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To: Commanding General, 1st MarDiv (Rein), FMF
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-30 September 1968

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

Encl: (1) September 1968 Command Chronology
(2) September 1968 Situation Reports (copies)

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1-30 September 1968

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (-) (Rein) LtCol Frank C. CHACE, Jr.; 1-30Sep

SUBORDINATE UNITSM&S Company - Capt Charles R. SMITH, 1-5Sep
1stLt Harrison C. BARGER, 6-30Sep

"A" Company - Capt David J. SCOMYERS, 1-30Sep

"B" Company - Maj Joseph F. MOLINEAUX, Jr., 1-30Sep

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Plt, "B" Co., 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion

UNITS IN DIRECT SUPPORT

Det, Sentry/Scout Dog Platoon, 3d Military Police Battalion

Det, 1st Shore Party Battalion (Mine Sweep Team)

Det, 1st Dental Company

2. LOCATION: 1-30Sep: DaNang, Quang-Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam3. STAFF OFFICERS

KC	Maj John H. KEEGAN, 16-30Sep
S-1	1stLt James J. MCCABE, 1-5Sep 1stLt William J. PEPPERS, 6-30Sep
S-2	2dLt Russell L. EQUI, 1-30Sep
S-3	Maj John H. KEEGAN, 1-15Sep Capt James R. WILLIAMS, 16-30Sep
S-4	Maj Frederic M. VANN, 1-30Sep
S-5	1stLt Harrison C. BARGER, 1-30Sep

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15 Oct 19684. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHERS</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
26	649	2	13	0	0

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During this period the Battalion supported 2/1, 3/1, 1/7, 3/7, 1/26, 2/27, 3/27, the 5th Marines, 1st Engineers, TFX and the ROK's. Technique of employment consisted of two platoons (+) to the ROK's; a platoon (+) to 2/1, TFX and the 5th Marines; a platoon to 1/7, 3/7, and 3/27; and a section to 3/1, 1/26, 2/27 and 1st Engineers. Company "B" Command Group (-) continued their role of direct support to the ROK's at Hoi An.

As directed by the Commanding General of the 1st Marine Division, the 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion turned over operational control of their TAOR to the Commanding Officer 1st Marines. The purpose of this exchange in responsibilities was to allow the Amphibian Tractor Battalion to concentrate its efforts on supporting subordinate units in the field.

The Battalion had an average of fifty-eight vehicles committed daily in direct support of the 1st Marine Division. The mission and frequency of specific tasks were:

- Security - 35
- Recovery - 15
- Med Evacs - 11
- Resupply - 103
- Blocking Force - 7
- Reaction Force - 21
- Administration - 23
- Troop Movement - 76
- Search and Destroy - 10
- Patrols and Mine Sweeps - 11

Vehicle utilization averaged 6.2 hours per day carrying an average of 5.7 persons and 548 pounds of cargo per day. In addition, the LVT(L)s fired eighteen line charges.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. TOPICS:a. Personnel and Administration

- (1) The personnel status as of 30 September was Category I.
- (2) The 2142 field remains twenty personnel short of their manning level. This shortage has continued to impose a hardship on the Command and the 2142s who are required to assume the increased workload.
- (3) Four Marine officers, thirty-nine Marine enlisted, and one Navy enlisted rotated to COMUS.
- (4) Two Marine officers, fifty-one Marine enlisted and one Navy enlisted were received as replacements.
- (5) Casualties. Two KIA and nineteen MIA
- (6) There were eighteen extensions of overseas tours, six new enrollments in USAFI and four MCI courses; and the Battalion maintained a Savings Bond participation of 78%.
- (7) Awards. Nineteen Purple Hearts were awarded.
- (8) R&R. Forty-five men went on R&R during this period. R&R is well received and is a great morale booster.
- (9) Exchange. The exchange service of this Command is considered adequate.

b. Enemy

- (1) Ten LVT's were damaged or destroyed and twenty-four contacts were made with the enemy. These contacts were:
 - (a) Nine mined vehicles.
 - (b) Three sniper incidents

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- (c) One Ambush
- (d) Three attacks by fire
- (e) One sighting of ten VCs
- (f) One act of terrorism

(g) Seven booby traps. These traps were of various types as follows: Four grenades rigged as booby traps, one 105mm round rigged for pressure detonation, one 82mm mortar round rigged with trip wire, and one of unknown explosive.

(2) Nine detainees were apprehended. Of these, four were turned over to ARVN authorities and five were turned over to the 5th CIT of which one was a confirmed VC.

