indifferent towards Marines in the area.

c. Training

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

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

(3) A formal Battalion School on the M-16 was held stressing nomenclature, care, cleaning, familiarization firing and zeroing of the weapon. New personnel joining the Battalion are given a similiar course of instruction.

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(4) Company "B" conducted surf training and loading exercises aboard LST #1165 Washoe County and LST #1167 Windham County.

d. Battalion personnel attended the following schools during the period:

(1) Embarkation School (Officer) Okinawa

(a) One (1) officer 11Nov-3Dec67

(2) III MAF Civic Action Orientation Course

(a) One (1) SNCO 28Nov-3Dec67

(3) NCO Leadership School Okinawa

(a) Two (2) Enlisted 25Nov-26Dec67

(4) Vietnamese Language School III MAF

(a) One (1) Enlisted 18Nov-17Dec67

(5) Personal Response Course

(a) One (1) Officer 28Nov-30Nov67

(b) One (1) SNCO 28Nov-30Nov67

(6) An Officer and SNCO School was conducted on the use and prevention of marihuana; one hour, 28 Nov 1967

(7) Class on the M-16 three (3) hours on 18 Nov 1967 for SNCO's and Officers.

e. Special Operations

(1) Enclosure (2) contains the Battalion's Situation Reports for 1-30 Nov 1967

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F. Logistics

(1) Significant events

(a) LVT maintenance and a continuing shortage of suspension parts remain the most significant logistical problem facing this Battalion. Spare parts, although being received, are not arriving in sufficient quantities which are required to maintain the desired stock levels. Factors affecting stock levels has been; rehabilitation of the platoon recently joined from 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion; the complete re-equipment and provisioning of the platoon scheduled to go afloat and the arrival of the float platoon from 5th Amphibian Tractor Battalion. To maintain adequate operating level of spare parts for 102 amphibious vehicles requires immediate response from all supply sources. Nomination of LVT parts for the "Red Ball" program as outlined in CG, 1stMarDiv msg 260457Z Nov67 is under consideration; however, it is felt that if the present priority designator system functioned properly, this organization would have no items that would meet the criteria for this program. Loss of two LVT's during this period has caused the Battalion to remain in equipment readiness condition C3.

(2) Maintenance

(a) The Battalion had an average daily deadline of approximately 10 vehicles during this period. Primary cause was engine and transmission failures requiring 3d echelon maintenance. Second echelon deadline consisted mainly of suspension parts shortage and broken stubshafts.

g. Civic Action

(1) Med Cap's were conducted for all the villagers in the Battalion's AOR. A total of 926 people were treated during this reporting period. The plague epidemic in the village of Nui Kim Son resulted in giving 4,800 plague shots by the Preventive Medicine Unit of NSA. Since the shots were given only 25 new cases developed. This program was accomplished only through the efforts and cooperation of the following people and organizations:

(a) Preventive Med Unit NSA Hospital DaNang

(b) Dr. Albert Pribble of DaNang Medical Hospital

(c) Mr. Wilson Adams CORD I Sanitation Officer

(d) Dept of Pathology of NSA under direction of Lt DENNER USN

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(e) S-5 of 3d Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment

(f) Capt Lindsey USA advisor to Capt XANG Commanding Officer of 3d Bn 51st ARVN Regt

(g) S-5, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion

(h) BAS Staff, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion under direction of Lt John SACKS USN

(2) Civic improvement continued in each hamlet. 900 bars of soap, 200 school kits, 200 homes sprayed with DDT, a shower installed at Orphanage (750 gallon tank) and 200 health books were distributed.

(3) A meeting was held with the village chief at his office during this period. A thank you letter was sent to Mrs. Poper and Pastor of Church.

(a) Transportation for Vietnamese from Nui Kim Son village to the USAM Hospital was provided.

PART IV
CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
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1. Subordinate unit command's chronologies are incorporated in this report.

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1. IN OPER. NO CHANGE.

