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First Marine Division(Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

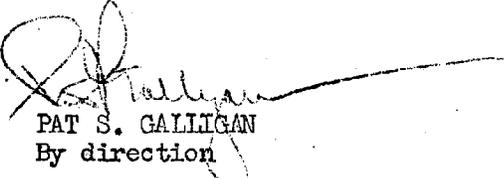
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8 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, First Marine Division(Rein), FMF
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 April to 30 April 1967

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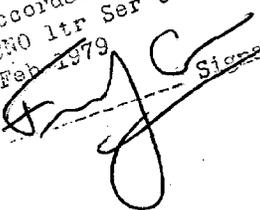
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1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Antitank Battalion

COMMANDER

Lt. Col. J. J. KEEFE

SUBORDINATE UNITSCompany A
Company B
Company C
H&S Company 1-8 April 1967
H&S Company 9-30 April 1967Capt G. J. FORBES
Capt A. R. GREEN
Capt. R. J. ESPOSITO
2ndLt. L. C. BEARD
Capt. R. W. JOHNSONATTACHED UNITS

(NONE)

2. LOCATION:

1-30 April 1967: DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

| | | |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Major | J. J. BURKE JR. | Executive Officer |
| SgtMajor | C. S. SAWYER | Sergeant Major |
| 2ndLt | M. L. ELL | S-1/Adjutant |
| Capt | C. H. STALCUP 1-11 April 1967 | S-2 |
| 2ndLt | J. C. HANCOCK JR 12-30 April 1967 | S-2 |
| Major | J. J. BURKE JR | S-3 |
| Capt | D. M. HUTTON 1-23 April 1967 | S-4 |
| 1stLt | V. C. DAVIS 24-30 April 1967 | S-4 |
| Capt | C. H. STALCUP 1-11 April 1967 | S-5 |
| Capt | R. W. JOHNSON 12-30 April 1967 | S-5 |
| 2ndLt | J. A. VAN DOREN | Supply Officer |
| 2ndLt | J. C. HANCOCK JR. | Comm-Elect. Officer |
| 2ndLt | D. D. DIXON | Motor Transport Officer |
| 1stLt | V. C. DAVIS 1-23 April 1967 | Ordnance Maintenance Officer |
| 2ndLt | L. D. MANBECK 24-30 April 1967 | Ordnance Maintenance Officer |
| HMC | T. O. MICHEL | Medical Officer (Chief Corpsman) |

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> |
| 22 | 395 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 |

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8 May 1967PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

Company A, Direct Support of First Marines.

Company B, First Platoon OPCON Company C, 1 - 13 April 1967

14-30 April 1967 Direct Support 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

Second Platoon OPCON 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines 1 - 13 April,

14-30 April 1967 Direct Support of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

Third Platoon, 1-13 April 1967 OPCON 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines

14-30 April 1967 Direct Support 5th Marines

Company C OPCON 7th Marines 1 - 13 April 1967, 14 - 30 April 1967

Direct Support 7th Marines.

Company C, 3rd Antitank Battalion Direct Support 9th Marines.

2. 1 - 30 April 1967; The Civil Affairs Program for the month of April in the YEN BAC HAMLET, consisted of providing animal food (Garbage) on a daily basis to Yen Bac and to the 1st Tank Battalion Pig Farm. Regular Med-Caps will commence on 1 May 1967.

12 April 1967. Second Platoon, Company C arrived DaNang aboard LST 1083.

13 April 1967. First Platoon, Company C arrived at DaNang aboard LST 3.

15 April 1967. Company C Headquarters and 3rd Platoon arrived at DaNang aboard LST 276.

1-30 April 1967. The Battalion continues its role of supporting the Southern Sector Rear Area Defense by continuing active daily patrolling of the assigned area of responsibility.

1-30 April 1967. During the month of April, there was ^{an} increase in the employment of Ontos in search and destroy operations, mechanized patrolling and convoy escort, - See Company A, B, and C Command Chronologies.

