



LINEAGE OF

COMBAT ASSAULT BATTALION

1942 – 1945

ACTIVATED 16 FEBRUARY 1942 AT NEW RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA, AS THE 1ST AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION,
1ST MARINE DIVISION

RELOCATED DURING MAY 1942 TO WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS

GUADALCANAL
FINSCHHAFEN
NEW BRITAIN
PELELIU
OKINAWA

REDESIGNATED 1 JANUARY 1944 AS THE 1ST AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, CORPS TROOPS,
I MARINE AMPHIBIOUS CORPS

I MARINE AMPHIBIOUS CORPS REDESIGNATED 15 APRIL 1944 AS III AMPHIBIOUS CORPS

DEACTIVATED 17 NOVEMBER 1945 AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

1946 – 1947

REACTIVATED 1 MAY 1946 AT CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA, AS THE 1ST AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION,
1ST MARINE DIVISION

RELOCATED DURING SEPTEMBER 1946 TO GUAM

REDESIGNATED 7 OCTOBER 1946 AS THE 1ST AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, 5TH SERVICE DEPOT,
SERVICE COMMAND

DEACTIVATED 1 JUNE 1947 ON GUAM

1950 – 1969

REACTIVATED 5 AUGUST 1950 AT CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA, AS THE
1ST AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION, 1ST MARINE DIVISION

PARTICIPATED IN THE KOREAN WAR OPERATING FROM

PUSAN PERIMETER
INCHON-SEOUL
CHOSIN RESERVOIR
EAST-CENTRAL FRONT
WESTERN FRONT

PARTICIPATED IN THE DEFENSE OF THE KOREAN DEMILITARIZED ZONE,
AUGUST 1953 – MARCH 1955

RELOCATED DURING MARCH 1955 TO CAMP MCGILL, JAPAN

REASSIGNED 16 MARCH 1956 TO THE 3D MARINE DIVISION
AND RELOCATED TO CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA

RELOCATED DURING OCTOBER 1962 TO CAMP SCHWAB, OKINAWA

DEPLOYED DURING JULY 1965 TO DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, JULY 1965 – JULY 1969,
OPERATING FROM

DA NANG
CUA VIET

RELOCATED DURING JULY 1969 TO CAMP SCHWAB, OKINAWA

1970 – 2004

REDESIGNATED 1 APRIL 1976 AS THE 1ST TRACKED VEHICLE BATTALION

REDESIGNATED 10 NOVEMBER 1988 AS THE 1ST ARMORED ASSAULT BATTALION

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SEA ANGEL, BANGLADESH, MAY-JULY 1991

REDESIGNATED 1 OCTOBER 1992 AS COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP

REDESIGNATED 5 OCTOBER 1994 AS COMBAT ASSAULT BATTALION

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF VARIOUS OPERATIONS WITH THE
31ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT DURING THE LATE 1990s

United States Marine Corps



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AWARDED

COMBAT ASSAULT BATTALION

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND ONE BRONZE STAR

WORD WAR II
GUADALCANAL - 1942
PELELIU - 1944
OKINAWA - 1945

KOREA
1950
1951

VIETNAM
1965 - 1967
1968

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

KOREA
1952 - 1953

VIETNAM
1968

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

VIETNAM
1967 - 1968
1968

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND ONE BRONZE STAR

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE STREAMER WITH "ASIA"

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

KOREAN SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER STARS

VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER STARS

KOREAN PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER

VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM STREAMER

25 OCTOBER 2004

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