2. CONTACT.

A. AT 020400H A 3AMTRBN PATROL AT COORD BH805604 DISCOVERED A PUNJI PIT. THE JUNKI STICKS WERE THREE (3) FEET LONG. PATROL DESTROYED THE PIT WITH THREE (3) GRENADES. NO INJURIES TO ANY PATROL PERSONNEL.

B. AT 020430H NOV AT COORD BH896612 AN LVTP5 (3-B-31) IN SUPPORT OF 1/5 DETONATED A MINE WHILE ON A RESUPPLY RUN. DAMAGE TO VEH CONSISTS OF TWO (2) ROAD WHEELS, IDLER, SKIRT DAMAGED, CONTROL TOWER AND RAMP CONTROL DAMAGED. VEH WAS TOWED BACK IN TO 1/5 CP. ONE (1) USMC WIAMR.

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1. BLOCK. NO CHANGE.

2. OPERATIONS. (LATE ENTRY)

A. AT 0210/1N NOV AT COORD BT 004605 A 3D AMTRAC PATROL DISCOVERED A PUNJI PIT WITH A M26 GRENADE TWO (2) YDS IN PIT. GRENADE HAD HOME-MADE FUSE WITH TRIP WIRE ACROSS TRAIL. DESTROYED PUNJI PIT AND BOOBY TRAP. NO PERSONNEL INJURIES.

B. AT 0235/1N NOV AT COORD BT 007692 ONE OF 3D AMTRAC'S PATROLS DISCOVERED AN UNFINISHED PUNJI PIT AND FOUR (4) AIMING STAKES APPROX 30 METERS SOUTHWEST OF PUNJI PIT. PATROL HEARD NOISE LIKE TROOPS IN DESERTED HOUSES AND IN THE TREE LINE. FIRED TWELVE (12) RDS M-79, TWENTY (20) RDS 7.62, FOUR (4) HAND ILLUM, SEVEN (7) FRAG GRENADES. TWO (2) FIRE TEAMS SWEPT DESERTED HOUSES AND TREE LINE WITH NEG RESULTS. SET IN 360° PERIMETER ON TOP OF A HILL TO WATCH VILLAGE AND AREA AROUND AIMING STAKES. NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL.

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1. BN OPER. NO CHANGE.

2. CONTACTS.

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 031545H AT COORD BT084684 A 3AMTRBN PATROL DISCOVERED SIX (6) PUNJI PITS. THREE (3) OF THE PITS WERE BOOBY TRAPPED. PITS WERE DESTROYED AND BOOBY TRAPS BLOWN. PATROL USED FIVE (5) HAND GRENADES TO DESTROY THE PITS AND RIFLE FIRE TO BLOW BOOBY TRAPS. TWO (2) M26 GRENADES RIGGED AS BOOBY TRAPS WERE DESTROYED. ONE POSSIBLE 60MM RD WAS ACCIDENTLY TRIGGERED WHILE REMOVING PIT COVERING. ALL PITS DISCOVERED WERE VERY NEW. ALL MATERIAL APPEARED FRESHLY CUT. NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL.

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2. CONTACTS.

A. AT 051400H NOV AT COORD BT009694 PATROL PICKED UP THREE (3) SUSPECTS ON A ROUTINE ID CARD CHECK. FORWARDED SUSPECTS TO 3/1 FOR QUESTIONING.

B. AT 061320H AT COORD BT005603 PATROL PICKED UP ONE (1) SUSPECT IN PUNJI PIT AREA. WHEN PATROL ARRIVED HE STARTED TO RUN. SUSPECT SENT TO 3/1 ITT.

C. AT 061515H NOV AT COORD BT078695 PATROL PICKED UP ONE (1) SUSPECT. SUSPECT WAS PICKED UP ON ID CARD CHECK. SUSPECT SENT TO 3/1 ITT FOR INTERROGATION.

