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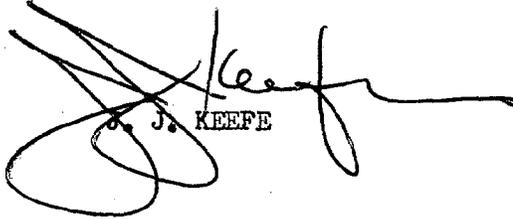
From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, First Marine Division

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 December 1966 to 31 December 1966

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

Encl: (1) December Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted,


J. J. KEEFE

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Antitank Battalion

COMMANDER

Major J. J. KEEFE

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Company A 1 - 29 December 1966
 Company A 30 - 31 December 1966
 Company B
 Company C
 H&S Company

Capt D. M. HUTSON
 Capt G. J. FORBES
 Capt T. F. DEMPSEY
 Capt R. J. ESPOSITO
 Capt M. H. COLLIER

ATTACHED UNITS

(None)

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 December 1966: DANANG, RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Major M. F. MANNING	11 - 21 December 1966	Executive Officer
Major J. L. SAUL	22 - 31 December 1966	Executive Officer
SgtMaj C. S. SAWYER		Sergeant Major
2ndLt M. L. ELL		S-1/Adjutant
Capt G. F. FORBES	1 - 17 December 1966	S-2
Capt A. R. GREEN	18 - 31 December 1966	S-2
Major J. J. BURKE, Jr.		S-3
Capt G. R. VAN HORN		S-4
SgtMaj E. F. HUFFMAN		S-5
Capt K. S. HENDRICKSON		Supply Officer
1stLt D. B. SHIKER	1 - 26 December 1966	Comm-Elect Officer
2ndLt T. E. SWINDELL	27 - 31 December 1966	Comm-Elect Officer
1stLt J. M. KELLY		Motor Transport Officer
2ndLt V. C. DAVIS		Ordnance-Maintenance Officer
Lt(MC) S. L. BIVENS, Jr., USNR		Medical Officer

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	366	1	8	0	0

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

Company A, Direct Support of 1st Marines.

Company B (-), 1 - 2 December 1966 Direct Support 4thBn, 503d Infantry 173 Brigade U.S. Army; 3 - 31 December 1966 Direct Support 3dBn 9th Marines.

Company C (Rein), Direct Support of 7th Marines.

2. 12 - 31 December 1966. The Battalion Civil Affairs and the Medical Officer instituted the MEDCAP program in the Hamlet of KHANH SON of the village HOA KHANH located in the HOA VANG district of QUANG NAM province. Nine (9) MEDCAP visits were conducted treating a total of 437 Vietnamese civilians during the period.

1 - 31 December 1966. Throughout the reporting period, active security patrolling and the establishment of a listening post were executed by this Command within Zone B Northern Sector Defense Area under the coordination of the Eleventh Marines.

1 - 31 December 1966. During the month of December, the Ontos of this Battalion were used extensively for mechanized convoy escort, security for engineer mine sweep units, and harassing and interdiction fires. The Ontos of this Command were not prevented from executing their assigned missions, despite monsoon conditions and marginal trafficability throughout the TAOR. See Companies A, B and C Command Chronologies.

26 December 1966. 0800 2nd Platoon, Company B CHOP to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 December Company A, Direct Support of 1st Marines; Company B (-), Direct Support of 4th Bn, 503d Infantry, 173d Brigade, U.S. Army; Company C, Direct Support of 7th Marines.
- 3 December Company B (-), Direct Support of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines.
- 5 December 2d Platoon, Company A credited with 5 VC KIA probable.
- 7 - 11 December 3d Platoon, Company A participated in Operation TRINIDAD.
- 10 - 12 December Company B provided a Heavy Section of Ontos for security of Rough Rider between Da Nang and Chu Lai.
- 11 - 15 December 3d Platoon, Company B supported 3d Battalion, 9th Marines on Operation STERLING.
- 12 - 25 December 3d Platoon, and a Light Section, 2d Platoon, Company C supported 7th Marines on Operation SIERRA.
- 17 - 21 December 1st Platoon, Company A participated Operation GLENN.
- 20 - 21 December Company B provided a Heavy Section of Ontos for security of Rough Rider between Da Nang and Chu Lai.
- 22 December Ontos A-34 of Company A hit an unknown type mine resulting in 1 KIA, 3 WIA, 1 DCW. Vehicle sustained total damage. Ontos C-35 of Company C number 1 gun prematurely fired into lead M-35 truck while moving into position to assist the convoy which had stopped due to enemy light automatic weapons fire, resulting in 1 KIA and 1 WIA.
- 25 December 2d Platoon, Company B moved from 3d Battalion, 9th Marines TAOR to 2d Battalion, 5th Marines TAOR.
- 26 December 2d Platoon, Company B CHOP to 2d Battalion, 5th Marines.

