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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B
Encl: ✓(1) December 1967 Command Chronology
✓(2) Situation Reports for December 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 December 1967 to 31 December 1967

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PART I
ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

1-31 Dec LtCol Robert L. SHUFORD

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Bn 1-22 Dec Capt Michael L. CLUFF
 22-31 Dec Capt Michael R. GARDNER
 Company "A", 3d Amphibian Tractor Bn 1-31 Dec Major William H. KEITH
 Company "B", 3d Amphibian Tractor Bn 1-31 Dec Capt Charles R. SMITH Jr.

ATTACHED UNITS

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

2. PERIOD COVERED/LOCATION: 1-31 Dec: Da Nang, Viet Nam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	1-31 Dec: Major Raymond R. BERLING
S-1	1-31 Dec: 1stLt Bernard G. BOWYER
S-2	1-31 Dec: 1stLt John D. JURCZAK
S-3	1-31 Dec: Major Pat S. O'CALLIGAN
S-4	1-31 Dec: Major Frank C. CHACE
S-5	1-25 Dec: 1stLt John D. JURCZAK
	26-31 Dec: 1stLt Denton A. DOVE

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>
25	575	2	14	NONE	NONE

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The personnel status as of 31 December 1967 was category C-2 with a projection of category C-3 predicted for the Battalion by 10 January 1968 due to an impending loss of approximately 61 Marines during January.

The Battalion received 11 combat replacement vehicles on 31 December 1967. With the 11 new LVT's the Battalion moved into Equipment Readiness Condition C-2. During the reporting period the Battalion had 4 LVT's evacuated to CONUS; 3 due to mine damage and 1 due to submersion damage incurred when it sank on 23 November 1967.

On 16 December 1967 a branch store of the First Marine Division Exchange opened within the Battalion cantonment proving to be a significant morale factor.

Improvement of the camp continues with the completion of a Butler Building for Motor Transport, the beginning of construction of two Butler Buildings, one for LVT Maintenance and one for supply warehouse by MCB 128.

During the reporting period the Battalion continued its support of the 5th and 7th Marine Regiments and 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines currently under OPCON of the 5th Marines. 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. On 20 December 1967 the 2nd Platoon of Company "B" and the 3rd Platoon of Company "A" were withdrawn from support of the 198th Light Infantry Brigade and the 1st ROKMC Brigade respectfully from Chu Lai in preparation for the support of Operation Checkers.

During the reporting period the Battalion had an average of 65 LVT's committed daily in general support of the First Marine Division. The missions and the number performed by the Battalion were: resupply (5), patrol (60), waterway denials and river patrol (7), blocking force (6), med evacs (8), reaction forces (12), search and destroy (8), convey escort (1), security (50), administrative (10), recovery (9), troop movement (13). During the reporting period the LVT E-1's fired two line charges. Vehicle utilization averaged 8.4 hours per day, carrying an average of 14 persons and 1,612 pounds of cargo per day.

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On the night of 26 December 1967 the Battalion came under fire from an estimated forty Viet Cong. The Battalion received approximately 2,000 rounds of semi-automatic and automatic small arms fire, 10 LAAW rounds and 35 rounds of 60 MM and 81 MM mortar fire. The Battalion returned approximately 1,000 rounds of small arms fire. The Battalion Mess Hall, communications tech shop, motor transport Butler Building and fifteen troop huts were hit by mortar fragments. All damage to buildings was repaired by 28 December 1967. One Kit Carsen Scout received minor shrapnel wounds and three Marines were wounded and subsequently evacuated.

During the reporting period the Battalion participated in Operation PITT with the 5th Marines and Operation CITRUS with the 7th Marines.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. TOPICS

a. Personnel and Administrative

- (1) The personnel status as of 31 December 1967 was category II with a projection of category III predicted for the Battalion by 10 January 1968.
- (2) During the reporting period 3 Marine Corps Officers, 0 Navy Officers, 58 Marine Corps Enlisted and 1 Navy Enlisted rotated to CONUS. 8 Marine Corps Officers, 0 Navy Officers, 50 Marine Corps Enlisted and 1 Navy Enlisted replacements were received.
- (3) During the reporting period the Battalion had the following casualties: -0- KIA and 14 WIA
- (4) During the reporting period the Battalion had 5 extensions of overseas tours, 3 career reenlistments and five new enrollments in MGI Courses. On 7 December 1967 Company "B" was awarded the Secretary of the U. S. Treasury Minuteman Flag for attaining 98% in savings bond participation. The Battalion has a savings bond participation of 65.2%.
- (5) On 19 December 1967 the Commanding General, First Marine Division (Rein), FMF presented the following awards to members of this Battalion:
- 1 Bronze Star Medal w/Combat "V"
 - 1 Navy Commendation Medal w/Combat "V"
 - 21 Purple Heart Medals of which six were for the second award
- In addition to the above awards two certificates of commendation and a meritorious promotion to Sergeant were received by members of the Battalion during the reporting period.
- (6) There were no significant administrative problems encountered during the reporting period.