D. AT 061415H NOV AT COORD BT078695 PATROL REPORTED SIGHTING TWO (2) SUSPECTS-ONE FEMALE WAS AT THE BASE OF TREE, ONE MALE IN TREE. PATROL ATTEMPTED TO HALT SUSPECTS - SUSPECTS RAN IN TO VILLAGE. PATROL WAS UNABLE TO FIND SUSPECTS. FOUND ONE TELEGRAPHER KEY AND ONE VIETNAMESE HAT AT TREE.

AFTER OPER RPT.

A. AT 041500H NOV SENT TWO (2) LVTE1'S AND THREE (3) LVTP5'S OUT WITH ONE (1) PLT OF SECURITY. LVTE1'S FIRED TWO (2) LINE CHARGES TO CLEAR KNOWN BOOBY TRAP, AND PUNJI PIT AREA. [illegible] AT 041600H NOV WITH NO INJURIES TO LVT PERSONNEL.

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1. [illegible]. NO CHANGE.

2. CONTACTS.

A. AT 091115H NOV AT COORD AT939638 AN LVTP5 (3-A-14) IN SUPPORT OF 1/7 DETONATED A MINE WHILE ON A ROAD SWEEP. MINE WAS APPROX 60 LBS. DAMAGE TO VEHICLE CONSISTS OF FOUR (4) ROAD WHEEL ASSEMBLIES AND TORSION ARMS, EIGHT (8) INCH HOLE IN HULL AND TRACK. TWO (2) VIETNAMESE (FEMALE) WERE BESIDE THE VEH WHEN IT DETONATED THE MINE. THEY RECEIVED BURNS AND CUTS AND WERE MED EVACED. TWO (2) USMC WIAR.

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1. BN OPER. NO CHANGE.

2. CONTACTS.

A. AT 11[illegible]5H NOV AT COORD [illegible]02699 ONE OF 3DAMTRBN'S PATROLS PICK UP ONE SUSPECT ON A ROUTINE ID CARD CHECK. INDIVIDUAL WAS CARRYING FOUR (4) HDS 7.62MM AND A CIVILIAN RADIO. PATROL TOOK SUSPECT TO BN CP AND THEN TAKEN TO 3/1 ITT. SUSPECT WAS A MALE.

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1. BN OPER. NO CHANGE.

2. CONTACTS

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 13172[illegible]H AT COORD BT[illegible]84605 A PATROL RECEIVED APPROX 50 RDS AUTO FIRE AND FIVE (5) RDS SEMI FIRE FROM COORD BT[illegible]86605 AND BT[illegible]85606. PATROL RETURNED APPROX 1[illegible] RDS SEMI AND AUTO FIRE AND SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. PATROL CONTINUED ON MISSION. NO INJURIES TO PATROL PERSONNEL.

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FM CO 3AMTRK
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
BT
SIT REP #351 FOR PERIOD 160001H TO 162400H NOV 1967

1. BN OPER. NO CHANGE.

2. CONTACTS.

A. AT 160600H NOV AT COORD BT668792 A PATROL PICKED UP A DETAINEE (MALE). DETAINEE WAS OBSERVED MOVING AROUND OUTSIDE. TOOK DETAINEE TO 3DANTRBN CP AND THEN TO 3/1 ITT.

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FM CO 3AMTRBN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
BT
SIT REP #352 FOR PERIOD 17[illegible]1H TO 172[illegible]H NOV 1967

1. [redacted] NO CHANGE.

2. CONTACTS.

A. AT 1619[illegible]H NOV AT COORD B[illegible]37[illegible]4 (3AMTRBN CP) RECEIVED APPROX 5[illegible] RDS SEMI AND AUTO FIRE FROM COORD B[illegible]75[illegible]5 AND B[illegible]70[illegible]9. RETURNED APPROX 5[illegible] RDS AND SENT OUT REACTION SQUAD WITH NEG RESULTS. TWO (2) USMC WIA: ONE USMC SHOT THROUGH CHEST, IN FAIR CONDTION. SECOND USMC SHOT THROUGH HIP, CONDITION GOOD. BOTH WERE MED EVAC TO NAS BY LVT.

