

HEADQUARTERS
3D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, FMF
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, California, 96602

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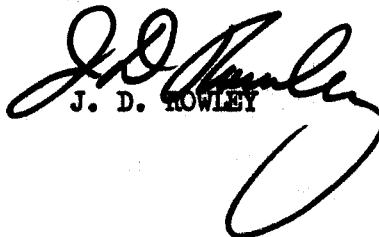
From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: Field Historian)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-30 Nov 1966

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) DivO 5750.2

Encl: (1) ✓ IntSum for the period 1-30 Nov 1966
(2) ✓ Sit Rep's for the period 1-30 Nov 1966

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b) the following Command Chronology for the period 1-30 Nov 1966 is submitted.


J. D. ROWLEY

3rd Amphibian Tractor Bn

Nov 1966

Command Chronology for 1-30 Nov 19661. Organizational Data:

a. 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, FMF

(1) Command Post: Chu Lai, RVN, BT 560048

(2) Command Structures:

Commanding Officer	Major J. D. ROWLEY
Executive Officer	Major J. L. SAUL
S-1	2ndLt FRANK A. LAMBERT
S-2	Capt. G. D. SOLIS
S-3	Major F. N. VAN SANT
S-4	Capt. R. O. DEPAOLI

b. H&S Co, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, FMF

(1) Command Post: Chu Lai, RVN, BT 560049

(2) Commanding Officers: Capt R. E. BARKER

c. Co A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, FMF

(1) Command Post: DaNang, RVN, (1st AmTrac Bn, FMF)

(2) Commanding Officers: Major G. W. LUTES

d. Co B, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, FMF

(1) Command Post: Chu Lai, RVN, BT 560049

(2) Commanding Officers: Major J. E. SWAB

2. Personnel and Administration

a. Average Monthly Strength:

<u>MARINE</u>		<u>NAVY</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
23	619	1	12

b. General Information:

(1) During the reporting period 1 MC officer and 8 MC enlisted rotated to CONUS. 3 MC officers, 22 MC enlisted and 1 Navy enlisted replacements were received.

- (2) During the reporting period the battalion had the following casualties:

9 WIA/NE

- (3) The following awards were presented to personnel of this battalion during this period:

8 Purple Hearts
1 Navy Commendation Medal

3. Significant Events:

a. Intelligence.

- (1) Enemy Activity: VC mine activity decreased, with one (1) reported incident during the month. Enclosure (1) is the single battalion intelligence summary for the period.
- (2) Normal administrative and combat intelligence functions were carried out during the month.

b. Training.

- (1) Formal training was conducted throughout the month of November in conjunction with operational commitments.
- (2) OJT and normal maintenance procedures were conducted.

c. Schools.

- (1) (1) Staff NCO attended Organic Supply training course 14 to 19 Nov.
- (2) (1) Corporal is attending Crypto-Comm school, 28 Nov to 3 Dec.
- (3) (1) Staff NCO is attending Vietnamese Language school 27 Nov to 23 Dec.
- (4) (3) men attended the classes on Wrecker M62/M543 conducted during the month.
- (5) (25) men attended the Mine Warfare school during the month.

d. Special Operations.

- (1) Enclosure (2) contains the Battalion Sit Rep's for 1-30 November.

e. Command and Control.

- (1) On 18 Nov, Chu Lai Defense Command designated this unit as Commander, Sub-Sector V, vice 1st Reconnaissance Battalion.

f. Logistics.

(1) Important Events:

- a. Construction was started on a permanent battalion messhall with the laying of a cement deck.
- b. Construction of tin-covered troop living areas was also begun, with plans for SNCO and Officers living areas to follow.

(2) Supply:

- a. During the month of November, Battalion Supply held semi-annual inventory. A complete reconciliation of all outstanding obligations held by FSA-A2 and FSA-C1 was conducted.

(3) Motor Transport:

- a. 15,571 miles were traveled with no accidents during the month.
- b. The average monthly deadline rate was 34%.
- c. Division vehicle support totaled 595 miles.