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b. Intelligence

(1) Battalion S-2 conducted normal administrative and combat intelligence operations during the reporting period. Current projects include an area intelligence estimate of the Nui Kim Sen Village.

(2) During the reporting period the Battalion had 17 contacts with the enemy. They consisted of 4 mining incidents, damaging two LVT's and destroying two; 9 sniper incidents and 3 ambushes.

(3) Twenty-three suspects were picked up within the Battalion AOR during the reporting period. Ten were confirmed Viet Cong.

(4) During the reporting period the Battalion patrols and ambushes uncovered three beebie traps. They were as follows:

(a) Punji pit containing one M-26 hand grenade. A trip wire was found running two feet to one side and attached to one 60 MM mortar round, one M-26 hand grenade and one Chinese Communist hand grenade.

(b) One punji pit two feet deep and two feet wide containing one M-26 hand grenade.

(c) One punji pit two feet deep and two feet wide containing one M-26 hand grenade and one M-79 round.

All beebie traps and punji pits were destroyed with grenades or C-4.

(5) On 25 December 1967 about 150 Vietnamese held a peaceful demonstration in front of the main gate to the Battalion area. They were carrying pamphlets and a sign, all of which protested the involvement of United States troops in the Viet Nam war. With the exception of this incident the populus in our AOR have maintained an indifferent attitude towards the presence of Marines.

(6) During the reporting period the Battalion conducted in excess of 130 squad size patrols and over 20 platoon size patrols within our AOR. Squad size patrols were conducted during daylight and darkness with platoon size operations being mainly at night.

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c. Training

(1) Formal training was conducted throughout the reporting period in conjunction with operational commitments. Troops attended classes on the following subjects:

- (a) M-16 Rifle training, care and cleaning
- (b) Code of Conduct
- (c) Mines and booby traps
- (d) Map reading and use of a compass
- (e) Civic action concept and operation in RVN
- (f) Operations against guerilla forces
- (g) Conduct of patrols

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

(3) On 30 December 1967 a one hour school was held for Officers and Staff NCO's on the Embarkation of LVT's aboard an LSD and Debarkation from an underway LSD using single and dual launches.

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

- (1) Basic Infantry Weapons Repair (Okinawa)
 - (a) One Enlisted 21 Dec 1967 to 21 Jan 1968
- (2) Vietnamese Language School (III MAF)
 - (a) One Enlisted 16 Dec 1967 to 16 Jan 1968
- (3) Vietnamese Language School (Okinawa)
 - (a) Two Enlisted 9 Dec 1967 to 9 Jan 1968
- (4) NCO Leadership School (Okinawa)
 - (a) Three Enlisted 18 Dec 1967 to 18 Jan 1968

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e. Special Operations

(1) Enclosure (2) contains the Battalion's Situation Reports for 1 - 31 December 1967.

f. Logistics

(1) Significant Events

(a) During the near future a print-out listing documents, over 90 days old, of priority 12 and 17 is expected. Consideration has been given to locally updating such requisitions to priority 02 and 05 as concerns suspension components. These parts have remained the most significant logistical problem facing this Battalion. However, in view of the anticipated cancellation, up-dating of documents to a higher priority will be withheld. Spare parts, including suspension components, are being received but not in sufficient quantity to maintain stock levels.

(2) Maintenance

(a) During the reporting period the Battalion averaged twelve deadlined vehicles per day. Five are currently at FSR for 3d echelon or higher repair. There was no particular trend in the remaining LVT's except those normally encountered as "life of the vehicle" problems. Mine damage and associated suspension components difficulties cannot be predicted but are of a continuing nature.

(3) Meter Transport

(a) Three M-35's were received during the reporting period from Headquarters Battalion. These trucks are in poor condition and require considerable work. An attempt is being made to determine, through a contact team, if these trucks can be repaired. This Battalion is authorized 12 M-35's. Receipt and condition of the three M-35's did not alleviate the shortage. For a continued unknown period, this Battalion will be operating with only 60% of its' authorized M-35's.

g. Civic Action

(1) During the reporting period the completion of an S-5 Office enabled Corpsmen to hold Med-Cap's within the Battalion perimeter. The number of Vietnamese treated was 973, 182 of which were women, 121 men and 670 children. Among the patients were three cases of plague. Steps to prevent an epidemic are pending. Also treated were 9 new VD cases.

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(2) Coordination between the First Marine Division Industrial Relations Officer and the 3dAMTracBn Industrial Relations Officer will make possible the employment of 18 local Vietnamese. It is hoped this will improve the Civil Affairs effort.

(3) Construction material was given to a family in Nui Kim Sen for reconstruction of their home which burned down because of an illumination mortar round.