(3) Eight sweep and search operations were conducted in conjunction with FOB-4, CAP 2-5-1 and the 1st Marines. The following equipment and food was destroyed: Three 60mm mortar rounds, two mines, two hundred pounds of rice and six vials of penicillin.

(4) One Hundred and twenty squad size patrols were conducted, of which ninety were during the hours of darkness.

c. Training

(1) Formal training and CJT was conducted in conjunction with operational commitments. The following classes were presented to the members of this Command.

- (a) Buddy Aid
- (b) Quick Fire/Kill
- (c) Malaria Control
- (d) Personal Response
- (e) Tactical Security
- (f) Rules of Engagement
- (g) Combat Intelligence
- (h) Mines and Booby Traps
- (i) The Marine Rifle Squad
- (j) Pacification Indoctrination
- (k) Weapons Safety and Firing of Weapons

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(2) Personnel attended the following schools:

- (a) Officers Leadership - 1 off
- (b) Staff NCO Leadership - 2 enl
- (c) NCO Leadership - 1 enl
- (d) Basic Organic Supply - 1 enl
- (e) Division Embarkation - 1 enl
- (f) Seismic Intrusion Device - 1 off, 6 enl
- (g) Career Advisor - 1 enl
- (h) Mine and Booby Trap - 6 enl

d. Logistics

(1) Supply Situation

(a) Minor LVT suspension parts, such as track connector pins, outboard adapter nuts and bolts, and cap belts are critically short. Also a lack of OVM and 25 lb. grease guns seriously hampers the 1st echelon maintenance program.

(b) The shortage of four typewriters is causing an administrative problem within the Command. In addition to the shortage an average of one typewriter per week is lost to repairs.

(c) Eighteen combat replacement LVTP5s and two R&E LVTP5s (Cmd) were received in September. There are eight LVTP5s, one LVTP5 (Cmd) and three LVTEs remaining as T/E deficiencies.

(2) Maintenance Situation

(a) Ten LVTs were damaged or destroyed due to enemy action with the following results. Six destroyed, three repaired and one being repaired.

(b) The daily combat deadline averaged ten LVTs in September. The increase from the previous month can be attributed to a combination of enemy mining and the unavailability of maintenance personnel due to infantry type operations in the Battalion's ACR.

(c) Four of the six LVTs which are OpCon from the 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion have 400-700 hours of operating time. The necessity for constant repair work limits the operational usefulness of these vehicles. The original commitment consisted of eleven LVTP5s and has been reduced to six LVTP5s because of mining incidents.

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(3) Motor Transport Situation

(a) Nine M151 jeeps were received as replacements for the M38s. One M151 was wrecked and coded.

(b) One M543A2 wrecker and six M35A2C ~~2~~ ten vehicles were also received.

(c) The following statistical information is provided.

1. Miles traveled	29,611
2. Average daily deadline	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ %
3. Accidents	1

(4) Medical Situation

(a) VD Cases (new)	7
(b) Physical Exams	7
(c) Inoculations	511
(d) MedCap Patients	487
(e) Patients treated in BAS	541

e. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

(1) Ninety-four females, fifty males and three hundred and forty-three children received medical treatment at the dispensary or at our S-5 of which one female received dental care. All were treated for non-hostile action.

(2) In the hostile action category there was one man wounded by small arms fire from a Swift Boat at Tan An, three males (two men and a boy) wounded by shrapnel and small arms fire in the New Life Hamlet and a boy was killed. Five other children were wounded by a mine on the road in Khuc Bac and a seven year old girl was killed by a flare canister.

(3) There have been two gratuity payments made this month, one to the parents of the girl killed by the flare canister, and the other to a fisherwoman in Tan An whose fishing net was accidentally run over by an LVT.

(4) 120,000 leaflets (Chieu Hoi) were dropped over the Hui Kim Son area. One-half hour of aerial broadcasting on rewards and the Chieu Hoi program were delivered during this same period. There

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were no reward leaflets available for air drops. A total of 3,900 reward leaflets were distributed.

(5) The orphanage was given \$45.00 in cash, a two hundred pound live pig, one hundred pounds of rice, and twenty-five cases of canned foods.

f. Communications

(1) Personnel. The overall personnel status remains adequate with the exception of the wire section. The transfer of the wire chief has left an already overcommitted section too shorthanded to adequately accomplish its mission. Division CEO office has promised us the next Sergeant (MOS 2511) that reports in. One radio operator and one radio technician was transferred to Brave Company of this Command. The possibility of obtaining an increase in manning level for the wire section of two wiremen (MOS 2511) has been discussed with the Division CEO with favorable indications. This increase in manning level would be approved prior to the dial system being installed and operating.