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FM CO 3AMTRBN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
BT
SIT REP #253 FOR PERIOD 18/0001H TO 1824/0001H NOV 1967

1. BN OPER. NO CHANGE.

2. CONTACTS.

A. AT 171730H NOV AT COORD BT806679 A KIT CARSON SCOUT FOUND 25 LBS OF RICE IN TWO (2) JUGS. DESTROYED SAME. NO INJURIES TO ANY PERSONNEL.

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FM CO 3AMTHBN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
BT
SIT REP # 254 FOR PERIOD 190001H TO 192400H NOV 1967

1. BN OPER. NO CHANGE.

2. CONTACTS. (LATE ENTRY)

A. AT 181640H NOV AT COORD BT984685 A PATROL OBSERVED TWO (2) SUSPECTS RUNNING FROM THEIR POSITION. PATROL GAVE CHASE. CAPTURED ONE (1) FEMALE, OTHER FEMALE ESCAPED. TURNED DETAINEE OVER TO 51ST ARVN FOR QUESTIONING. REPORT FROM ARVN STATES THAT DETAINEE IS CONFIRMED VC. DETAINEE REPORTS THAT THERE ARE EIGHT (8) OTHER VC AT COORD BT987872. THEY HAVE SIX (6) CARBINES AND ONE (1) K 50. 3AMTHBN SENT OUT PATROL LEAD BY DETAINEE TO THIS AREA. AREA WAS SEARCH WITH NEG RESULTS.

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FM THIRD AMTRAN
TO FIRST MARDIV

SIT REP 355 21~~00~~1H TO 2124~~00~~H NOV 1967

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

CMD GRU	BT~~0~~827~~0~~9
H&S CO.	BT~~0~~837~~0~~9
"A" CO.	BT~~0~~827~~0~~9
"B" CO.	BT~~0~~837~~0~~7

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: NO CHANGE.

3. CONTACTS:

A. AT 2115~~0~~5H NOV AT COORD BT~~0~~85685 A PATROL DISCOVERED A BOOBY TRAP AND A PUNJI PIT. BOOBY TRAP WAS DESTROYED WITH C-4 AND PUNJI PIT WAS DESTROYED BY HAND. BOOBY TRAP WAS A HOME MADE TIN CAN TYPE MINE FILLED WITH APPROX ONE (1) POUND OF BLACK POWDER.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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FM CO THIRD AMTRBN
TO CG FIRST MARDIV
BT
SIT REP 356 23/0001H TO 2324/00H NOV 1967

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: NO CHANGE.

3. CONTACTS: AT 231000H AT COORD 923557 AN LVT (3-A-21) RETURNING FROM A REACTIONARY AND SECURITY MISSION DETONATED A MINE APPROX 40 LBS BOX TYPE. VEH DESTROYED. SET UP SECURITY AND CALLED FOR MED EVAC. ONE (1) USMC WIAE AND ONE (1) USMC WIANE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 230120H 3/1 REQUESTED A MED EVAC FOR ONE (1) MARINE WITH MALARIA. TWO (2) LVT'S WERE DISPATCHED TO COORD 903705. MARINE WAS THEN TAKEN TO NSA HOSP. NO ENEMY CONTACT ENCOUNTERED DURING MISSION.

B. AT 230130 THIRD AMTRBN RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM GOLF 6 THAT 30 VC WERE HEADED TOWARD BN'S CP ON FOOT. BATTALION WENT ON A 100% ALERT AND SENT A REACTION SQUAD OUT TO SWEEP THE AREA. SQUAD REPORTED IN WITH NEG RESULTS. VC BELIEVED TO BE HIDING IN CHIN STRAP OR MARBLE MOUNTAIN. BN RESUMED 25% ALERT AT 230300H NOV 67.

C. AT 231500H NOV AT COORD BT904705 ONE (1) LVTP5 WHILE SURF TRAINING WITH FLAKEY SNOW PERSONNEL ABOARD SANK APPROX 200 METERS TO 300 METERS FM SHORELINE. THREE USMC MISSING AND PRESUMED DROWNED. MISSING ARE FLAKEY SNOW PERSONNEL AND BELIEVED TO BE STILL INSIDE LVT. RECOVERY LVTP5'S RECOVERED ALL PERSONNEL IN WATER. RESCUE HELOS CALLED IN FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT. RECOVERY OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE AT LOW TIDE 241026H NOV 67.