(4) Five Marines were taken to the Church of Christ Orphanage in DaNang to police the yard and living area. On Christmas day 27 children from the orphanage were guests of the Battalion. Toys and clothes were given to the children as well as cooking oil and salt. A PsyOps contact team showed two hours of health films, cartoons and pro GVN films to the children of the orphanage.

(5) Material was collected to repair damaged homes caused by a fire fight which occurred on 26 December 1967 between the Battalion and the Viet Cong in the Village of Nui Kim Sen.

(6) The children of Nui Kim Sen were given 50 pounds of clothes, 182 school books and 20 school kits.

(7) A water pump was acquired for a shower at the orphanage. An electric meter is needed for completion.

(8) Coordination between the village chief and Battalion S-5 was made and plans for a new school house started.

(9) The Battalion S-5 was visited by III MAF G-5 and inspected with satisfactory results, by First Marine Division G-5.

h. Communications

(1) During the reporting period the Combat Operations Center (COC) was displaced to a new location within the CP. Radio's were displaced in approximately 8 hours requiring a major communications effort. A system of communication was developed which allowed the Operations Officer to command the entire frequency spectrum of the FM equipment as well as monitor two additional nets at the same time from his position in the COC. This was developed by employing the same radio control equipment that is found in the LVT P-5 ~~Rel~~ (Command).

(2) During the reporting period, 16 LVT's were modified with the new FM radio sets. This represents a major effort by the Battalion's Radio Technicians.

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FM CO THIRD AMTRABN
TO CO FIRST MARDIV

SIT REP 363 ~~010001~~ TO ~~012400~~ Dec 67

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. AT 2350 AT COORD 078709 ECHO THREE (3) VIL AGE PATROL RECEIVED TWO (2) ROUNDS OF SNIPER FIRE. COULD NOT SPOT SNIPER DID NOT RETURN ANY FIRE.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - AT 1320 AT COORD 079709 VILLAGE PATROL PICKED UP DETAINEE WITH NO ID CARD. SENT DETAINEE TO 2/3 C.P.
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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FM CO THIRD AMTRABN
TO CG FIRST MARDIV

SIT REP 364 ~~030001~~ TO ~~032000~~ DEC 67

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

AT ~~022030H~~ AT COORD BT ~~082709~~ ONE (1) ENL MARINE WOUNDED FROM FRIENDLY, FUZE OF A HAND GRENADE IN LIVING QUARTERS. INJURED MARINE MED EVACED BY TWO LVTP5'S TO NSA.

B. AT ~~031230H~~ TEN (10) LVTP5 LEFT THIS CP TO SUPPORT 2/7 IN OPERATION **PITT**

C. AT ~~031512H~~ AT COORD ~~082699~~ COMM MEN CHECKING LAND LINE TO 2/3 CP FOUND FIFTY (50) FT. OF GROUND WIRE CUT. ALSO SPOTTED ~~24 TO 34~~ **25** NEW GRAVES IN THE SAME AREA. WHICH MEN NEVER SPOTTED BEFORE.

D. AT ~~031425H~~ AT COORD ~~078700~~ ECHO THREE (3) PATROL PICKED UP DETAINEE IN VILLAGE WITH NO ID CARD. SENT DETAINEE TO 2/3 CP

5. CASUALTIES:

USMC

ENEMY

1 WRE

NONE

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FM CG THIRD AVNTRON
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV

SIT RHP 365 ~~0411Z~~ TO ~~0424Z~~ DEC 67

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE.
2. SUBJ RT OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE.
3. CONTACTS: AT ~~0411Z~~ DEC AT COORD AT9755Z AN LVTP5 (3-4-48) DETONATED A MINE APPROX 10 LBS WHILE PRECEDING TO UP COMING OPERATION. DAMAGE TO VEH CONSISTS OF TWO (2) ROAD WHEELS BLOWN. TWO (2) USMC WIA.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE.
5. CASUALTIES: USMC ENEMY
2 WIA NONE

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TO CG FIRST MARDIV
BT
SIT REP 367 ~~000000~~ TO ~~062000~~ DEC 1967

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE.
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE.
3. CONTACTS

A. AT ~~0600~~ DEC AT COORDS ~~15925564~~ AN LVTP5 (3-A-23) RECONATED A MINE WHILE ON A ROAD SWEEP. MINE IS BELIEVED TO BE OF A NEW TYPE OF EXPLOSIVE APPROX 4 LBS. VEH CAUGHT FIRE. TRACK AND SKIRT WAS BLOWN OFF. TWO (2) USMC KIA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE.

5. CASUALTIES:

USMC

NAVY

2 KIA

NONE

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SIT REP 368 ~~000001~~ TO ~~000000~~ DEC 1967**

- 1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE.**
- 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE.**

3. CONTACTS:

A. AT 072100H AT COORD 076707 ECHO THREE (3) VILLAGE PATROL RECEIVED FOUR (4) RDS OF SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLE FIRE FROM TOP OF CHIN STRAP MOUNTAIN. JUMP COILING BACK TO FUDGECAKE CP ALSO RECEIVED ONE (1) RD. NO RDS RETURNED.