(2) Equipment. Six LVTP5(Cmd) tractors still remain to be modified with the new single sideband equipment. The needed parts are on order through FSR on priority 2 Redball. One remote AN/GRA-39 on temporary loan to Sea Anchor was lost and is being listed as a Combat Loss and reorder.

(3) Maintenance. No significant maintenance problems during this period.

(4) Operations. During this period nine hundred and thirty-two messages were received, and one hundred and thirty-two were transmitted by this unit.

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

See enclosure (2) for copies of Situation Reports submitted during this reporting period.

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TO CG 1STMA DIV
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SITREP 149 AS OF 010000H TO 012400H SEP68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 011000H-011430H AT COORD 081712BT PLT SIZE FORCE FROM FOB-4 WITH 3RD AMTBN GUIDES AND DEMOLITION PERSONNEL CONDUCTED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION OF XOM SON THUY AT ABOVE COORD. DESTROYED 20 BUNKERS, RECOVERED LARGE CACHE OF RICE. CAPTURED ONE CONFIRMED V.C. AND ONE V.C. SUSPECT.
- K. ONE (1)
- L. ONE (1)
- N. THREE (3) 60MM RDS, 200LBS OF RICE, AND FOUR (4) PHIALS OF PENICILLIN.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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FM 3D AMTRBN
TO CG 1STMARDIV
BT

SITREP 150 AS OF 020001H TO 022400H SEP68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 020125H AT COORD 083705BT 3D AMTRBN OBSERVED MULTIPLE ROCKETS LAUNCHED FROM ABOVE COORD. CONTACTED 2/1 WITH INFORMATION. CONTACTED 1STMAR DASC REQUESTED AIR STRIKE. "PUFF" AIRCRAFT ON STATION IMMEDIATELY, 106'S ON CROWSNEST AND ALPHA SIX TOOK POSITIONS UNDER FIRE.
B. AT 021920H AT COORD 064512 WHILE MOVING TO 5TH CO C.P. (ROK) LVT B-34 HIT ESTIMATED 30LB PRESSURE DETONATED MINE. B-34 WAS SECOND VEHICLE IN COLUMN. KMC'S SET UP SECURITY TOOK VEHICLE UNDER TOW AND MOVED TO 5TH CO C.P.
C. AT 022315H AT COORD 078708BT 3D AMTRBN SQUAD SIZED PATROL AT COORD 088692BT RECEIVED APPROX 9 RDS HEAVY CALIBER. CONTACTED OP'S TO DETERMINE IF WEAPONS COULD BE SPOTTED. CONTACTED 2/1 FOR ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING ENEMY POSITION. CAC 2-5 CALLED AND INFORMED US THAT 175 GUN ON HILL 34 AREA WAS FIRING IN OUR DIRECTION, CAC 2-5 PASSED TO 175 GUN TO CHECK FIRE.
N. (B) IDLER, 1 & 2 ROADWHEELS STARBOARD SIDE.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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FM 3D AMTRBN
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SITREP 151 AS OF ~~030000H~~ TO ~~032400H~~ SEP68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT ~~030200H~~ AT COORD ~~080684BT~~ 3D AMTRBN SQUAD SIZED PATROL RETURNING TO C.P. FOUND M-26 AND 60MM RD RIGGED AS A BOOBY TRAP AT ABOVE COORD. DISPATCHED ENGINEER PERSONNEL AND DESTROYED BOOBY TRAPS IN PLACE.
- B. AT 032015H AT COORD 048522 WHILE ~~SIPPING~~ IN NIGHT POSITION WITH
ROK 'Three LVT'S
5TH CO B-78, B-78, AND B-79 RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE. KMC'S
RETURNED FIRE WITH 106, 300AL, SMALL ARMS AND CLAYMORES.
 - I. SEVEN (7)
 - M. ONE (1) AK-47, SIX (6) CANNINES, AND APPROX 30 HAND GRENADES.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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FM 3D AMBUSH
TO CG 1ST MANDIV
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SINCE 152 AS OF ~~0400~~ 0400H TO ~~0430~~ 0430H SEP68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 1100-1500H AT COORD ~~0677~~ 0677/50E 3D AMBUSH SQUAD IN CONJUNCTION WITH REINFORCED PLATOON OF FOB-4 MADE A SWEEP OF THE VILLAGE AT THE ABOVE COORD. AND SEARCHED SURROUNDING MOUNTAINS, BLOWING CAVES. NEGATIVE CONTACT RESULTED.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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FM 3D AMTRBN
TO CG 1STMAVDIV
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SITREP 153 AS OF ~~0500~~1H TO 0524~~00~~H SEP68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT051300H AT COORD 058553 TWO (2) LVT'S BOGGED DOWN IN MUD. TRYED TO PULL THEM OUT, BUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. GUNSMOKE 6 ORDERED THAT ALL CARGO BE REMOVED & DESTROYED, LOCKED LVT'S UP & RETURNED TO COORD 931527 ON FOOT (PHU LAC 6)

