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4 Aug 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein)  
Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2  
(b) DivO 3480.1

Encl: (1) Command Chronology; July 1966

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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2 July. 2nd platoon, Company B participated in a search and destroy mission with companies G and H, 2/5. See reference (e).

8 July. Light section 3rd platoon, Company C participated in a sweep with M-3/7. See reference (h).

12 July. Light section 3rd platoon DS Company H, 3/7 at Tien Dao Hill. See reference (i).

15 July. Company M, 3/7 attacked by reinforced Viet Cong Company at Tien Dao Hill. Light section of Ontos provided support throughout attack. Four Marines from Company C, 1st Antitank Battalion were WIA during this action. See reference (k).

26 July. Light section 2nd platoon, Company B participated in a search and destroy mission in support of a platoon from Company H, 2/5. See reference (o).

26-28 Jul. Company C (-) supported the 7th Marines during Operation FRANKLIN I. See references (b) and (c).

31 July. Major N. P. MANNING JR. relieved Major A. J. BAKAN as Battalion Executive Officer.

b. Company A (-), 1st Antitank Battalion was OPCON 3rd Marine Division during this reporting period. Company A will submit their Command Chronology to the Commanding Officer 3rd Antitank Battalion.

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Chronology (July 1966)

1. The following references apply to paragraph 2 (Commanders Narrative Summary of Significant Events).

- Ref: (a) Company B, 1stATBn Command Chronology  
(b) Company C, 1stATBn Command Chronology  
(c) After Action Report: Operation FRANKLIN I  
(d) 1stATBn SITREP #53 of 1 July 1966  
(e) 1stATBn SITREP #54 of 2 July 1966  
(f) 1stATBn SITREP #55 of 6 July 1966  
(g) 1stATBn SITREP #56 of 8 July 1966  
(h) 1stATBn SITREP #57 of 9 July 1966  
(i) 1stATBn SITREP #58 of 12 July 1966  
(j) 1stATBn SITREP #59 of 14 July 1966  
(k) 1stATBn SITREP #60 of 15 July 1966  
(l) 1stATBn SITREP #61 of 18 July 1966  
(m) 1stATBn SITREP #62 of 21 July 1966  
(n) 1stATBn SITREP #63 of 22 July 1966  
(o) 1stATBn SITREP #64 of 26 July 1966

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Appendix 2 (Documentation) to 1st Antitank Battalion Command Chronology  
(July 1966)

1. Documentation for the 1st Antitank Battalion Command Chronology for  
the period 1 - 31 July 1966 is provided by the TABS to this Appendix.

TAB

- A ✓ Company B (Rein)(-) Command Chronology
- B ✓ Company C (-) Command Chronology
- C ✓ After Action Report; Operation FRANKLIN I
- D ✓ 1stATBn SITREP #54 of 2 July 1966
- E ✓ 1stATBn SITREP #57 of 9 July 1966
- F ✓ 1stATBn SITREP #58 of 12 July 1966
- G ✓ 1stATBn SITREP #60 of 15 July 1966

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1 August 1966

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218, 1st AT Bn.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY, JULY 19661. Organizational Data

- a. Location. Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam
- b. Period Covered by Report. 1 - 31 July 1966
- c. Name/Rank of Commanding Officer, Staff and Chief Subordinates.

Capt J. E. FELKER	Commanding Officer
1stLt R. R. TIMBERG	Executive Officer
1stSgt J. H. REID	First Sergeant
GySgt V. K. WALKER	Gunnery Sergeant

Subordinate Commanders

2ndLt L. C. BEARD	1st Platoon Commander
SSgt H. J. POOLE	2nd Platoon Commander
SSgt A. F. HOLMAN Jr.	2nd Platoon, Company A, Commander
SSgt V. C. DUEMAS	1st Platoon, Company C, Commander
1stLt W. L. BUCHANAN	3rd Platoon Commander

2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events.

a. At the commencement of the present reporting period, Company B had operational and administrative control of two of its organic platoons (the First and Second Platoons). The Second Platoon, Company A was attached pending the arrival of the Third Platoon which was on SLP duty with BLT-3/5. Additionally, Company B had operational control of the First Platoon, Company C.

b. Throughout the reporting period Company B maintained two platoons (2ndPlt, CoB and 2ndPlt, CoA) in direct support of the 5th Marines and two platoons (1stPlt, CoB and 1stPlt, CoC) in direct support of the Chu Lai Defense Command.

c. Company B, because of its location with the 5th Marines Regimental Command Post complex, has the deduced mission of manning a portion of the Regimental Perimeter.

d. During the reporting period elements of this Command have participated in one major unit operation (Operation "OAKLAND"), seven small unit actions and have provided security for seven convoys between the Chu Lai Combat Base and Quang Ngai. In addition the light section of the Second Platoon, in support of B/2/5 on Hill 76, have fired a minimum of eighteen major caliber rounds per night as H & I Fires.