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PART IV
CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. - Command Chronology Company A, 1st Antitank Battalion
2. - Command Chronology Company E, (.), 1st Antitank Battalion
3. - Command Chronology Company C (Rein), 1st Antitank Battalion
4. - Combat Operation After Action Report; GLENN
5. - Combat Operation After Action Report; STERLING

COMPANY A
1st Antitank Battalion
1st Marine Division(Rein), FMF
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02 Jan 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To : Commanding Officer, 1st Antitank Battalion (ATTN: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref : (a) BnO 3480.1

Encl: (1) Command Chronology: December 1966

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

G. J. Forbes
G. J. FORBES

Co A
1st Antitank Battalion Bn

Dec 1966

Annex

CONFIDENTIALCOMMAND CHRONOLOGY, December 19661. Organizational Data.a. Mission. DS of 1st Marinesb. Location. Da Nang, RVN

- 1) Company "A" CP - AT 991675
- 2) 1st Platoon CP - AT 071658
- 3) 2nd Platoon CP - AT 004623
- 4) 3rd Platoon CP - AT 104583

c. Period Covered by Report. 01 December to 31 December 1966d. Name / Rank of Commanding Officer, Staff and Chief Subordinates

Capt G. J. FORBES	Commanding Officer
1stLt C. H. STALCUP	Executive Officer
1stSgt G. E. DICKSON	First Sergeant
GySgt W. K. WEITKNECHT	Gunnery Sergeant

Subordinate Commanders

2ndLt B. H. BAILEY	1st Platoon Commander
1stLt F. S. ROE	2nd Platoon Commander
1stLt D. B. SHIKER	3rd Platoon Commander

2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events.

a. During the current reporting period, Company A has had operational and administrative control of its three organic gun Platoons. The mission of the Company continues to be DS of 1st Marines.

b. Throughout the reporting period, the 1st Platoon has been in DS of 3/1, the 2nd Platoon has been in DS of 2/1, the 3rd Platoon in DS of 1/1.

c. Due to Company "A"s CP being located with the 1st Marine's Regimental Command Post, Company "A" also has the mission of manning a position of the Regimental CP's perimeter.

d. During the reporting period, the 1st Platoon of Company "A" participated in Operation GLENN. The 2nd and 3rd Platoons have participated in no major operations. Apart from Operation GLENN, action has been limited to convoying, conducting mechanized patrols, conducting H&I fires and supporting engineer mine-sweep teams. These missions have been shared generally throughout the Platoons of the Company.

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e. During the reporting period, Company "A" Ontos (A-34) hit an unknown type land mine at BT 011568 resulting in 2 KIA and 3 WIA. Vehicle sustained total damage. Time of incident was 221330HDec.

f. Major personnel changes within the company during the reporting period were as follows:

- 1) Capt G. J. FORBES relieved Capt D. M. HUTSON as Company Commander on 30 December 1966.
- 2) 1stLt D. B. SHIKER replaced SSgt J. S. PANDAVELA, who was WIA on 22 Dec 1966, as Platoon Commander of the 3rd Platoon.

g. A chronological listing of significant events:

2 December. 1st Platoon provided light section for overnight security of MSR to 3rd Bn, 1stMar. See ref (a).

3 December. 1st Platoon provided security for minesweep of MSR to 3rd Bn, 1stMar.

2nd Platoon ran mechanized patrol.

3rd Platoon provided light section for convoy protection. See ref (a).