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1-30 April 1967. During the month of April the Battalion fired a total of Two hundred eighty-eight(288) rounds 106mm ammunition, five hundred-and-three(503) rounds .50 Caliber ammunition and Four thousand five hundred and twenty-five(4,525) rounds .30 Caliber ammunition. The Battalion Ontos traveled a total of seven thousand, five hundred and fifty-two miles.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

- 1 April Second Platoon, Company A received 10 rounds small arms fire from BT001612. Search was made with negative results.
- 1-8 April Third Platoon, Company B participated in OPERATION DE SOTO. Light Section, 1st Platoon, Company B occupied blocking position in support of Squad from D Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, at BS718942 from 1015H to 1500H. Negative contact.
- 4 April Light Section Second Platoon, Company C escorted a convoy from 1st FAG to positions in the vicinity of NUI VO. Ontos remained in position overnight.
- 5 April Light Section, 2nd Platoon, Company C escorted a convoy from 1st FAG at NUI VO to 1st FAG CP. Negative contact. Heavy Section, 1st Platoon, Company C which departed on 31 March returned from OPERATION BOGIE at 1900H. Negative contact.
- 8 April At 0900H Heavy Section, First Platoon, Company C supported platoon size patrol from CAC "INDIA" in vicinity of coordinates BT3310. Negative results.
- 9 April At 0930H a light section of Ontos from First Platoon, Co. B, was enroute from 1st Bn., 7th Marines CP to support a platoon sized sweep from D Co., 1st Bn., 7th Marines. At coordinates BS047988. One of the Ontos B-13 detonated a pressure-type mine which resulted in the total destruction of the Ontos. Three USMC were WIA Med-Evac. A reaction force from D Co., 1st Bn., 7th Marines supported by the other Ontos swept the area with negative results.
- 10 April At 1730 H the 2nd Platoon "Minus", Co. C departed Hill 35 (Headquarter, Fifth Marine Regiment) for the Sand Ramp to commence loading for "Operation OREGON".
- 12 April Third Platoon, Co. A Ontos A-35 detonated a land mine at BT119029 resulting in 3 WIA Med-Evac. Moderate Hull damage, extensive damage to engine and transmission. At 0605H 2nd Platoon, (Minus) Co. C sailed from the Sand Ramp (Chu Lai) to DaNang aboard LST 1083. At 1900H 1st Platoon, Co. C departed Company CP for Chu Lai Sand Ramp.

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- 14 April Third Platoon, Company A received 20 to 25 small arms fire from BT023571. Ontos fired 12 106mm rounds, 15 .50 caliber spotter rounds from BT024567. No search was made due to darkness.
- 15 April At 1300H Company C, Headquarters and 3rd Platoon aboard LST 276 arrived DaNang.
- Light section, 1st Platoon, Company C occupied defensive positions at BT925693 in support of B Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines.
- Heavy Section, 1st Platoon, Company C occupied position at BT935603 in support of 1st Battalion, 7th Marines.
- 16 April Third Platoon, Company A received ten to fifteen rounds small arms fire from BT027581. Ontos fired 2 106mm rounds and 4 .50 caliber spotter rounds from BT025577. Search was made with negative results.
- Third Platoon, Company A at BT027581 received ten to fifteen rounds small arms fire from BT023568. Ontos fired 5 106mm rounds and 5 .50 caliber rounds into a hut. Two(2) VC KIA Probable. No search was made due to darkness.
- 18 April First Platoon, Company C spotted person coming out of treeline while in blocking position at BT089691. Detained individual Age 20, with mutilated ID Card. Turned VC suspect over to S-2, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines for interrogation.
- Light Section, 1st Platoon, Company C provided helo security direct support of D Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, vicinity of BT958671. Negative contact.
- 19 April First Platoon, Company A Ontos A-12 and A-13 received 2 M-79 rounds from BT082689. Ontos A-13 fired 150 .30 caliber rounds, and 4 M-26 grenades from BT082689. Ontos A-12 fired 3 106mm rounds and 3 .50 caliber spotter rounds from BT084689. Ontos Cndr. on Ontos A-12 WIA Non-Med-Evac. Ontos A-13 had accidental discharge while pumping breech closed. Actuator taken off and gun left undisturbed.
- 20 April Third Platoon, Company A received 10 to 15 rounds small arms fire from BT000584. Ontos A-31 fired 7 106mm rounds and 4 .50 caliber spotter rounds. No search was made due to mission.

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Third Platoon, Company A Ontos A-32 received an unestimated number of small arms fire from AT985590. Ontos fired 6 106mm rounds and 5 .50 caliber spotter rounds. No search made due to darkness.