- e. A chronological listing of significant events follows:

2 July. The Second Platoon, Company A returned from Operation

"ONTO" in which they had supported the 7th Marines. See reference (a).

2 July. The Second Platoon supported elements of the 5th Marines in a two company sweep in the area north and west of the Song Trau. See reference (a).

6 July. 1st Lieutenant R. R. TIMBERG reported for duty as Executive Officer. See references (b) and (f).

7 July. The Light Section, 1st Platoon provided convoy security to Quang Ngai. See reference (c).

10 July. The Commanding Officer issued a frag order relocating the Ontos in direct support of the 5th Marines as follows: See reference (d)

Lt Sec, 2ndPlt	2/5 (Hill 69)
Lt Sec, 2ndPlt	CoB CP
Lt Sec, 2ndPlt, CoA	CoB CP
Lt Sec, 2ndPlt, CoA	1/5 (Hill 54)

11 July. The Second Platoon, Company A conducted an Ontos firing exercise on Hill 35.

12 July.

(1) Light Section, 1st Platoon provided convoy security to Quang Ngai. See reference (a).

(2) Light Section, 2nd Platoon displaced to Hill 76 to support B/2/5. See reference (a).

(3) The 2nd Platoon conducted an Ontos firing exercise on Hill 35.

(4) 2nd Lieutenant L. J. BOARD reported to Company B for duty and was assigned as First Platoon Commander. See reference (f).

14 July. The Light Section of the Second Platoon commenced B & I Fires from Hill 76, in support of B/2/5. These Ontos were employed in this manner through the remainder of the reporting period, firing a minimum of eighteen rounds per section per night. See reference (g).

18 July

(1) Light Section, Second Platoon provided convoy security to Quang Ngai. See reference (h).

(2) First Platoon conducted an Ontos firing exercise.

19 July

(1) Light Section, First Platoon provided convoy security to Quang Ngai. See reference (i).

(2) First Platoon, Company C conducted an Ontos firing exercise.

20 July

(1) The light section of the Second Platoon, on Hill 76, fired twenty-four major caliber rounds as a landing zone prep on Hill 270 prior to insertion of an observation team. See reference (j).

(2) Representatives from Company B participated in a platoon size recon patrol with H/2/5. See reference (j).

21 July. Light Section, First Platoon provided convoy security to Quang Ngai. See reference (k).

24 July. Light section, first platoon, Company C provided convey security to Quang Ngai. See reference (l).

26 July. Light section from the second platoon and the Second platoon, Company A participated in a search and destroy operation with a reinforced platoon from H/2/5. Operation took place in area previously reconned on 20 July. See reference (m).

29 July. A light section, consisting of one Ontos from the second platoon and one ontos from the Second platoon, Company A, provided convey security to Quang Ngai. See reference (n).

31 July. The Third Platoon, commanded by 1stLt W. L. BUCHANAN arrived in Chu Lai. The platoon had been on SLP duty with HLT 3/5, and had participated in the recently completed Operation HASTINGS. For the first time since July 1965 the Commanding Officer had operational control of all three of his organic platoons. See reference (o).

e. Detailed Description of Significant Events.

1. Tactical Employment of Ontos. During the reporting period Ontos have been utilized for BML fires. This appears to be an effective innovation, particularly when Antitank units are located in Company combat bases beyond the range of artillery fires.

2. Logistics.

a. During the present reporting period the requirement for ontos track and road wheels has increased. These items are considered critical if the Company is to continue to perform its mission adequately.

b. Company Order 11240.1 established company contact teams in the areas of tracked vehicle, motor transport and communications maintenance. These contact teams will visit the antitank platoons weekly for the purpose of instruction, inspection and supervision of 1st echelon maintenance. While frequent visits were made in the past to the antitank platoons by qualified personnel, it is felt that putting these visits on a scheduled basis will afford the Commanding Officer greater control over the maintenance effort in this Company.