B. AT 072210H AT COORD 076707 ECHO THREE (3) VILLAGE PATROL RECEIVED NINE (9) RDS OF SEMI-AUTOMATIC FIRE FROM TOP OF CHIN STRAP MOUNTAIN .RETURNED THIRTY (30) RDS OF 5.56 MM M80 RESULTS.

- 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE.**

- 5. CASUALTIES: NONE**

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BT
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1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE BY ONE MARINE STRUCK THE FOOT OF THE MARINE IN FRONT CAUSING A MINOR WOUND IN THE HEEL OF THE RIGHT FOOT WHILE ON PATROL. PATROL WAS IN COLUMN.
5. CASUALTIES: ONE

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1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: PATROL REPORTED PROBABLE LOCATION OF ROCKET LAUNCHING TRAINING SITE. ANOTHER PATROL WAS SENT OUT TO SEARCH AREA FOR ANY EVIDENCE OF LIVE ORDNANCE. SECOND PATROL HAD NEGATIVE RESULTS. SECOND PATROL FOUND TWO (2) MK 15 MOOD 1 BOMB FIN ASSEMBLIES.
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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1. TIME LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SYMBOLS OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. OPERATIONS

A. AT 101120 AT COORD 077700 BOMB THREAT (3) VILLAGE PATROL RECEIVED THREE (3) ROUNDS OF M16-AUTOMATIC RIFLE FIRE FROM COORD 070704. PATROL RETURNED EIGHT (8) ROUNDS OF 5.56 MM M16 RESULTS.

B. AT 102314 PERIMETER BUNKER SAW ONE (1) MAN ENTERING THIS LINE AT COORD 066096 AFTER AREA HAD BEEN ILLUMINATED. BUNKER FIRED TWELVE (12) ROUNDS OF 5.56 MM M16 RESULTS.

C. AT 102133 PERIMETER BUNKER RECEIVED SIX (6) ROUNDS SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM COORD 066096. BUNKER PERSONNEL SPOTTED NUCLEAR FLASHERS AND RETURNED TWELVE OF 5.56MM M16 RESULTS.

D. AT 101715 ANDREW GOLF 6 RECEIVED 20 ROUNDS AUTOMATIC FIRE FROM COORD 070702. DID NOT RETURN FIRE.

E. AT 101455 RECEIVED REPORT FROM COMPANY 1 THAT AT 0700 APPROXIMATELY 25-30 PEOPLE WERE OBSERVED GOING FROM COORD 069093 TO 062091. PEOPLE WERE CARRYING BLANKETS AND FOOD.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

3. CONTACTS:

SEA ANCHOR
Quebec one (SEASIDE)
A. AT 112050 AT COORD ~~080707~~ PERIMETER BUNKER RECEIVED THIRTY (30) ROUNDS OF INCOMING FIRE FROM COORD ~~080702~~. RETURNED FORTY (40) ROUNDS OF 30 CAL AND THREE (3) ROUNDS OF M-79. NEG RESULTS.

B. AT 112035 AT COORD ~~078706~~ ECHO THREE (3) VILLAGE PATROL RECEIVED THREE (3) ROUNDS INCOMING FIRE FROM COORD ~~078708~~. DID NOT RETURN FIRE. COULD NOT PINPOINT ENEMY LOCATION.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 111420HDEC67 TEN (10) LVTP5 RETURNED FROM OPERATION PIPT.

B. AT 111430 FOUR (4) LVTP5 AND ONE (1) LVTP5 CMD RETURNED FROM CHU LAI.

C. AT 111820 RECEIVED REPORT FROM TIPTON RASCAL CHARLIE THAT TWO (2) ARMED PLATOONS OF VC WERE LOCATED AT COORD ~~035689~~/~~035678~~, ~~046677~~ & ~~035673~~.

D. AT 120730 AT COORD ~~082710~~ PERIMETER BUNKER REPORTED VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS GATHERING AROUND AN OBJECT ON THE BEACH. SENT TWO (2) MEN OUT TO INVESTIGATE. UPON REACHING BEACH THEY FOUND A GREY CYLINDER WITH POWDER CHANGE FROM EIGHT (8) INCH NAVAL GUN. FEN 1500-030-3790-0601. NOTIFIED DIVISION ORDNANCE.

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SIT REP 372 13~~40~~1 TO 1324~~0~~13DEC67

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 13~~45~~ AT COORD 079692 SQUAD SIZE PATROL OBSERVED THREE (3) PEOPLE MOVING ALONG TRAIL SEVENTY FIVE (75) METERS SOUTH WEST OF ABOVE COORD. FIRED APPROX THIRTY (30) ROUNDS 5.56 MM. ILLUMINATED AREA TO CHECK IT OUT. NEG RESULTS.