5. CASUALTIES:

USMC	ENEMY
1 WIAE	NONE
1 WIANE	
3 MISSING PRESUMED DROWNED	

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FM CO THIRD AMTHEN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
BT
SIT REP 357 24[illegible]1H TO 242[illegible]H NOV 1967

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: NO CHANGE.

3. CONTACTS: AT 241[illegible]H AT COORD [illegible]263[illegible] AN LVTH1 (3-H-28) WHILE GRADING DETONATED AN M-26 GRENADE BOOBY TRAP. NO DAMAGE TO VEH. CHECKED OUT AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. TWO (2) USMC WIAHE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RECOVERY OPERATIONS SECURED AT 241430H ON ACCOUNT OF ROUGH SURF. WILL START OPERATIONS AGAIN TOMORROW (25 NOV) AT FIRST LIGHT. FOUND ONE BODY ON BEACH STILL TWO (2) MISSING.

5. CASUALTIES: USMC 2 WIAHE; ENEMY NONE

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FM CO THIRD AMTRBN
TO CG FIRST MARDIV
BT
SIT REP 358 2[illegible] TO 2[illegible] NOV 1967

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: NO CHANGE.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 1015 HELCOPTER FLYING OVER THIRD AMTRAC AOR, DROPPED ONE(1) FIRE ENGINE IN OR AROUND OUR AOR. SENT ONE(1) FIRE TEAM AND TWO LVT'S TO TRY AND LOCATE FIRE ENGINE. PATROL COULD NOT LOCATE FIRE ENGINE. REQUESTED 3/1 TO REQUEST HELCOPTER FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT. NEG RESULTS.

B. AT 1030 ONE (1) MISSING BODY WAS FOUND IN SURF ZONE FROM SUNK LVT. BODY WAS TAKEN TO NSA.

C. AT 1300 SURF TRAINING WAS CONDUCTED WITH 4TH PLT ECO AND 3/1. AT 1530 SURF TRAINING WAS COMPLETED WITHOUT INCIDENTS.

D. AT 1310 TWO LVT P5'S WERE DISPACHED TO MIKE COMPANY 3/1 FOR MEDEVAC ONE WONDED MARINE TO NSA.

E. AT 1330 ONE (1) LVTP5 WHICH WAS SUNK ON 23NOV WHILE SURF TRAINING WITH 3/1 WAS RECOVERED. NO BODIES WERE ABOARD THE VEHICLE. ONE BODY STILL MISSING.

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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FM CO THIRD AMTRBN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
BT
SIT REP 359 26[illegible]1N TO 262[illegible]N NOV 1967

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE.

3. CONTACTS:
A. AT 2230 AT COORD [illegible] ECHO 3 VILLAGE PATROL WAS AMBUSHED BY UNKNOW NUMBER V.C . PATROL RECEIVE 50 RDS OF SMALL FIRE AND FIVE (5) HAND GRENADES, ONE (1) MARINE KIA, AND ONE (1) MARINE WIA. SENT OUT REACTION SQD AND ONE PLT REINF TO SWEEP VILLAGE. REACTION PLT RECEIVE 150 RDS OF SMALL FIRE, SQD RETURN 300 RDS OF M 16 ,PROBLE [illegible]) V.C WOUND BLOOD ON TRAIL NEAR CHINSTRAP MOUNTIAN.

B. AT 0135 AT COORD [illegible]4 ECHO 2 PATROL RECEIVE ONE (1) HAND GRENADE. ONE (1) MARINE WIANE, PATROL RETURNS FIRE 30RDS M-16 ,NO RESULTS.