4 December. 2nd Platoon fired 3-106mm rounds as prep-fires for a patrol from Company "C", 1st Marines. See ref (b).

5 December. 1st Platoon provided light section for minesweep of MSR to 3/1.

The 2nd Platoon conducted a mechanized patrol in support of 2/1. While on patrol 4 VC were spotted fleeing west from AT 996-628. The Ontos fired 4-106mm rounds at fleeing VC and was credited with 4 VC KIA (probable). Continuing on, the patrol drew SA fire from a pagoda located at AT 994627 and returned 2-106mm rounds. SA ceased. The patrol destroyed deserted enemy bunker at AT 995618 with 1-106mm round. A-21 broke track at AT 996-616 and during repairs drew 10-15 rounds SA fire from AT 993-662. A-21 returned 400 Cal .30 rounds and was credited with 1 VC KIA (probable).

The 3rd Platoon expended 5-106mm rounds after receiving SA fire from BT 014-575. SA ceased. During the course of the day the 3rd Platoon fired 9-106mm rounds at suspected VC supply point at BT 011-567. Damage was not accessed due to the nature of the terrain. See ref (c).

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7 December. 3rd Platoon started participation in Operation TRINIDAD. See ref (d). A-22, in position at AT 988642, received SA fire from an estimated squad located at AT 990637 returned 12-106mm rounds and was credited with 1 VC KIA (probable). See ref (c).

10 December. A light section from 3rd Platoon fired 6-106mm rounds at a possible VC ambush site located at BT 013568 and observed a secondary explosion. See ref (f).

11 December. Operation TRINIDAD secured.

14 December. A light section from 2nd Platoon picked up 1 VCS while on a resupply run. VCS was spotted in the vicinity of an explosive device that was not fully installed. The mine was blown in place by the infantry accompanying the resupply run.

A light section in support of C-1-1 fired 21-106mm rounds at sniper located at BT 008578. See ref (g).

14 December. A-34 fired 12-106mm rounds at targets located at BT 018592, BT 014569, BT 015567 in support of C-1-1. Secondary explosions were seen at all three sites. See ref (h).

15 December. 2nd Platoon fired 12-106mm, and 150 rounds at sniper located at AT 999635. Sniping ceased. See ref (i).

16 December. 3rd Platoon fired 48-106mm rounds as H&I fires in support of C-1-1.

Company Hq's Mite was sniped at from vicinity of AT 005693
See ref (i) and (j).

17 December. 1st Platoon started Operation GLENN. See ref (j).

18 December. 2nd Platoon light section provided security for MEDEVAC LZ at AT 998608. While on mission expended 650 Cal .30 rounds at snipers. Sniping ceased. See ref (k) and (l).

3rd Platoon conducted H&I fires expending 24-106mm rounds.

19 December. 2nd Platoon supported river crossing for H-2-1 and fired 6-106mm rounds at possible ambush sites. See ref (l).

20 December. 2nd Platoon supported river crossing for E-2-1. 3rd Platoon fired 9-106mm rounds as H&I fires. See ref (m).

21 December. 1st Platoon secured from Operation GLENN. 2nd Platoon provided security for F-2-1 patrol returning to 2/1 CP. See Ref (n).

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22 December. A-34 hit an unknown type land mine at BT 011568 resulting in 1 KIA, 4 WIA. Vehicle sustained total damage. KIA: TARASUK, V. LCpl 2200661 WIAs: PANDAVELA, J.S. SSgt 1660221; BEDFORD, C.E. PFC 2276889; PALMER, G.J. LCpl 2201719; ROMANCHUK, M. LCpl 2121234 DOW on 26Dec66.

27 December. 1st Platoon supported minesweep of 3/1's MSR. 3rd Platoon fired 5-106mm rounds as H&I fires. See ref (o).

28 December. 3rd Platoon fired 6-106mm rounds as H&I fires. See ref (p).

29 December. 3rd Platoon conducted H&I fires with 5 main gun rounds. See ref (q).

30 December. 2nd Platoon conducted prep fires for H-2-1. Expended 34-106mm rounds. See ref (q).

3rd Platoon fired 5-106mm rounds as H&I fires. See ref (r).

h. Detailed Description of Significant Events.