B. AT 13~~42~~ AT COORD 075700 SQUAD SIZE PATROL OBSERVED TWO PEOPLE APPROX FIFTY (50) METERS WEST OF ABOVE COORD IN A HEDGEROW. FIRED APPROX FIFTY (50) ROUNDS 5.56 MM. CHECKED OUT AREA. NEG RESULTS.

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

GP 4

PAT S. GALLIGAN

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14DEC67

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FM THIRD ANTRBN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
BT

SIT REP 373 140001 TO 142400ADEC67

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS:

A. AT 132325H AT COORD 07697 SQUAD SIZE AMBUSH LAD SET IN WHICH AMBUSH SPOTTED THREE (3) MEN COMING SOUTH TO THERE POSITION. AMBUSH FIRED TWENTY (20) ROUNDS 5.56MM. NEG RESULTS.

B. AT 140210 SQUAD SIZE PATROL AT COORD 074703 LOST COMMUNICATIONS DUE TO RADIO JAMMING. PATROL ENTERED A SUSPECTED HOUSE AND JAMMING STOPPED. PATROL FOUND FIFTEEN (15) ROUNDS OF 5.56MM, ALSO ONE (1) SONY PORTABLE RADIO. PATROL BROUGHT SUSPECT BACK TO THIS CP. SUSPECT WAS TURNED OVER TO 2/3 FOR QUESTIONING.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 131410 AT COORD 074701 SQUAD SIZE PATROL FOUND ONE (1) LAAM IN GOOD CONDITION. TURNED LAAM INTO BATTALION ARMORY.

B. AT 131650 AT COORD 093623 ONE (1) LVTP5 3-B-96 WHILE ON TROOP MOVEMENT HIT A MINE POSSIBLE FORTY (40) POUNDS. LVT CAUGHT FIRE. SECURITY WAS SET UP. LVT WAS TOWED BACK TO 1/5 CP. ONE (1) LVT CREWMAN AND TWELVE (12) INFANTRY MEN WERE MED EVAC.

5. CASUALTIES: USMC

CP 4

1 WIAE

PAT G. GALLIGAN

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21DEC67

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FM THIRD BATTAL
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
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SIP REP 374 15~~00~~1 TO 2124~~00~~DECE67

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS:

A. AT 1922~~00~~DECE67 AT COORD 981692 SQUAD SIZE PATROL RECEIVED ONE (1) HAND GRENADE AND SEVEN (7) ROUNDS FROM ENEMY FORCERESTIMATED AT FIVE (5) MEN LOCATED FIFTY (50) METERS WEST OF THEIR POSITION. RETURNED 35-40 ROUNDS 5.56MM, TWO HAND GRENADES. NEG RESULTS.

B. AT 2022~~00~~DECE67 AT COORD 937664 LVT ON REACTIONARY FORCE RECEIVED 20-30 ROUNDS SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE, ENGAGING APPROXIMATELY 20 VC. RETURNED 30 ROUNDS OF 30 CAL. NEG RESULTS.

C. AT 202215DECE67 AT COORD 980690 SQUAD SIZED PATROL RECEIVED THREE (3) HAND GRENADES AND THREE (3) ROUNDS SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM TREE LINE FIFTY (50) FEET TO THE WEST OF THEIR POSITION. FIVE (5) VC WERE SEEN MOVING SOUTH. SENT FIRE TEAM TO CHECK OUT AREA AFTER HAVING RETURNED 30 ROUNDS 5.56MM. NEG RESULTS.

D. AT 202220DECE67 PERIMETER BUNKER AT COORD 985795 SPOTTED BOAT LATER IDENTIFIED AS A SAILBOAT WITH FRONT AND REAR RUNNING LIGHTS ON APPROXIMATELY 1000 METERS FROM SHORE. BOAT MADE LIGHT SIGNALS TOWARD SHORE LINE. BUNKER FIRED SIX (6) ROUNDS 5.56MM. ANOTHER BUNKER AT ABOVE COORD FIRE SEVEN (7) ROUNDS. CALLED FOR SWIFT BOAT WHICH ARRIVED AT 202240DECE67.

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4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 192310~~0~~DEC67 REINFORCED FIRE TEAM SAW AND HEARD MOVEMENT IN HUT AT COORD 081710~~0~~. CHECKED OUT HUT AND PICKED UP FIVE VIETNAMESE MALES AND FOUR VIETNAMESE FEMALES. TURNED OVER TO 2/3 IIT.

B. AT 201130~~0~~DEC67 THREE MARINES ON VILLAGE PATROL AT COORD 075705 CONDUCTING ROUTINE ID CHECK PICKED UP ONE VIETNAMESE MALE DRESSED AS A BUDDHIST MONK. ID SEEMED TO BE IN ORDER BUT MAN HAD NEVER BEEN SEEN IN THIS AREA BY PATROL BEFORE. MAN ALSO HAD FOUR THOUSAND PLASTERS ON HIS PERSON. TURNED OVER TO 2/3 IIT.