Third Platoon, Company A Ontos A-32 received small arms fire from treeline at AT940600. Ontos A-32 fired 4 106mm rounds and 5 .50 caliber spotter rounds and 250 30 caliber rounds from AT994548. No search was made due to mission.

Heavy Section, 1st Platoon, Company C departed AT935663 in support of reinforced squad from Company B, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, at 1200H. Patrol at AT905663 returned to CP at 1600H. Negative results.

Light Section, 1st Platoon, Company C at AT922692 escorted reinforced squad from B Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines on patrol to Dong Bich(1) at AT894682. Patrol departed 0800H returned 1330H. Negative contact.

Area where air strike was being held at AT915675. Ontos C-11 and C-12 fired a total of 12 106mm rounds and 4 .50 caliber spotter rounds with excellent target coverage. Search of area resulted in 3 VC KIA Confirmed and 5 VC KIA Probable. Found one(1) medical kit with supplies and one(1) M-26 hand grenade. No friendly casualties, returned to CP approximately 1615H.

21 April

Light Section, 1st Platoon, Company C at AT922692 escorted reinforced squad from B Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines on patrol to Ding Bich(3) vicinity coordinates BT888686. Patrol departed 1300H returned 1930H, negative contact.

Light Section, 1st Platoon, Company C departed with fire team from A Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines at 1300H on patrol at BT964667. Returned 1730H with negative results.

Heavy Section, 1st Platoon, Company C on patrol with D Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines found booby trap(M-26) in building at AT955655. Ontos fired 2 106mm rounds destroying building. A secondary explosion was observed.

24 April

Light Section, 3rd Platoon, Company C in support of L Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines on "Operation Grand" in vicinity of Grid square 8257. Departed CP at 1400H on 23rd of April.

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- Light Section, 2nd Platoon, Company C on patrol with reinforced squad from C Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines fired 9 106mm rounds and 19 .50 caliber spotter rounds for reconnaissance by fire at BT026588 and BT027587. No search was made due to mission.
- 25 April Light Section, 3rd Platoon, Company C in support of I Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Marines on "Operation Grand" at BT807553. Negative Contact.
- 26 April Light Section, 1st Platoon, Company C on patrol with D Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines at AT882688 observed 12 VC with weapons of unknown type running in a Southwesterly direction. Ontos C-21 and C-15 fired a total of 11 106mm rounds and 10 .50 caliber spotter rounds. Observed 8 VC move into treeline. Search of area made with negative results. Four VC KIA Probable.
- Light Section, 2nd Platoon, Company C returned to CP from BT018578 where they occupied position for Company A while they were on "Operation Union".
- Light Section, 3rd Platoon, Company C returned from "Operation Grand" to AT878576 in support of I Company 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.
- Light Section, 1st Platoon, Company C in support of B Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Marines at BT847697 departed 0700H returned 1200H.
- 27 April Heavy Section, 3rd Platoon, Company C departed at 0900H in support of C Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Marines for patrol in vicinity of AT896657, returned 1500H.
- 28 April Light Section, 3rd Platoon, Company C in support of K Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines set up in blocking force in grid square 9562. Returned 1700H. Negative contact.
- 29 April Light Section, 3rd Platoon, Company C departed at 1600H in support of K Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines at AT928628.

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Heavy Section, 3rd Platoon, Company C, 3rd Antitank Battalion, departed CP at 0700H to support 1st Battalion 26th Marines.

Light Section, 2nd Platoon, Company C departed CP in support of patrol from C Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines at AT906763. Negative results.

30 April

Light Section, 1st Platoon, Company C in support of squad from A Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines at AT952631. Negative results.