Appendix 1 ( List of References) to Company B, 1st Antitank Battalion Command Chronology, July 1966.

1. The following references are to be utilized in conjunction with paragraph (c) (Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events) to this Command Chronology.

- Ref: (a) Company "B" SITREP of 2 July 1966  
 (b) BSO 79-66  
 (c) Company "B" SITREP of 7 July 1966  
 (d) Company "B" SITREP of 10 July 1966  
 (e) Company "B" SITREP of 12 July 1966  
 (f) BSO 85-66  
 (g) Company "B" SITREP of 14 July 1966  
 (h) Company "B" SITREP of 18 July 1966  
 (i) Company "B" SITREP of 19 July 1966  
 (j) Company "B" SITREP of 20 July 1966  
 (k) Company "B" SITREP of 21 July 1966  
 (l) Company "B" SITREP of 24 July 1966  
 (m) Company "B" SITREP of 26 July 1966  
 (n) Company "B" SITREP of 29 July 1966  
 (o) Company "B" SITREP of 31 July 1966

Appendix 2 (Documentation) to Company B, 1st Antitank Battalion Command Chronology, July 1966.

1. Documentation for the Company "B", 1st Antitank Battalion Command Chronology, July 1966 is provided by the Tabs to the Appendix.

TAB

- A - Company "B" SITREP of 10 July 1966  
 B - Company "B" SITREP of 12 July 1966  
 C - Company "B" SITREP of 14 July 1966  
 D - Company "B" SITREP of 18 July 1966  
 E - Company "B" SITREP of 19 July 1966  
 F - Company "B" SITREP of 20 July 1966  
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 H - Company "B" SITREP of 24 July 1966  
 I - Company "B" SITREP of 26 July 1966  
 J - Company "B" SITREP of 29 July 1966  
 K - Company "B" SITREP of 31 July 1966

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Subj: Command Chronology  
Ref: (a) DoD 3480.1  
Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is submitted.

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*Tab B*

COMMAND CHRONOLOGYI. Organizational Data1. Locations

a. Company Headquarters	BT 548018
b. 2nd Platoon	BS 663984
c. 3rd Platoon	Heavy Section BS 538947 Light Section BS 575923

2. Period Covered by Report. 1 July through 31 July 1966.3. Principle Billets

CO	1stLt D. R. WEST
1stSgt	1stSgt F. N. JORDAN
Platoon Commander, 2nd Plt	SSgt G. A. WEAVER
Platoon Commander, 3rd Plt	2dLt R. L. REED

II. Narrative of Significant Events

Events in July were largely a continuation of trends and situations begun in June. First Platoon remained at Chu Lai Defense Command, under operational control of "B" Company.

On 1 July the company headquarters group and 2nd Platoon Company "A" returned from Operation "OAKLAND".

On 5 July a quasi-operation was mounted out by 7th Marines. C-31 and C-32 escorted M/11 to the artillery position at BS 553887. The "operation" ended that afternoon and all elements returned to their CP's.

On 8 July C-31 and C-32 provided security for engineers building a road to Tien Dao Hill at GS 5792. The section continued this mission each day through 11 July.

On 12 July the light section of 3rd Platoon moved permanently to Tien Dao Hill to support the M/3/7 combat bases.

On 15 July the M/3/7 combat base was attacked. Four men were wounded. LCP1 R. J. BECKER 2133863, and PFC J. A. VETRO Jr 2144426, were evacuated. Sgt E. D. SCUDDER Jr 1670203, and PFC R. W. VOCKE 2128801, received minor wounds and were not evacuated.

During the battle, C-32 fired 17 major caliber rounds.

On 26 July the company participated in Operation "FRANKLIN". The Company Headquarters group maintained liaison with 7th Marines CP group. Third Platoon had a heavy section in direct support of 2nd Battalion 7th Marines and a light section in support of 3rd Battalion 11 Marines. Second Platoon sent one vehicle with a section of tanks in support of 1st Battalion 7th Marines.

On 27 July the company headquarters group returned to the company CP.

On 28 July the heavy section of 3rd Platoon and the Ontos from 2nd Platoon returned from Operation "FRANKLIN".