C. AT 210630~~0~~ AT COORD 073710~~0~~ PLATOON SIZE PATROL RETURNING TO BN CP PICKED UP THREE DETAINEES FOR BEING OUT DURING CURFEW. PATROL SUSPECTED DETAINEES OF FOLLOWING PATROL. TURNED OVER TO 2/3 IIT.

D. AT 210800~~0~~DEC67 AT COORD 900516 ONE USMC WAS WIAHE WHEN STRUCK IN LOWER RIGHT LEG BY SHELL FRAGMENTS FROM FRIENDLY ARTILLERY SHELL. MAN WAS TREATED AT BAS.

E. AT 211200~~0~~DEC67 FIRE TEAM ON CHECKPOINT AT COORD 073710 DETAINED ONE VIETNAMESE MALE WITHOUT PROPER IDENTIFICATION. TURNED OVER TO 2/3 IIT.

5. CASUALTIES: USMC

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PAT S. GALLIGAN

RICHARD C. KLAWE

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22DEC67

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FM THIRD ATRBN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
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GITREP 375 210~~00~~1 TO 2224~~00~~

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 20~~00~~30 DEC67 NINE (9) LVTP5, ONE (1) LVTP5 CMD FROM "B" COMPANY DEPARTED FROM CHU LAI IN SUPPORT OF 196TH LIGHT INFANTRY BRIGADE ON LST 649. ARRIVED AT DANANG AT 20~~17~~50 TO JOIN THIS BATTALION.
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

OP 4

PAT S. GALLIGAN

RICHARD C. KLAWE

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23DEC67

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FM THIRD AMTRBN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
BT
SITREP 376 230001 TO 232400/DEC67

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 222450/DEC67 AT COORD 079695 SQUAD SIZE PATROL DISCOVERED A PUNJI PIT CONTAINING ONE (1) M26 HAND GRENADE BOOBY TRAPPED WITHIN THE PIT. TRIP WIRE WAS FOUND RUNNING TWO FEET OFF TO ONE SIDE. TRIP WIRE WAS ATTACHED TO ONE (1) 60MM MORTAR ROUND, ONE (1) M26 HAND GRENADE AND ONE (1) CHINESE COMMUNIST GRENADE. DESTROYED PIT WITH ONE (1) M26 HAND GRENADE. DESTROYED OTHER ORDNANCE WITH ANOTHER M26 HAND GRENADE.
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

PAT S. GALLIGAN

RICHARD C. KLAWB

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25DEC67

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FM THIRD AMTRBN
 TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
 BT
 SITREP 377 240001 TO 252400HDEC67

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

CONTACTS: AT 240346DEC67 AT COORD 076707 REINFORCED FIRE TEAM PATROL RECEIVED ONE HAND GRENADE AND APPROXIMATELY SIX ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE LOCATED FIFTY METERS NORTH OF ABOVE COORD. PATROL RETURNED ONE ROUND OF M79 AND THIRTY ROUNDS 5.56MM. NEG RESULTS.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 231900DEC67 SQUAD SIZE PATROL AT COORD 078707 APPREHENDED ONE VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN WHO RAN WHEN THE PATROL APPROACHED. DETAINED AND TURNED OVER TO 2/3 IFF FOR INTERROGATION.

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

GP 4

- * 4. A. AT 251035HDEC67 AT COORD 078707 A GROUP OF VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS ESTIMATED AT ONE HUNDRED & FIFTY (150) (MAJORITY CHILDREN) PROTESTING UNITED STATES INVOLVEMENT IN VIET NAM APPEARED AT SEA ANCHOR GATE. SENT FOUR MEN TO ASSIST GATE GUARD WITH PROTESTORS, COLLECTED PAMPHLETS AND SIGNS. PROTESTORS WERE DISPERSED PEACEABLY. PAMPHLETS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

PAT S. GALLIGAN

RICHARD C. KLAVE

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26DEC67

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FM THIRD AVTRDN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
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SITREP 378 ~~260001~~ TO 262400 DEDEC67

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 252315 AT COORD ~~080706~~ PERIMETER BUNKER RECEIVED FOUR ROUNDS SNIPER FIRE FROM ENEMY SNIPER LOCATED APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250) METERS TO THEIR DIRECT FRONT. RETURNED TWENTY (20) ROUNDS 5.56MM. NEG RESULTS.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

GP 4

PAT S. GALLIGAN

RICHARD C. KLAVE

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27DEC67

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FM THIRD AMPHIBN
 TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
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 SITREP 379 27~~0001~~ TO 2724~~0001~~DEC67