1. Negative

CONFIDENTIALAppendix I (List of References) To Company "A", 1st ATBn, Command Chronology,
December 1966

1. The following references are cited:

Ref.	(a)	Company A, SITREP #	016
	(b)		017
	(c)		018
	(d)		019
	(e)		021
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	(h)		028
	(i)		029
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	(k)		031
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	(n)		034
	(o)		040
	(p)		042
	(q)		043
	(r)		044

COMPANY B
1st Antitank Battalion
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

RRT/drp
3000
1 January 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 1st Antitank Battalion (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) BnO 3480.1

Encl: (1) Command Chronology; December 1966

1. In accordance with instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

T. F. Dempsey
T. F. DEMPSEY

Co B, 1st Antitank Bn

Dec 1966

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RRT/drp
1 January 1967

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY, DECEMBER 1966

1. Organizational Data

- a. Location. Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam.
- b. Period covered by Report. 1-31 December 1966.
- c. Name/Rank of Commanding Officer, Staff and Chief Subordinates.

(1) Commanding Officer and Staff

Capt T. F. DEMPSEY	Commanding Officer
1stLt R. R. TIMBERG	Executive Officer
1stSgt J. M. REID	First Sergeant
GySgt S. J. BOCK	Gunnery Sergeant

(2) Subordinate Commanders

2ndLt. A. F. TRAYNOR	Second Platoon Commander
SSgt. D. R. PRIDEMORE	Third Platoon Commander

2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

a. At the commencement of the reporting period Company "B" remained in direct support of the 4th Battalion, 503rd Airborne. The Second Platoon was occupying two positions in the Hai Van Pass area while the Third Platoon, reinforced with one Ontos, manned three section positions in the western portion of the Battalion sector. The First Platoon, in Chu Lai, remained ADCON/OPCON Company "C", 1st Antitank Battalion.

b. On 1 December the Third Battalion, Ninth Marines was in the process of relieving the 4/503rd (Abn). On 2 December the relief of lines was completed and 3/9 assumed tactical responsibility for the area. Company "B" was placed in direct support of 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines on this date.

c. Based on the recommendations of the Commanding Officer, Company "B", the Commanding Officer, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines decided to displace the Second Platoon from their positions on Hai Van Pass in order to reinforce his company and platoon combat bases in the lowland portion of the Battalion sector. It was felt that the Ontos on Hai Van Pass could not be gainfully employed due to the nature of the terrain. The new disposition of Antitank units was to be as follows: Heavy Section, Third Platoon at the K/3/9 Combat Base on the eastern finger of Hill 190 (AT 897821); Light Section, Third Platoon at the K/3/9 Platoon Outpost (AT 892772); Heavy Section Second Platoon at the M/3/9 Combat Base on Hill 22 (AT 905719); Light Section, Second Platoon at 3/9 Command Post to be utilized for road sweeps and as a reaction force.

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d. The Second Platoon commenced its displacement from Hai Van Pass on 5 December. Realignment of antitank units, as described in paragraph (c) above, was completed on 6 December.

e. A heavy section of Ontos from Company "B" provided security for a "Rough Rider" which departed Da Nang for Chu Lai on 10 December and returned on 12 December. This section was commanded by Sergeant T. H. JENKINS.

f. During the period 11 December through 15 December the Third Platoon supported 3/9 in Operation STERLING (see Company "B" After Action Report, Operation STERLING).

g. On 20 December a heavy section, again commanded by Sergeant T. H. JENKINS, escorted another "Rough Rider" convoy from Da Nang to Chu Lai, returning on 21 December.

h. In mid-December the Commanding General, 1st Marine Division directed the 1st Antitank Battalion to provide one platoon to support the Second Battalion Fifth Marines near An Hoa, south of the Song Thu Bon. The Second Platoon, Company "B" was assigned this mission. Prior to ordering this displacement the Commanding Officer, Company "B" made a route reconnaissance down to the ferry which crosses the Song Thu Bon at AT 901522. It was determined that Route 5 was the most trafficable road into the area. Through coordination with the S-3, 1st Antitank Battalion, permission was obtained to use Route 5.

i. With the impending displacement of the Second Platoon a redistribution of Ontos within the 3/9 sector was required. The decision of the Commanding Officer, 3/9 was to employ a light section at the K/3/9 Platoon Outpost and a heavy section at the M/3/9 Combat Base on Hill 22. Relief of lines was accomplished on 23 December and the Second Platoon was staged for its displacement at this command post.

j. On 25 December the Second Platoon displaced to the 2/5 Sector of the 1st Marine Division TAOR, setting up a platoon command post at Phu Lac (6) at AT 927529. Section positions were occupied at Phu Lac (6) and My Loc (2) at AT 915514.

k. On 29 December the Second Platoon supported H/2/5 on a search and destroy operation within the 2/5 sector. Nine major caliber rounds and 300 rounds of cal.30 were expended with unknown results.

l. As the reporting period closed Company "B" was preparing to displace its Headquarters and the Third Platoon to the 1st Antitank Battalion Command Post. Upon displacement, anticipated for early January, Company "B" will maintain one platoon with 2/5 and one platoon as Division Reserve.