B. AT 051800H AT COORD 977534BT WHILE MOVING WITH M/3/5. LVT A210 BROKE LEFT TRACK. COULD NOT BE REPAIRED WITH EQUIPMENT AT SCENE. M/3/5, COULD NOT PROVIDE SECURITY, AND RECOMMENDED LVT BE ABANDONED. REMOVED ALL CARGO AND EQUIPMENT AND LOCKED UP VEHICLE AT COORD 977534BT.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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FM 3D AMTRBN
TO CG 1ST MARDIV

SITREP 154 AS OF ~~060900Z~~ ~~062400Z~~ SEP68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT ~~060900Z~~ AT COORD 974524 ONE (1) LVT BOGGED DOWN IN MUD. TRIED TO PULL IT OUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. REMOVED ALL GEAR AND LOCKED UP THE LVT. INFANTRY SECURITY COULD NOT BE PROVIDED
4. AT ~~061530Z~~ AT COORD ~~078700Z~~ WHILE TRAVELLING ON THE ROAD THROUGH HUI KIM SON VILLAGE, 5 TON DUMP TRUCK PULLING A WELL DRILLER FROM MCB-3 DETONATED AN ESTIMATED 40-50LB PRESSURE TYPE MINE. DISPATCHED SHORE PARTY PERSONNEL. SWEEPED THE ROAD WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
5. (B) ONE (1) VN YOUNGSTER SERIOUSLY INJURED. FIVE (5) VN YOUNGSTER SUSTAINED MINOR WOUNDS
6. (B) ONE (1) FIVE TON TRUCK DESTROYED.
7. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
8. CASUALTIES: ONE (1) VN YOUNGSTER MED EVAC
FIVE (5) VN YOUNGSTER, MINOR

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FM 3D AMTRON
TO CG LORIANRY
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SITREP 135 AS OF 140015H TO 140015H 28068

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 140915H AT COORD 145558 WHILE IN RIVER TRAVO-25, 26, AND 29, CAME UNDER HEAVY VOLUME OF SMALL ARMS & AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. RETURNED FIRE, CALLED IN MED EVAC, AND REQUESTED ARMY SUPPORT.
- B. AT 141600H-141800H AT COORDS 172700E-172730E 3D AMTRON REIN PLT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH 5TH CTF, 11LT, NATIONAL FIELD POLICE & CAP-4 PERSONNEL CONDUCTED A SWEEP OF NEW LIFE HAMLET, AND HUI KIM SON, AT ABOVE COORD'S, SEARCH WAS VERY THOROUGH, AND NATIONAL POLICE DID A COMMENDABLE JOB. 5TH CTF APPREHENDED TWO (2) VCS.
- C. AT 141815H AT COORD 171690E B-14 LEAD VEHICLE IN A COLUMN OF THREE WHILE TRAVELLING ON THE MSR NORTH TO THIS POS. DETONATED A 200LB PRESSURE TYPE BOMB. SENT UP SECURITY, SEARCHED AREA FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEG RESULTS. AND MED EVACED INJURED PERSONNEL.
- G. (A) THREE (3) USMC MED EVACED
(C) TWO (2) USMC MED EVACED
- L.(B)TWO (2)
- N. PORT SIDE DAMAGE, BLEW IDLER, 1, 2, 3, AND 4 ROADWHEELS & TORSION ARMS OFF. BLEW THE SKIRT OUT, BLEW 50 BLOCKS OF TRACK OFF, AND BLEW A HOLE IN THE HULL. VEHICLE IS CONSIDERED A TOTAL LOSS.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: FIVE (5) USMC MED EVACED.