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 261915 AT COORD ~~083705~~ FROM 261915 TO 2622~~30~~DEC67 THIS BATTALION OF RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 2, ~~000~~ ROUNDS AUTOMATIC AND SEMI-AUTOMATIC FIRE, APPROXIMATELY 1~~0~~ ROUNDS LAAW AND 35 ROUNDS 60MM & 81MM MORTAR FIRE FROM COORD ~~078697, 077705, 073710 & 069702~~. CALLED IN ARTILLERY AT COORD ~~069702 079695~~. SEA ANCHOR, MADISON AND SPOOKY PROVIDED ILLUMINATION OVER TARGET AREA. TANK AT GOLF 6 SPOTTED MORTAR FLASHES AT COORD ~~074699~~. TANK FIRED 4 ROUNDS ~~900M~~. MORTAR FIRE STOPPED COMING IN ON OUR POSITION. BATTALION WENT ON 10~~00~~ ALERT. DEPLOYED REACTION PLATOON AND LVT WITH 20MM TO BLOCKING POSITION AT COORD ~~071710~~. RETURNED APPROXIMATELY 5~~00~~ TO 1, ~~000~~ ROUNDS SMALL ARMS FIRE. MESS HALL, COMMUNICATIONS TECH SHOP, MOTOR TRANSPORT BUTLER BUILDING AND FIFTEEN TROOP HUTS HIT BY MORTAR FRAGMENTS. UNKNOWN NUMBER OF HUTS HIT BY SMALL ARMS FIRE.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 27~~0000~~DEC67 FOLLOWING CONTACTS AT 261915DEC67 ONE TWELVE MAN SQUAD WAS DISPATCHED TO COORD ~~075707~~ TO CHECK OUT AREA DURING DAYLIGHT. AREA WAS SWEEPED AND TWENTY EXPENDED ~~30~~ CAL CARTRIDGE CASES, 1~~0~~ EXPENDED CARBINE CARTRIDGES AND ONE EXPLODED FRAGMENT FROM RPG ROCKET WAS FOUND. SEARCH ALSO REVEALED THAT ENEMY USED BOTH 60MM & 81MM MORTARS. FIN ASSEMBLY FROM MORTAR ROUNDS INDICATES THAT THEY WERE US MADE. OUR POSITION AS WELL AS SEA ANCHOR RECEIVED WHAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE RPG ROUNDS. LAAW CANNISTER WAS ALSO FOUND. PICTURES OF DAMAGE WILL BE FORWARDED TO DIVISION G-2.
5. CASUALTIES: USMC KIT CARSON SCOUT
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GP 4

PAT S. GALLIGAN

RICHARD C. KLAWE

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29DEC67

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FM THIRD AMTRBN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
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SITREP 380/28000/1HDEC67 TO 292400/1HDEC67

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 281735HDEC67 AT COORD 079675 SQUAD SIZE PATROL DISCOVERED TWO SMALL PUNJI PITS WITH BOOBY TRAPS ATTACHED. PITS WERE TWO FEET SQUARE, TWO FEET DEEP WITH CARDBOARD WALLS. ONE PUNJI PIT CONTAINED ONE M-26 HAND GRENADE AND ONE M-79 ROUND. OTHER PIT CONTAINED ONE M-26 GRENADE. DESTROYED EACH PIT WITH TWO M-26 HAND GRENADES PER PIT. CAVED IN RESULTING CRATERS.

B. AT 290315HDEC67 AT COORD 067709 SQUAD SIZE PATROL OBSERVED SIX PEOPLE ONE HUNDRED METERS TO THEIR WEST MOVING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION. ONE PERSON WAS CARRYING A WEAPON. PATROL OPENED FIRE AND EXPENDED EIGHTEEN ROUNDS 5.56MM. NEG RESULTS.

5. CASUALTIES: AN ADDITIONAL TWO CASUALTIES ARE TO BE ADDED TO THE FOUR REPORTED AT 261915HDEC67. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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IWIANE (OFFICER)

GP 4

PAT S. GALLIGAN

RICHARD G. KLAWE

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30DEC67

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FM THIRD AMPTRBN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV

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SITREP 381 ~~30000~~1HDEC67 TO ~~30240~~HDEC671. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE3. CONTACTS:

A. AT ~~300330~~HDEC67 AT COORD ~~087697~~ SQUAD SIZE PATROL SAW TWO PERSONS THIRTY (30) METERS TO THEIR SOUTH HEADING SOUTH. PATROL FIRED ON THEM. RECEIVED NO RETURN FIRE. EXPENDED 25 ROUNDS 5.56MM AND ONE HAND GRENADE (M-26). NEG RESULTS.