COMPANY C
1st Antitank Battalion
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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3 Jan 1967

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

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: (1) Company C, 1st Antitank Battalion Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.


R. J. ESPOSITO

Co C, 1st AT Bn

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1st Antitank Battalion
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION COMMANDER
 "C" Company, 1st Antitank Battalion Captain R. J. ESPOSITO

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Platoon, "B" Company, 1st Antitank Battalion 2ndLt. L. G. BEARD

2. Location

1 - 31 December 1966: Chu Lai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

None

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOTHER

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4	101

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	1

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of December, Ontos of "C" Company were used to fire H & I missions in support of units of the TAOR. The continual use of the Ontos as convoy escorts brought no significant change in Ontos employment. One Platoon (Rein) participated in Operation "SIERRA" during the periods 12 - 20 December 1966.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 3Dec66 - Light Section, 1st Platoon, "B" Company escorted a convoy to Nui Vo. Departed 031645H and returned 032315H.
- 5Dec66 - Light Section, 3rd Platoon, escorted a convoy to Nui Vo to support 175mm Artillery unit for a period of about two days.

Departed 051530H. Light section, 1st Platoon, fired 30 rounds, 106mm, HEP-T, of H & I fire from their position on Hill 54 (BT396145) between 2100H and 2400H to coordinates BT 358129, VT362130, BT381124, BT361119 and BT351132.

- 8Dec66 - Light section, 1st Platoon, fired 12 rounds, 106mm HEP-T, of H & I fire from Hill 54 (BT396145) to coordinates BT351132, BT350121, BT361119 and BT358128 between 082000H and 083400H.
- 9Dec66 - Light section, 1st Platoon fired 12 rounds 106mm HEP-T rounds of H & I fire from their position on Hill 54 to coordinates BT351132, BT350121, BT361119 and BT358128 between 082000H and 082400H.
- 10Dec66 - Light section (C-11 and C-35) departed at 100550H to escort a convoy to Quang Ngai. C-11 experienced engine trouble near check point 6 (BT696800) and had to drop out of the convoy. C-35 dropped out to provide security. The convoy proceeded on to Quang Ngai and left no security with the Ontos. At 101120H, C-34 and an M35 with security troops from this command were dispatched from company CP to provide security for C-11 and C-35s return trip, C-11, C-34, C-35 and the M35 returned to this CP at 101325H.
- 12Dec66 - Light section, 1st Platoon fired 12 106mm HEP-T rounds of H & I fire from the position on Hill 54 between 111900H and 112300H to coordinates BT351132, BT361119, BT378114, and BT378100.
- Light section, 3rd Platoon escorted a convoy to Nui Vo to support the 175 unit. They departed at 111530H. This section will be worked into operation "SIERRA".
- At 111735H an aerial observer spotted one V. C. with weapon going into fir trees at BS669957. He spotted the target with red smoke. Ontos fired 4 106mm HEP-T rounds from BS664985 to the target. Results one V. C. KIA probable.
- 3rd Platoon, reinforced with a light section from the 2nd Platoon and a detachment from company headquarters departed for operation "SIERRA" at 120230H. Light section, 3rd Platoon committed earlier in support of 3/11. Light section, 2nd Platoon in support of headquarters group, 7th Marines (BS702602).
- 13Dec66 - Light section, 1st Platoon fired 6 106mm HEP-T rounds of H & I fire at 122000H from their position on Hill 54 to coordinates BT358130, BT374135, BT389100, and BT381124.

14Dec66 - Light section, 3rd Platoon which was in support of the 175 unit returned to this CP at 131750H. Operation "SIERRA" continues with one platoon and detachment of company headquarters still participating.