On 29 July a light section from 3rd Platoon returned to Company I, 3rd Battalion 7th Marines. A light section of 3rd Platoon returned from support of 3rd Battalion 11th Marines.

During the month company Ontos operated a total of 1500 miles and 600 hours.

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To: Commanding Officer, 7th Marine Regiment  
Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report; Operation FRANKLIN I  
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1. Code Name. Operation FRANKLIN I (search and destroy operation in conjunction with elements of the 2nd ARVN Division).
2. Dates of Operation. 260500H through 291800H July 1966.
3. Location. Northeastern area of Binh Son District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN, AMS Map sheets 6739 I, II, III, and IV series L7014.
4. Control or Command Headquarters. 7th Marine Regiment (-)(Rein), Colonel E. H. HAFHEY Commanding.
5. Task Organization

Company C (-), 1stATBn	1stLt D. R. WEST
2ndPlt, Company C	SSgt G. A. WEAVER
3rdPlt, Company C	2ndLt H. L. REED
Det, Hq, 1stATBn	1stLt D. M. HUFSON
6. Supporting Forces. Det, Hq, 1st Antitank Battalion was provided to render assistance to the Regimental Headquarters and Company Commander.
7. Intelligence. See 1st Marine Division INTSUMS for the subject period.
8. Mission. Conduct search and destroy operation in conjunction with ARVN forces to find, capture, or destroy enemy supplies, forces, and equipment.
9. Conduct of Operations. On D-Day at H-3 a light section of Ontos executes a combat patrol with D-1/7 in vicinity Nui Pho Tinh GS 6593. At H-2 a light section of Ontos escorts a convoy of 3/11 to Nui Vo, BS 621843. At H-2 a heavy section of Ontos escorts a convoy of 2/7 to line of departure. At H-hour a heavy section moves overland with 2/7 in the attack.
10. Execution
  - a. 25 July 1966. CO, 7th Marines conducted a planning conference. This conference was attended by S-3, 1st Antitank Battalion Major A. J. EAGAN and CO, Company C, 1stLt D. R. WEST.
  - b. 26 July 1966 (D-Day)
    - (1) At 0400 one Ontos accompanied a combat patrol of tanks and elements of Co D, 1/7 to a blocking position at BS 621843.
    - (2) At 0500 a light section escorted a convoy from 3/11 to Nui Vo, BS 621843.
    - (3) At 0530 a heavy section of Ontos and company headquarters proceeded to LOD in convoy with 2/7.

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(4) At 0700 the heavy section of Ontos departed LOD in support of 2/7. Company Command group withdrew to the Regimental C.P. at Binh Son, BS 599921.

(5) At 2400 all Ontos sections were continuing assigned missions.

c. 27 July 1966 (D plus 1)

(1) At 0600 the Ontos in support of 1/7 moved to a position at Nui Go Dam, BS 678937.

(2) At 1245 above section moved to BS 707942, remaining there overnight.

(3) Ontos with 2/7 remained at Lac Son in GS 7090.

(4) At 1745 the company command group departed the Regimental C.P. to return to the Company C.P. at BT 547016 arriving at 1830.

d. 28 July 1966 (D plus 2)

(1) At 0700 Ontos supporting 2/7 shifted OPCON to 1/7. Ontos from 1/7 and 2/7 accomplished link-up at BS 929711.

(2) At 1630 Ontos elements returned to D-1/7 combat base at BS 664983. Light section remained there.

(3) At 1730 3rd platoon, minus light section with 3/E1, returned to Company C.P. BT 547016.

e. 29 July 1966 (D plus 3)

(1) At 1730 the light section with 3/E1 returned to company C.P. BT 547016.

(2) Operation FRANKLIN I terminated at 1800.

11. Results. The Ontos did not have the opportunity to conduct any fire missions on this operation. The goal of the operation was to clear the area with a supported infantry sweep. The Ontos with 2/7 provided constant support and were able to traverse the entire area. Had the sweep met with heavy enemy resistance, immediate heavy mobile firepower was available for close-in fire support. The cross-country employment of Ontos by 2/7 once again displayed the overland capabilities of this weapon.

12. Administrative Matters. No comment.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. No comment.

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14. Commander's Analysis. This operation again proved the versatility of the Ontos. During the course of this operation the Ontos were used in three distinct roles. The first and recommended method was the close support of infantry in an overland sweep. The second role was the use of Ontos as convoy support for 2/7 and 3/11. The last and least preferred role was security for the artillery position.