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1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 111640H AT COORD 091555 WHILE ON LVT RECOVERY OPERATION TO ALPHA-6 POSITION, B-6 AND HEADQUARTERS VEHICLES RECEIVED SEMI- AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. ONE (1) PLT OF KMG'S SET UP SECURITY AND RETURNED FIRE, CALLED IN MED EVAC.
- B. AT 111400H-111815H AT COORD 083705BT FOB-4 (SPECIAL FORCES) CONDUCTED A PLATOON SIZE SWEEP & CLEAR OPERATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH 3RD AMTRBN. THIS OPERATION COMMENCED AT 1400 AT COORD 085684 & PROCEEDED IN A NORTHERN DIRECTION THRU THE VILLAGES OF ANTRA (SOUTH), AN TRA & TAN LUU. THIS SWEEP WAS TERMINATED AT 1815 AT COORD 083705.
- G. (A) ONE (1) USMC MED EVAC
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: ONE (1) USMC MED EVAC

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1. UNIT LOCATION: NOCHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: 121915H AT COORD BT ~~978700~~ 3D AMTRBN VILLAGE PATROL FOUND BOOBY TRAP IN PAGODA COORD BT ~~976700~~. PUT OUT SECURITY. CHECKED AREA FOR OTHER DEVICES. NEG. RESULTS. DEVICE DESTROYED IN PLACE.

B. 122315H AT COORD BT ~~975700~~ COMMENCING AT 2300~~00~~H POPULAR FORCES UNIT 1 & CAP UNIT 2-5-1 BEGAN TO RECEIVE SMALL ARMS, B40 ROCKET & M79 FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED 30 V. C. ~~XXXXXX~~ THE V. C. FIRE WAS FROM A VARIETY OF POSITIONS SURROUNDING THE CAP & PF POSITION. DURING THE NEXT TWO HOURS 3D AMTRBN BROUGHT SUPPORTING ARMS (HELICOPTER GUNFIRE) TO BEAR ON KNOWN ENEMY TARGETS. AT THIS TIME THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT & FLED IN AN UNKNOWN DIRECTION. PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE FOR DETAILED SEARCH OF MOUNTAINS AT FIRST LIGHT.

G. (B) ~~5~~ FIVE (5) - TWO (2) USMC MINOR
THREE (3) PF'S

I. (B) ONE (1) VC

H. (B) TWO (2) B-40 ROCKET LAUNCHERS RDS

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: (B) FIVE (5) - TWO (2) USMC MINOR
THREE (3) PF'S

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1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: 1305~~00~~1H AT COORD BT 0787~~00~~3 AT 075~~00~~ A SWEEP & CLEAR OPERATION IN THE VICINITY OF COORD 0687~~00~~5 IN RESPONSE TO A VC ATTACK ON CAP 2-5-1 & POPULAR FORCES UNIT 1 AT 230~~00~~ ON 12SEP68. THIS SWEEP PRODUCED NEG RESULTS & RETURNED TO THIS C. P. AT 090~~00~~. IN ADDITION A ROAD SWEEP OF THIS UNITS TACH PRODUCED TWO MINES. THESE MINES WERE BLOWN IN PLACE AS THEY APPEARED TO BE FUZED & READY FOR DETONATION.
- B. 1320~~00~~2H AT COORD BT 0787~~00~~3 B-26 LOCATED AT CAP 2-4-2 HIT BY UNKNOWN ENEMY EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. DAMAGE ASSESMENT UNKNOWN.
- C. 1320~~00~~3H AT COORD 0727~~00~~7 POPULAR FORCES UNIT 1 RECEIVED ONE (1) ROUND OF SNIPER FIRE FROM COORD 0737~~00~~6. 3D AMTRBN TOOK WIA TO NSA.
- G. (C) ONE (1) PF MED EVAC
- N. (B) ONE(1) LVT DAMAGED, EXTENT UNKNOWN
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: ONE (1) PF MED EVAC

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SITREP 159 AS OF 150001H TO 152400H SEP68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 150930H AT COORD 078708BT WHILE B-13 & B-16 WERE ON RESUPPLY MISSION FOR G-2-1, B-13 HIT PRESSURE DETONATED 105 RD. B-13 WAS LEAD VEHICLE. SET UP SECURITY. B-10 SENT TWO (2) VEHICLES TO ASSISE.
 - B. AT 151030H AT COORD 078708BT CAP 2-5-1 RECEIVED HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM MARBLE MOUNTAIN. 3D AMTRBN REINFORCED PLATOON, SECTION OF 57 RECOILLESS FROM FOB-4, AND A PLATOON OF PF-1. MARINE TAKES G-3 SET UP BASE OF FIRE ON MOUNTAIN CAVES. 3D AMTRBN PLATOON SWEEP ENTIRE MOUNTAIN COMPLEX, SEALING OFF ALL CAVES AND SECURING HIGH GROUND. OPERATION SECURED AT 151715H.
 - C. AT 151055H AT COORD 083705BT A JEEP CARRYING APPROX FOUR VH CIVILIANS PASSED THRU NUI KIM SON. THEY PASSED A CONTAINER THAT HAD AN UNKNOWN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WITHIN. THIS DEVICE EXPLODED INJURING TWO MARINES. JEEP WAS OBSERVED DEPARTING BY AMTRAC PERSONNEL AND TAKEN UNDER PURSUIT. CONCURRENT WITH ABOVE ACTION PATROL WAS TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY FOUR V.C. AT COORD 074705BT SENT REACT SQUAD TO NUI KIM SON. VH WHO PASSED EXPLOSIVES ARE BEING DETAINED AT PMO DANANG. PRESENTLY ASSAULTING SUSPECTED V.C. AT COORD 074705BT.
 - D. AT 151400H AT COORD 080691BT NAVY TRANSMITTER SITE PERSONNEL REPORTED VISUAL SIGHTING OF 10 V.C. PROCEEDING TO VILLAGE OF TAN AN 089692BT. DISPATCHED 3 SQUAD SIZED PATROLS TO CHECK AREA NEG FINDINGS OF PERSONNEL. 1 BOOBY TRAP FOUND AND DESTROYED.