(4) Battalion Maintenance:

- a. During the period, battalion maintenance has continued to support Company B and LVT platoons with all available men and materials, particularly in the areas of recovery and welding operations.
- b. Highlights of the month were the successful withdrawal of two (2) LVTP5's from Maintenance Float FLSG-B to replace combat loss vehicles. After several attempts to locate an LVTE1 in the South China Sea, which was lost on 20 Oct 1966, it has been determined that the vehicle is completely buried in the ocean floor, recovery is doubtful.

(5) Medical:

- a. During the reporting period the following were treated: 3 VD cases, 19 physical examinations, 520 BAS patients and 1,017 inoculations were given.
- b. The MedCap program treated 817 medical patients.
- c. One hospital corpsman was assigned and deployed to "A" Co.

(6) Civic Action:

- a. During the month the MedCap team made 5 visits to the hamlet of Vinh An and treated 817 villagers. Due to an increase in MedCap supplies, the number of visits are expected to increase.

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160800H

161200H

160855 Tractor B-23 in support of 5th Marines hit mine (429086)
crater 11 1/2 feet across 5 feet deep. 20 KIA (2 LVT, 18 5th Mar).
5 MED EVAC.

None

None

None

None

None

Reference (1)

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 3121
 2 Nov 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Subj: Sit Rep # 178 for period 02001H to 022400H Nov 1966
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. The following battalion operations are conducted on a continuous daily basis.

a. From 0001 to 0700 and 1800 to 2400 provided (14) personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command for the purpose of occupying positions in Sub-Sector V.

b. From 0001 to 2400 provided (9) LVTs in direct support of 1/5 (coord 435157). These vehicles are used for the purpose of resupply and as a reaction force.

c. From 0001 to 2400 (4) LVTs were provided to 1/7 (coord 624985) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

d. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 1/7 (coord 574993) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

e. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to 1/7 (coord 622004) for logistical support and as a reaction force.

f. From 0830 to 1130 on Monday, (2) LVTs are provided to the S-5 Officer, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion. These vehicles are utilized for the purpose of transporting personnel and supplies to coord 614010 in connection with the civic action program.

g. From 0001 to 2400 provided (1) LVTP5 and (1) LVTP5 Cmd to 3/5 (coord 468068) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

h. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 3/5 (coord 435078) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

i. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 3/5 for the purpose of security and river patrols in the vicinity of coord 497067.

j. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 3/5 (coord 424091) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.

Enclosure (2)

k. From 0001 to 0630 and 1900 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs and (13) personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command, Sub-Sector V. These vehicles and personnel are utilized for beach defense from coord 557054 to coord 567044. When required, (2) of these LVTs are used for the purpose of transporting a reaction force from 1st Recon Battalion to the Chu Lai Defense Command.

l. From 0630 to 1830 provided (1) comm jeep and (4) personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command, Sector V for the purpose of patrolling the area from coord 546049 to coord 563031. This commitment is furnished on an every other week basis.

m. From 0001 to 2400 provided (5) personnel to Military Police Company, Task Force X-Ray.

2. Contacts.

a. Tractor # 210 from Company B reported a dud 155 round on 021350H at coord 453049. Engineers blew round in place.

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 9 Nov 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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- b. From 0001 to 2400 provided (9) LVTs in direct support of 1/5 (coord 435157). These vehicles are used for the purpose of resupply and as a reaction force.
- c. From 0001 to 2400 (4) LVTs were provided to 1/7 (coord 624985) for logistical support and as a reaction force.
- d. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 1/7 (coord 574995) for logistical support and as a reaction force.
- e. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to 1/7 (coord 622004) for logistical support and as a reaction force.
- f. From 0830 to 1130 on Monday, (2) LVTs are provided to the S-5 Officer, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion. These vehicles are utilized for the purpose of transporting personnel and supplies to coord 614010 in connection with the civic action program.
- g. From 0001 to 2400 provided (1) LVTP5 and (1) LVTP5 Cmd to 3/5 (coord 468068) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.
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 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP
 WFO San Francisco, California, 96602

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 3121
 13 Nov 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP
 Subj: Sit Rep # 180 for period 130001H to 132400H Nov 1966
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change

2. Command Post Locations.

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (-)
 H&S Company
 Company B

{coord 561048}
 {coord 560049}
 {coord 559051}

3. Battalion Plans.

a. At 140730 will provide (5) LVTP5 to 3/5 for the purpose of conducting a County Fair at coord 445054.