The Commanding Officer of Company C received favorable comments from the Commanding Officer and S-3 of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, on the overland performance of the Ontos.

15. Recommendations. That the Ontos continue to be employed on infantry sweeps.

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 Subj: SITREP #54 for period 020001H to 022400H July 1966

1. Company B (-)(Rein)

020600H - 021430H. The 2nd Platoon participated in a search and destroy operation in support of Companies G and H, 2/5. Two Ontos occupied blocking positions with H/2/5 on Hill 22 South (BT 423091). Two Ontos swept with and provided direct fire support to G/2/5, the sweeping force. Sweep commenced from BT 416105. Negative contact.

2. Company C (-)

020955H. A light section from the 2nd Platoon at BT 619012 received approximately 15 rounds SA from BT 620020. Due to proximity of friendly troops no fire was returned. A/1/7 dispatched a patrol to investigate. Negative results.

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

Subj: SITREP #57 for period 090001H to 092400H July 1966

1. Company B (-) (Rein). Negative.

2. Company C (-).

a. 090630H. Light section 3rd platoon preceded Tien Dao Hill BS 572923 to provide security for M/3/7.

b. 091200H. Light section 3rd platoon conducted fire mission in support of a squad from M/3/7 sweeping area of Phuoc Thuan (3) at BS 570920. Two major rounds, six spotting rounds and 200 .30 caliber rounds were fired at retreating VC. Two VC KIA (probable). Fire mission was conducted from BS 572923 to BS 570920.

c. 091820H. Light section 3rd platoon returned company CP.

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 12 July 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP

Subj: SITREP #58 for period 120001H to 122400H July 1966

1. Company B (-) (Rein)

a. 120700H. Light section 1st platoon departed CP for escort duty to Quang Nai.

b. 121445H. Light section returned from escort duty. No contact.

2. Company C (-)

a. 120700H. Light section 3rd platoon proceeded Tien Dao Hill BS 572923 to provide security for M/3/7.

b. 121130H. Light section fired eight (8) 106 RDS from BS 573923 to BS 571921. Three houses were destroyed. A secondary explosion was noted in one of the houses. M/3/7 had received fire from these houses for two days. Light section remained at Tien Dao Hill.

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 15 Jul 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 Subj: SITREP #60 for period 150001H to 152400H July 1966

1. Company B (-)(Rein). Negative.

2. Company C (-)

a. 150200H to 150430H. Estimated company of VC attacked M/3/7 combat base at Tien Das Hill (BS 573923). The attack began with a mortar barrage followed by an infantry assault. One Ontos fired 17 106 rounds from vicinity BS 573925 northwest to BS 572923. After action search of the area by a patrol from M/3/7 found 17 VC bodies. The other Ontos supporting M/3/7 fired 200 .30 caliber rounds. 2 USMC WIA (evac). 2 USMC WIA NE. 17 VC KIA.

b. 150700H. Light section 3rd platoon was taken under sniper fire from BS 571922. One major round fired. Results unknown.

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4 Sep 19661. 1st Antitank Battalion, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMFa. Location: Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam.b. Period covered by report: 1 - 31 August 1966.c. Name/Rank of Commanding Officer, Staff and Chief Subordinates:

(1) Major R. E. HARRIS	Commanding Officer
Major M. F. MANNING	Executive Officer
SgtMaj C. C. DOBBS	Sergeant Major

(2) Executive Staff

2ndLt D. W. MANIFOLD	S-1/Adjutant
1stLt F. S. ROE	S-2
Major A. J. EAGAN	S-3
1stLt T. F. DEMPSEY	S-4

(3) Special Staff

1stLt K. S. HENDRICKSON	Supply Officer
1stLt D. B. SHIKER	Comm-Elect Officer
1stLt J. M. KELLY	Motor Transport Officer
CWO E. A. ANASZEWICZ	Ordnance Maintenance Officer
Lt(MC) S. L. BIVENS JR. USNR	Medical Officer

(4) Subordinate Commanders

1stLt W. D. WESTER	- Company Commander	H&S Company
Capt G. R. VANHORN	- Company Commander	Company A
Capt J. E. FELKER	- Company Commander	Company B
Capt R. J. ESPOSITO	- Company Commander	Company C

2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

a. Throughout the reporting period subordinate units of this Command were assigned missions as follows:

Company A (-) OPCON 3rd Marine Division, DS 1st Marines  
 Company B (Rein) DS 5th Marines, DS Chu Lai Defense Command  
 Company C (-) DS 7th Marines

1 - 31 August. The Battalion S-5 (Civil Affairs Officer) and Medical Officer continued the Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP) in the village of AnTan. During the month of August 1050 Vietnamese civilians were treated by the Medical Officer.