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E. AT 151515H AT COORD 084689BT 3D AMTRAC SQ. SIZE PATROL DISCOVERED BOOBY TRAP AT ABOVE COORD. SECURITY WAS SET UP. AREA CHECKED FOR ADDITIONAL BOOBY TRAPS WITH NEG RESULTS. BOOBY TRAP WAS BLOWN IN PLACE.

F. AT 151645H AT COORD 088661BT FOUR B CO TRACTORS ~~WERE~~ RECEIVING MEDIUM TO HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE AT ABOVE COORD. 2/1 WAS ADVISED & WILL SUPPORT WITH TWO TANKS.

G. AT 152100M AT COORD 098673 AMTRAC TOWER & NAVY TRANSMITTER SITE REPORTED ROCKETS FIRING FROM 091691. ADDITIONAL SITING CORRECTED ROCKET LOCATION TO 098673. B CO OF 1ST MP BN REPORTED TWO ROCKET RDS IMPACTING NEAR III MAP (ONE IN OCEAN-ONE IN STORAGE LOT). TRANSMITTER SITE FIRED MORTARS AT SUSPECTED SITE. FIRING WAS HALTED WHEN CORRECTED SITE WAS DETERMINED. NOTIFIED DIV COC & 2/1 OF OBSERVATIONS.

G. (C) TWO (2) USMC MINOR

I. (B) FIVE (5) V. C.

L. (C) FOUR (4)

H. (A) VEHICLE HIT MINE ON STBD SIDE. NO. 1 ASSEMBLY BLOWN OFF & NO. 2 ASSEMBLY DAMAGED, SKIRT BENT OUT AND NO. 1 TORSION ARM BENT OUT.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: TWO (2) USMC MINOR

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FM 3D AMERBN
TO CG 1STHARDIV
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SITREP 1600 AS OF 160000Z TO 162400Z SEP68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 160700Z AT COORD 091691 3D AMERBN DISPATCHED TWO (2) LVT'S AND ONE (1) SQUAD SIZED PATROL TO SWEEP POSSIBLE ROCKET SITE AT ABOVE COORD. WITH NEG RESULTS.
 - B. AT 161925Z AT COORD 084704, 072708, 068705, 076708, 073706 ENEMY TOOK CAP UNIT, PF POSITION AND CROW'S NEST, UNITS WITHIN THIS ACR, UNDER MEDIUM TO HEAVY AUTOMATIC AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. SITINGS INCLUDED TWO (2) MACHINE GUNS. REQUESTED AIR SUPPORT AND SENT REACTION FORCE INTO HUI KIM SON TO SWEEP CLEAR OF ENEMY FORCES. WIA'S MED EVACED TO NSA.
 - C. (B) THREE WIA: ONE (1) USMC MINOR
TWO (2) POPULAR FORCES. ONE (1) PF MEDEVAC
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: THREE WIA: ONE (1) USMC MINOR
TWO (2) POPULAR FORCES. ONE (1) PF MEDEVAC

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FM 3D AMPHM
TO CG 1STMAHDIV
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SIRREP 161 AS OF 1921~~00~~1H TO 1924~~00~~1H SEP68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 1911~~00~~ AT COORD ~~074609~~ PATROL LOCATED UNCOMPLETED BOCSYTRAP~~00~~
COMPONENT PARTS WERE AS FOLLOWS: ONE (1) 105 HOWITZER ROUND, ONE (1) WOODEN BOX,
ONE (1) SANDBAG. DESTROYED BOCSYTRAP IN PLACE.
4. AT 1921~~00~~ AT COORD ~~075697~~ VIETNAMESE WOMAN BELIEVED STRUCK BY A STRAY
ROUND FROM GROW'S NEST. MED EVACED BY WAGNER TO NSA HOSPITAL.
5. ONE (1) VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN WOMAN
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: ONE VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN WOMAN