One (1) Ontos (B-13) accompanied by two (2) LVTs departed their position at Hill 35 at 140320H to support M/3/7 combat base (BT 452039) which was under attack by an unknown number of V. C. when they arrived the enemy had broken contact. The Ontos fired seven (7) 106mm rounds HEP-F at suspected V. C. retreats of withdraw near the area of BT4303. The personnel of the LVTs and Ontos then assisted in the evacuation of the wounded and the dead. Final casualty count (11) USMC KIA and (15) USMC WIA. There were no known V. C. Casualties.

19Dec66 - At 190615H, light section, 3rd Platoon escorted a convoy to Quang Ngai. This section will remain in the area in support of operation "SIERRA". Heavy section, 3rd Platoon returned from operation "SIERRA" at 191630H. Light section, 2nd Platoon returned from operation "SIERRA" at 191840H.

20Dec66 - Light section, 3rd Platoon departed this CP at 201330H and proceeded to E/2/7 combat base (BS75972) to continue support of that unit.

22Dec66 - 221000H a seven truck convoy moving from 2/7 forward CP BS725537 had one M35. The seventh truck, hit by mine at BS720585. The convoy was being escorted by two Ontos from the 3rd Platoon, one in front and one in rear. Upon hearing the explosion C-35 leading the convoy turned about to assist the convoy and No. 1 gun prematurely fired striking the lead M35 resulting in one KIA, ONE WIA. The convoy was under light automatic weapons fire and LCpl J. A. VETRO Jr. was hit by a .30 caliber sniper round, penetrating his right thigh and lodging in his left thigh. He was evacuated to B-Med. Return fire consisted of approximately 700 rounds small arms fire and six 106mm. Results were unknown. however sniper fire ceased.

23Dec66 - Light section (C-22 and C-23) escorted a convoy to Quang Ngai.

25Dec66 - Light section, third platoon, "C" Company returned from operation "SIERRA" at 241810H.

26Dec66 - Light section (C-22 and C-23) escorted a convoy to Quang Ngai did not return due to C-22 throwing two road wheels.

28Dec66 - C-22 and C-23 returned from Quang Ngai.

29Dec66 - 291830H 3rd Platoon (BS575922) received 20 rounds sniper fire from two snipers. Returned six rounds 106mm causing two secondary explosions.

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 04 Jan 1967

From: Commanding Officer, Co A
 To : Commanding Officer, 1st Antitank Bn (Attn: S-3)
 Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report for Operation GLENN
 Ref : (a) BnO 3480.1

1. Operation GLENN
2. 17 December 1966 to 21 December 1966
3. Quang Nam province, Quan Hieu NHON District
4. Control or Command Headquarters

3dBn(Rein), 1st Marines	LtCol DEATLEY
CoM(Rein)	Capt KNOWLES
CoI(-)(Rein)	Capt CATE
CoK(-)(Rein)	Capt ROTHWELL
CoC(Rein), 1st Tank Bn.	Capt WIENGER
CoL(Rein)	Capt KNAPPER
H&SCo(Rein)	Capt WOOD
81 Mortar Plt(-)	Lt EAGEN

5. Task Organization

3dBn(Rein), 1st Marines
 CoM(Rein)
 CoM
 FO, 1/11
 FO, 81 Mortar Plt
 NGF Spot Team
 CoI(-)(Rein)
 CoI(-) one squad(Rein) OPCON to CoC, 1st Tank Bn
 FO, 1/11
 FO, 81 Mortar Plt
 CoK(-)(Rein)
 2 Platoons, CoK
 FO, 1/11
 FO, 81 Mortar Plt
 CoC(Rein), 1st Tank Bn
 CoC(-)
 2d Plt, Co A, 1st AmTracBn
 1 squad(Rein), CoI
 CoL

Co A - 1st Antitank Bn

A/R 8/8/66

Dec 1966

Annex 4

H&SCo(Rein)
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 Det, 7thEngrBn
 Det, 1stEngrBn
 Platoon, CoK
 Det, 2d Plt, CoA, 1stAmTracBn
 1st Plt, CoA, 1st Antitank Bn

6. Supporting Forces

2dPlt, CoA, 1stAmTracBn
 Det, 7thEngrBn
 Det, 1stEngrBn
 Det, 2d Plt, CoA, 1stAmTracBn (3 LVTP-5's, 1 LVT)
 1st Plt, CoA, 1st Antitank Bn

7. Intelligence

Estimated Company of VC operating in the area. During the operation there were no contacts made with the VC company. As a matter of fact, no VC contact was made throughout the operation.