C. AT 0830 AT COORD [illegible]5 PATROL SWEEP AREA OF OUR AOR AND FOUND ONE MAG M-24 AND [illegible] ,WITH 20 CARTRIDGE CASES, ALSO HEAVY TRAIL TO WOODED AREA .V,C MAIE STRETCHER AND EVC WOUNDED, TRAIL ENDED IN WOODED AREA BASE OF CHINSTRAP MOUNTAIN.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

A. AT 0930 AT COORD 073733 ONE (1) BODY WAS FOUND IN SURF ZONE NEAR SPECIAL FORCE CAMP. DOCTOR FROM 3D AMTRBN IDENIFIED MAN BY DOGS AS ONE OF TEN MISSING BODIES THAT DROWNED ON 23 NOV AL BODIES HAVE RECOVERED FROM SUNKEN LVT.

5. CASUALTIES

USMC	ENEMY
1 KIA	3 PROBABLE WIA
1 WIA	
1 WIANE	

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FM CO THIRD AMTRAC
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV

SIT REP 360 28[illegible]1H TO 282[illegible]H NOV 1967

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

3. CONTACTS:
A. AT 28[illegible]55H AT COORD [illegible]757[illegible]9 ECHO THREE (3) VILLAGE PATROL RECEIVE TWO (2) RDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM CHINSERAP MOUNTAIN. RETURN FOUR (4) RDS OF M-16 .NEG RESULT.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. AT 271510 AT COORD [illegible]09688 ECHO ONE (1) PATROL PICK UP ONE (1) DETAINEE WITH VALID ID CARD . DETAINEE WAS SENT TO 3/1 CP.

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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FM CO THIRD AMTRAEN
TO CG FIRST MARDIV

SIT REP 361 290001 TO 292400H NOV 67

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

3. CONTACTS:
A. AT 282210H AT COORD 085703 A HOUSE WAS SET AFIRE BY ILLUM FLARE DURING A FIRE FIGHT IN XUM CHUA (PAGODA AREA) IN HOA LONG VILLAGE. ECHO THREE PATROL AT VILLAGE RECEIVED 100RDS. RETURNED FIRE APPROX 50 RDS. SENT OUT REACTION SQUAD TO AS IST VILLAGE PATROL

B. AT 291155H AT COORD 084685 ONE(1) MAN WHILE ON PATROL STEPPED IN PUNJI PIT. PUNJI PIT WAS BOOBY TRAPPED WITH 60MM MORTAR ROUND PUNJI PIT WAS 2FT LONG, 1FT WIDE, WITH ONE FOOT STAKE. SENT TWO LVTP5 TO EVACUATE [illegible] LOWER LEGS.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. AT 291415H 3RD PLT CO. B 1ST AMTRAC BN MADE A SUCCESSFUL LANDING ON THE BEACH AT COORD 084705.

5. CASUALTIES:

USMC	ENEMY
1 WIANE	NONE

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SITREP 362 300001 TO 302400H NOV 67

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1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: BATTALION CONTINUES IN GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE DIVISION.

3. RECEIVED INTERMITTENT SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM APPROX (8) EIGHT SNIPERS FROM 292300H UNTIL 300530H AT COORD 077705, 078709, 080710. UNABLE TO FIX EXACT POSITION OF EACH SNIPER. LOCATED THREE AND TOOK THEM UNDER FIRE. EXPENDED APPROX 30 RDS WITH NEG RESULTS.
AT 292015H AT COORD 088685 ECHO ONE (1) PATROL LOCATED ONE (1) PUNJI PIT WITH BOOBY TRAP TWO FT SQUARE, UNKNOWN DEPTH AND UNKNOWN NUMBER OF PUNJI STICKS. SIDES OF PIT LINED WITH C RATION BOXES COVERED WITH WHITE PLASTIC AND MATTING. BOOBY TRAP WIRE TWO INCHES UNDER SAND. WIRE WENT THROUGH HOLE IN C RATION BOX AND LEAD TO 60MM MORTAR ROUND TWO FT FROM PIT. PUNJI PIT AND 60MM MORTAR DESTROYED BY GRENADE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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