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FM 3D AMTRAC
TO CG 1STMAINFV
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SITREP 162 AS OF 201705H TO 202405H SEP63

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 201705H AT COORD 92662 ONE AMTRAC HIT MINE,
ESTIMATED TO BE BOX TYPE MINE AT 40-50 POUNDS. 2/1 SENT TWO (2)
TANKS & ONE (1) AMTRAC TO ASSIST.
- G. (A) FOUR (4) USMC
- H. (A) NUMBER TWO ROADWHEEL ASSEMBLY ON STRD SIDE BLOWN OFF.
LIMITED FIRE DAMAGE.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: FOUR (4) USMC

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FM 3D AMTRBN
TO CG 1STMAVDIV
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SITREP 163 AS OF 210001H TO 212400H SEP68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 210930H AT COORD 084686BT FOUND BOOBY TRAP AT ABOVE COORD. TRAP WAS MADE UP OF FOLLOWING ITEMS: 1-82MM, 1-WOODEN BOX, TRIP WIRE, SCREWING AND PLASTIC COVERING. PATROL PICKED UP AN OLD MAN THAT WAS IN AREA OF BOOBY TRAP, HE HAD COMM WIRE IN HIS BASKET AND SOME TYPE OF MARKER HE HAD PLACED ALONG SIDE OF ROAD. HE TRIED TO RUN WHEN PATROL SAW HIM. DESTROYED BOOBY TRAP IN PLACE, AND TURNED DETAINEE OVER TO 5TH CIT FOR INTERROGATION.

1. ONE (1)
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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TO CG 1STMAVDIV
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SITREP 164 AS OF 220001H TO 222400H SEP68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 220200H AT COORD ~~03705~~, ~~07075~~, ~~07406~~, ~~07206~~ AT 0145 SENTRY TOWER SPOTTED SIX (6) ROCKETS FIRED VIC ~~036072~~, ~~0200~~ POPULAR FORCES UNIT ONE, CAME UNDER SMALL ARMS & AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM KIKI VC FORCE OF 20-30. SIMULTANEOUSLY CAP UNIT 2-5-1 & 3D AMTRBN RECEIVED SPORADIC SNIPER & SMALL ARMS FIRE. THIS ACTIVITY CONTINUED UNTIL APPROX ~~0500H~~ WHEN ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. REPORTED ROCKETS TO 1STMAVDIV. REINFORCED POPULAR FORCES UNIT ONE WITH 18 MARINES. CALLED GUNSHIPS & FLARESHIPS TO SUPPORT UNITS WITHIN THIS AREA. ASSISTED IN CONDUCTING MED EVACS. IN THE MORNING CONDUCTED THREE (3) SWEEP & CLEAR OPERATIONS VIC OF CROW'S NEST, ALPHA-6 & MARBLE MOUNTAIN.
 - B. AT 221800H AT COORD 155600 WHILE B-21, B-22, Y-28 WERE MOVING TO THEIR NIGHT POS B-22 HIT ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE, SIZE UNKNOWN. TROOPS & ONE (1) COMPANY KMC PROVIDED SECURITY. NEG RESULTS.
 - G. (A) FOUR (4) TWO (2) USMC TWO (2) POPULAR FORCES
 - H. (A) ONE (1) M-16 W/MAG; SIX (6) 3.5 ROCKETS; ONE (1) CRICOM GRENADE; THREE (3) M-26 GRENADES; ONE (1) BOOBYTRAPPED ILLUM CANISTER.
 - (B) THREE (3) BLOCKS OF TRACK DESTROYED.
 - I. TWO (2)
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE FOUR (4) TWO (2) USMC TWO (2) POPULAR FORCES

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TO CG 1STMA DIV

SITREP 165 AS OF 231105N TO 232405N SEP68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 231105N AT COORD BT92699 3D AMTRBN PATROL FOUND BOOBY TRAP. CONSISTED OF M-26 GRENADE RIGGED WITH TRIP WIRE. SET UP SECURITY. CHECKED AREA FOR ADDITIONAL DEVICES WITH NEG RESULTS. DEVICE BLOWN IN PLACE.
B. AT 231455N AT COORD BT92688 3D AMTRBN PATROL RECEIVED ONE (1) SNIPER ROUND FROM ABOVE COORD. M-79 MAN RETURNED FIRE ON SUSPECTED SNIPER POS. PATROL CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. CONTINUED ON MISSION.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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TO CG 1STMAVDIV