8. Mission

Conduct search and destroy operations in the Tu Cau, Ngan Trug, and Ngam Cau hamlets.

9. Concept of Operations

Commencing at H-Hour, D-Day, 3dBn(Rein), 1st Marines conducts search and destroy operations against VC forces within the objective area. Elements of one company will commence search operations and simultaneously other elements of the battalion will conduct patrols and ambushes on the edge of the objective area to interdict VC forces avoiding the search operations. Upon contact with significant VC force, the remaining battalion elements will be committed to destroy the VC forces.

10. Execution

At 170730H the light section from 1st Platoon, Alpha Company in direct support of CoC 3/1, moved to Coord 053665 and assumed blocking positions on Operation GLENN. The remainder of the 1st Platoon's Ontos remained in general support at 3dBn, 1st Marines CP. No VC contact was made during the day. On the morning of the 18th the entire 1st Platoon was placed in direct support of Lima Company 3/1 at Coord 068644. During the day there was no enemy contact. On 19 December the 1st Plt in direct support of Lima 3/1 moved to Coord 052669. The platoon remained at this location until Operation GLENN secured at 0600 on the 21st of Dec. During the entire operation no VC contact was made by units the 1st Platoon were supporting.

11. Results

During Operation GLENN there were no enemy or marine casualties. Apparently the enemy forces working the area moved west before the operation commenced.

12. Administration Matters

- a. The 1st Platoon was resupplied by LVTs during the entire operation.
- b. No maintenance problems were encountered during the operation.
- c. There were no casualties on the operation.
- d. LVTs were the main source of transportation, due to the lack of roads.
- e. The PRC/25s were used throughout the operation.
- f. None

13.. Special Equipment and Techniques

No special equipment was utilized during the operation.

14. Commander's Analysis

Since no enemy contact was made it is difficult to make an analysis of the operation. Although the operations order of 3dBn, 1stMarines was not clear and left many questions in my mind.

15. Recommendations

None



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Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report; Operation STERLING
Ref: (a) BnO 3480.1
Encl: (1) After Action Report; Operation STERLING

1. In accordance with instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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AFTER ACTION REPORT: OPERATION STERLING

1. Code Name. MONTEREY, a Search and Destroy Operation
2. Dates of Operation. 111200H - 151800H December 1966
3. Location. Quang Nam Province, north of Song Cau De.
4. Control or Command Headquarters. Third Battalion, Ninth Marines
5. Task Organization. 3rd Platoon (-), Company B, 1st Antitank Battalion
SSGT. D. R. PRIDEMORE
6. Supporting Forces. None
7. Intelligence. See Annex B (Intelligence) to Third Battalion, Ninth
Marines Operations Order 333-66.
8. Mission. Provide direct support to the Third Battalion, Ninth Marines
9. Concept of Operation. Company B was directed to provide direct support
to the Third Battalion, Ninth Marines with one antitank section. Initial
plans called for this section to occupy positions in the vicinity of the
Company "K" CP in direct support of Landing Zone Parrot. The section was
to be prepared to provide support as directed by the Commanding Officer,
Third Battalion, Ninth Marines anywhere in the operational area. Additional
antitank units were on call to reinforce as required.
10. Execution
 - 11 December (D - day)
1200 Antitank section in position at Company "K" CP on eastern finger of
Hill 190. Positions occupied to provide fire support for LZ Parrot as
well as to support westerly sweep of A/1/26 north of the Song Cau De
1200-2400 Negative participation; remained in place.
 - 12 December
0001-2400 Negative participation; remained in place.
 - 13 December
0001-2400 Negative participation; remained in place.
 - 14 December
0001-2400 Negative participation; remained in place.
 - 15 December
0001-1800 Negative participation; remained in place.
 - 1800 Operation STERLING secured.

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11. Results. Negative
12. Administrative Matters. None
13. Special Equipment and Techniques. None utilized
14. Commander's Analysis. Due to the extremely rugged nature of the terrain in the operational area, employment of the antitank unit in this operation is considered tactically sound.
15. Recommendations. None.

ENCLOSURE (1)