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1 - 31 August. The Battalion continued to provide extensive convoy support during the month of August. Elements of the Battalion escorted units to and from Quang Ngai and Tam Ky.

5 - 20 August. Company B supported the 5th Marines during Operation COLORADO. See references (a) and (c).

27 - 29 August. Company C (-) placed on standby status for Operation JACKSON. See reference (b).

28 August. 2nd Platoon, Company B participated in a County Fair show of Force in support of 2/5. See reference (d).

31 August. Company B fired 6 rounds of 7.62 in defense of their Command Post. See reference (e).

b. Company A (-), 1st Antitank Battalion was OPCON 3rd Marine Division during this reporting period. Company A will submit their Command Chronology to the Commanding Officer 3rd Antitank Battalion.

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Appendix I (List of References) to 1st Antitank Battalion Command  
Chronology (August 1966)

1. The following references apply to paragraph 2 (Commanders  
Narrative Summary of Significant Events).

- Ref: (a) Company B, 1stATBn Command Chronology  
(b) Company C, 1stATBn Command Chronology  
(c) After Action Report: Operation COLORADO  
(d) 1stATBn SITREP #65 of 28 August 1966  
(e) SPOTREP of 31 August 1966

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Appendix 2 (Documentation) to 1st Antitank Battalion Command Chronology  
(August 1966)

1. Documentation for the 1st Antitank Battalion Command Chronology  
for the period 1 - 31 August 1966 is provided by the TABS to this  
Appendix.

TAB

- ✓A - Company B (Rein) Command Chronology
- ✓B - Company C (-) Command Chronology
- ✓C - After Action Report: Operation COLORADO
- ✓D - 1stATBn SITREP #65 of 28 August 1966

COMPANY B  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 1st Antitank Battalion

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) BnO 3480.1

Encl: (1) Command Chronology; August 1966

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

  
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*Co B, 1st AT BN*

TAB A

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY, AUGUST 19661. Organizational Data

- a. Location. Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam
- b. Period Covered by Report. 1-31 August 1966
- c. Name/Rank of Commanding Officer, Staff and Chief Subordinates.

Capt J. E. FELKER	Commanding Officer
1stLt R. R. TIMBERG	Executive Officer
1stSgt J. M. REID	First Sergeant
GySgt V. K. WALKER	Gunnery Sergeant

Subordinates Commanders

2ndLt L. C. BEARD	1st Platoon Commander
SSgt H. J. FOGLE	2nd Platoon Commander
SSgt A. F. HOLMAN, Jr.	2nd Platoon (Company A) Commander
SSgt V. C. DUENAS	1st Platoon (Company C) Commander
1stLt W. L. BUCHANAN	3rd Platoon Commander

2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events.

a. At the commencement of the present reporting period Company B had operational and administrative control of all three of its organic platoons and of the Second Platoon, Company A. Additionally, Company B had operational control of the First Platoon, Company C.

b. Throughout the reporting period Company B maintained two platoons in direct support of the 5th Marines and two platoons in direct support of the Chu Lai Defense Command. During this period operational availability of Company B Ontos was generally maintained at 100% strength and at no time did it dip below 90%.

c. During the period 5 August to 20 August Company B participated in Operation COLORADO in direct support of the 5th Marines. See Company B after Action Report for Operation COLORADO.

d. On 25 August the third platoon displaced to the vicinity of the 1st Marine Division Ammunition Dump from they were to provide direct support to the Chu Lai Defense Command. The First Platoon Company "C" shifted OPCON to their parent unit.

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e. Following Operation COLORADO and through the termination of the reporting period, the Company "B" Headquarters prepared for an FMFPAC inspection. Additionally, measures were continued to improve the defense of the command post. Recreational facilities were improved and added. Specifically, a concrete basketball court was laid under the supervision of the Company First Sergeant and the horseshoe pits were improved. A gravel path was laid between all billeting tents, and the shower in anticipation of the monsoon season.

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