SITREP 166 AS OF 240000H TO 242400H SEP68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 240055H AT COORD 071707BT NEW LIFE HAMLET RECEIVED ENEMY SLUG OR 60MM MORTAR ROUNDS. ALERTED ALL UNITS IN THIS AREA TO LOOK FOR POSSIBLE MORTAR LOCATIONS. 3D AMTRBN WENT TO 100% ALERT.
 - B. AT 240130H AT COORD 068708, 071707BT, POPULAR FORCES UNIT #1 & CAP 2-5-1 RECEIVED MODERATE TO HEAVY SMALL ARMS & AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. EXPLOSIONS FROM UNKNOWN WEAPONS WERE RECEIVED BY THESE UNITS. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT AT 0230H. REQUESTED & REC'D MARINE RELO SUPPORT. ESTABLISHED BASE OF FIRE ON KNOWN ENEMY POSITIONS FROM FRENCH FORT.
 - C. (LATE ENTRY DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS) AT 232230H AT COORD 073707 POPULAR FORCES UNIT #1 RPTD SIGHTING 15-20 VC ENTERING WEST SIDE OF NEW LIFE HAMLET. PF UNIT #1 RECEIVED MODERATE AUTO WEAPONS FIRE FROM THAT POS. DEPLOYED REACTION PLATOON TO FRENCH FORT. MOVED SOUTHERN PATROL ACTIVITY INSIDE CAP 2-5-1 PERIMETER. CAP 2-5-1 SWEEP WESTERN SECTOR OF NEW LIFE HAMLET WITH NEG RESULTS.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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TO CG 1STMA DIV

SITREP 167 AS OF 260000Z TO 262400Z SEP68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 260400Z AT COORD 3D AMTRBN ESTABLISHED A GORDON AROUND THE VILLAGE OF TAN LUU. AT 0600H THIS VILLAGE WAS SWEPT BY PERSONNEL FROM 3D AMTRBN WITH NEG RESULTS. AT 0900H THE SEARCH & CLEAR WAS CONTINUED BY CONVASING MARBLE MOUNTAIN WITH NEG RESULTS.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE



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TO CG 1STMA DIV
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STARTBP 168 AS OF 290001H TO 292400H SEP68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 291515H AT COORD 820497 WHILE SWEEPING THROUGH VILLAGE LVT A-49 & A410 SPOTTED 15 V.C. 9 V.C. WERE CARRYING WEAPONS RECEIVED 20-25RDS SMALL ARMS RETURNED 50 30CAL RDS., 120RDS 5.56 CAL. OBSERVED 4 V.C FALL OTHERS DRAGGED BODIES AWAY. CALLED IN ARTILLARY MISSION. AFTER ARTILLARY MISSION CONTINUED SWEEP THROUGH VILLAGE.
J* FOUR (4)
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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TO CG 180000Z
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SITREP 169 AS OF ~~200000Z~~ TO ~~200000Z~~ SEP68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT ~~200000Z~~ AT COORD 071700 B-42 (AMTRAC) THE LEAD VEHICLE ON A RESUPPLY RUN FOR BUNO COMPANY 2/1 HIT APPROXIMATELY 75 POUND MINE. TRACTOR WAS DESTROYED AS A RESULT OF THE MINING & FIRE. 3D AMEMB MEDEVAC'D THREE (3) MARINES TO NSA HOSPITAL. OTHER PERSON TREATED OUR BAS.
- B. AT 201310 AT COORD 079709 UNKNOWN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, ESTIMATED AT 90 POUNDS, DETONATED. THE CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION IS UNKNOWN. DEPTH OF CRATER THREE (3) FEET. WIDTH OF CRATER SIX (6) FEET. LVT HAD PASSED OVER SAME AREA FIVE (5) MINUTES BEFORE DETONATION. SENT PATROL TO INVESTIGATE & SWEEP AREA FOR OTHER POSSIBLE MINES.
- C. AT ~~201425~~ AT COORD ~~083705~~ A CHILD FROM NUI KIM SON WAS OBSERVED BEATING ON AN UNKNOWN OBJECT BY LOCAL RESIDENTS. OBJECT EXPLODED SERIOUSLY INJURING THE CHILD. CONDUCTED EMERGENCY MEDEVAC TO NSA HOSPITAL.
- G. (A) FOUR (4) MARINES
(C) ONE (1) VIETNAMESE CHILD
- H. (A) ONE (1) LVTP5A1
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: FOUR (4) MARINES
ONE (1) VIETNAMESE CHILD

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