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3121
16 Nov 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Sit Rep # 181 for period 160001H to 162400H Nov 1966
Ref: (a) DivC 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. No change
2. Contacts.

a. An LVT was destroyed by unknown type of explosive device at 160855 Nov, (coord 429086) 3/5 area, crater 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet by 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet deep. Fragments turned into TFX G-2. LVT totally destroyed by fire. 20 WIA (5 Evac by Helo which required 30 minutes to arrive) 17 USMC WIA, (Inf) 2 USMC WIA (AmTrac) 1 USN WIA.

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 3121
 22 Nov 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Subj: Sit Rep # 182 for period 220001H to 222400H Nov 1966
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. The following battalion operations are conducted on a continuous daily basis.

- a. From 0001 to 0700 and 1800 to 2400 provided (14) personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command for the purpose of occupying positions in Sub-Sector V.
- b. From 0001 to 2400 provided (7) LVTs in direct support of 1/5 (coord 435157). These vehicles are used for the purpose of resupply and as a reaction force.
- c. From 0001 to 2400 (4) LVTs were provided to 1/7 (coord 624985) for logistical support and as a reaction force.
- d. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 1/7 (coord 574993) for logistical support and as a reaction force.
- e. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to 1/7 (coord 622004) for logistical support and as a reaction force.
- f. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTP5's and (1) LVTP5 Gmd to 3/5 (coord 468068) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.
- g. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs to 3/5 (coord 435078) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.
- h. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 3/5 (coord 424091) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.
- i. From 0001 to 0630 and 1900 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs and (13) personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command, Sub-Sector V. These vehicles and personnel are utilized for beach defense from coord 557054 to coord 567044. When required, (2) of these LVTs are used for the purpose of transporting a reaction force from 1st Recon Battalion to the Chu Lai Defense Command.

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* From 0630 to 1830 provided (1) comm jeep and (4) personnel to the Chu
Lai Defense Command, Sector V for the purpose of patrolling the area from coord
546049 to coord 563031. This commitment is furnished on an every other week basis.

k. From 0001 to 2400 provided (5) personnel to Military Police Company,
Task Force X-Ray.

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 3121
 23 Nov 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Subj: Sit Rep # 183 for period 230001H to 232400H Nov 1966
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

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- e. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to 1/7 (coord 622004) for logistical support and as a reaction force.
- f. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTP5's and (1) LVTP5 Cmd to 3/5 (coord 468068) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.
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 3121
 28 Nov 1966

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP
 Subj: Sit Rep # 184 for period 280001H to 282400H Nov 1966
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Battalion Operations. The following battalion operations are conducted on a continuous daily basis.

- a. From 0001 to 0700 and 1800 to 2400 provided (14) personnel to the Chu Lai Defense Command for the purpose of occupying positions in Sub-Sector V.
- b. From 0001 to 2400 provided (8) LVTs in direct support of 1/5 (coord 435157). These vehicles are used for the purpose of resupply and as a reaction force.
- c. From 0001 to 2400 (4) LVTs were provided to 1/7 (coord 624985) for logistical support and as a reaction force.
- d. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTs to 1/7 (coord 574993) for logistical support and as a reaction force.
- e. From 0001 to 2400 (2) LVTs were provided to 1/7 (coord 622004) for logistical support and as a reaction force.
- f. From 0001 to 2400 provided (2) LVTP5's and (1) LVTP5 Cmd to 3/5 (coord 468063) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.
- g. From 0001 to 2400 provided (4) LVTs to 3/5 (coord 435078) for the purpose of a reaction force and resupply missions.
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j. From 0001 to 2400 provided (5) personnel to Military Police Company, Task Force X-Ray.

k. From 1200 to 2400 provided (1) Officer, (1) Staff NCO and (13) enlisted personnel to Chu Lai Defense Command for duty with a provisional unit.

J. L. SAUL
By direction

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