B. AT ~~301350~~HDEC67 AT COORD ~~068689~~ AN LVTP5 (3-B-15) DETONATED ENEMY MINE WHILE ON RESUPPLY RUN TO ANDERSON HOTEL. TWO LVT PERSONNEL AND ONE INFANTRY WIAE TO NSA. SET UP SECURITY AND BEGAN REPAIRS ON LVT. SIZE OF MINE ESTIMATED AT TWENTY (20) POUNDS.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT ~~262030~~HDEC67 AT COORD ~~075707~~ AN LVTP5 (3-A-38) LOCATED AT SOUTHERN END OF BN GP RECEIVED HIT FROM ONE 4.2MM MORTAR ROUND (ILLUMINATION). ROUND CAME FROM NORTHERLY DIRECTION. PENETRATED TOP OF ENGINE COMPARTMENT AND ENGINE. THIS OCCURRED DURING THE CONTACTS REPORTED IN SITREP 379.

B. AT 291955HDEC67 CAP GOLF 5 LOCATED AT COORD ~~083705~~ REPORTED TO THIS UNIT THAT ON 27DEC67 AT COORD ~~055810~~ NINE (9) FRESH GRAVES WERE DISCOVERED. DOCTORS AND CORPSMEN AT GOLF 5 NOTED THAT THERE WASN'T ANY UNUSUAL SICKNESS IN THE VILLAGE. GRAVES WERE CONSIDERED UNUSUAL FOLLOWING ATTACKS ON AMTRACK GP ON 26DEC67. VILLAGE CHIEF REFUSED TO OPEN GRAVES STATING THAT THEY CONTAINED AN OLD MAN AND EIGHT OLD WOMEN. IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY OF GRAVES CONTAINING VC BODIES IT WAS REQUESTED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE PASSED TO III MAF REQUESTING THAT AN INSPECTION BE CONDUCTED AS TO ACTUAL CONTENTS OF THESE GRAVES.

5. CASUALTIES:

USMC
2WIAE

GP 4

PAT S. GALLIGAN

RICHARD C. KLAWE

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31DEC67

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FM THIRD AIRBORNE
 TO CG FIRST BAN DIV
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 SIGREP 382 310001HDEC67 TO 312400HDEC67

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 301550HDEC67 AT COORD 079693 SQUAD SIZE PATROL APPREHENDED ONE VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN WITH AN ID CARD WITH PICTURE THAT DIFFERED FROM SUSPECT. ALSO APPREHENDED ONE SUSPECT HIDING IN HUT TEN METERS WEST OF ABOVE COORD. FIRST SUSPECT CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN 10 VC WITH ONE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS HEADING NORTH. SUSPECTS WERE BROUGHT TO BN CP AND TAKEN TO 2/3 FOR QUESTIONING BY 13TH ITP.

B. ON 30DEC67 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM LOCAL SOURCES, THESE SOURCES BEING VILLAGE CHIEF OF HUI KIM SON, GOLF 6 AND LOCAL VILLAGERS. SOURCES SAY THAT THE ATTACK ON THIS CP ON 26DEC67 WAS MADE IN ORDER TO DETECT WEAKNESSES IN THE DEFENSIVE PERIMETER AND TO ASCERTAIN HOW AMTRAC PERSONNEL ARE DEPLOYED WHEN HIT. ANOTHER ANOTHER AND MUCH LARGER ATTACK IS TO TAKE PLACE SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE. NO SPECIFIED DATES ARE KNOWN.

C. AT 310977Z DEC 67 AT COORD 072707 MARINE PROVIDING SECURITY FOR MINE-SWEEP TEAM STOPPED ONE VIETNAMESE MALE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND ASKED TO SEE MAN'S ID CARD. MAN DID NOT HAVE AN ID CARD ON HIS PERSON. 10,000 PIASTERS WERE FOUND ON MAN WHEN HE WAS SEARCHED. MAN WAS DETAINED. WHILE WAITING FOR PATROL TO PICK MAN UP MARINE WAS SURROUNDED BY OTHER VIETNAMESE MALES IN GREEN UTILITIES. VIETNAMESE LOCKED AND LOADED ON MARINE. OFFICER WAS DISPATCHED TO SCENE ON REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF GOLF 6. IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT VIETNAMESE WERE ALL PF'S. MAN WHO WAS SEARCHED WAS VERY UPSET. HE THOUGHT THAT BECAUSE HE WAS A PF AND WORKED IN THIS AREA THAT IT WAS AN INSULT TO HIS DIGNITY TO BE STOPPED AND SEARCHED BY A MARINE. VILLAGE CHIEF WAS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES WERE MADE TO HIM. IT WAS EXPLAINED TO THE VILLAGE CHIEF THAT A MISTAKE HAD BEEN MADE. HE WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT PF'S SHOULD CARRY ID CARDS, AT ALL TIMES. HE WAS ALSO TOLD THAT MARINES ON ROAD PATROL HAVE BEEN TOLD TO MAKE FREQUENT ID CHECKS OF VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL IN THE AREA THAT THEY ARE PATROLLING.

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

GP 4