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PART IV
CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
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- ✓ 1. Command Chronology Company A, 1st Antitank Battalion
- ✓ 2. Command Chronology Company B, 1st Antitank Battalion
- ✓ 3. Command Chronology Company C, 1st Antitank Battalion

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

GJF:gas
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1 May 1967

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

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) BnO 3480.1

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology: April 1967

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

G. J. Forbes
G. J. FORBES

Co "A", 1st AT Bn

Apr 1967

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1 May 1967

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

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Company A, 1st Antitank Bn

COMMANDER

Capt G. J. FORBES

SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Platoon
2nd Platoon
3rd Platoon

2ndLt J. W. CARTER
SSgt E. WALKER Jr.
2ndLt W. A. BROWN

ATTACHED UNITS

(None)

2. LOCATION

1 - 30 April, DANANG, RVN

3. STAFF

2ndLt B. H. BAILEY
1stSgt G. E. DICKSON
GySgt W. K. WEITKNECHT

Executive Officer
First Sergeant
Gunnery Sergeant

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC

USN

OTHER

| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
|------------|------------|
| 4 | 81 |

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

| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
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1 May 1967PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

1st PLT, DS 3rd Bn First Marines

2nd PLT, DS 2nd Bn First Marines

3rd PLT, DS 1st Bn First Marines

2. 1-30 April 1967. The Ontos in DS of the 39th ARVN Bn participated in Operation CANYON 6-9 April 1967 and Operation UNION 21-25 April 1967. Company A continued to provide Ontos for escort missions, mechanized patrols, convoy escort and Defensive Positions. The terrain is excellent for Ontos operation in the First Marine TAOR.

3. 1-30 April 1967. The Ontos fired (131) 106MM rnds, (220) .50 Cal. rnds and (1,975) .30 Cal. rnds. The Ontos traveled 4,451 miles in 1,140 hours of operation.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 April SECOND PLATOON received 10 rnds SA fire from 007611. Returned 7 106MM rnds from 001612. Search made NEG results. (See Ref (A)).
- 12 April THIRD PLATOON A-35 detonated a land mine at 119029 resulting in 3 WIA MED EVAC. Moderate hull damage Extensive damage to engine & transmission. (See Ref (B)).
- 14 April THIRD PLATOON received 20 to 25 SA rnds from 023571. Returned 12 106MM rnds, 15 .50 Cal. rnds from 024568. Unable to hold search due to mission. (See Ref (C)).
- 16 April THIRD PLATOON received SA rnds 10 to 15 rnds from 027581. Returned 2 106MM rnds and 4 .50 Cal. rnds from 025577. Search made - NEG Results. Received 10 to 15 rnds SA fire from 023568 Expended 5 106MM rnds & 5 .50 Cal. rnds A-33 expended 6 106MM rnds & 10 .50 Cal. at snipers in huts. Two probable VC KIA unable to hold search due to darkness. (See Ref (D)).
- 18 April FIRST PLATOON spotted person coming out of treeline while in blocking positions at 089691. Detained individual. Age 20, with mutilated ID Card. Turned VCS over to circumference 2 for interrogation. (See Ref (E)).

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- 19 April FIRST PLATOON A-12 & A-13 received 2 M-79 rnds from 082689. A-13 returned 150 .30 Cal. rnds, 4 M-26 Grenades. A-12 returned 50 .30 Cal. rnds, 4 M-26 Grenades from 084689. OC on A-12 WIA slight cuts arm & face declined first Aid NON MED EVAC. A-12 received 1 M-79 round. Returned 3 106mm rounds & 3 .50 Cal. rnds from 084689 to 085683. A-13 had accidental discharge while pumping breech closed. Actuator taken off & gun left undisturbed. (See Ref (F)).
- 20 April THIRD PLATOON A-31 received 10 to 15 rnds from 000584. A-31 expended 7 106mm rnds & 4 50 Cal. rnds fire was into woodline. No search made due to mission. A-32 received unestimated number of SA rnds from 985590. Expended 6 106mm rnds and 5 .50 Cal. rnds from 994596. No search made due to mission. A-32 received SA fire from treeline at 990600. A-32 expended 4 106mm rnds, 5 50 Cal. rnds & 250 .30 Cal. rnds from 994598. No search made due to darkness. A-33 received SA fire; 20 to 25 rnds from treeline at 000582. A-33 expended 6 106mm rnds & 750 Cal. rnds. Search made NEG Results. (See Ref (G)).

CONFIDENTIALAppendix I (List of References) To Company "A", 1st ATBn, Command
Chronology April 1967

1. The following references are cited:

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

JMR/gff
3000
3 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer,, 1st Antitank Battalion (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Command Chronology
Ref: (a) BnO 3480.1
Encl: (1) April Command Chronology

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

JMR Reid

J. M. REID
By direction

Co "B", 1st AT Bn

Apr 1967

COMPANY B
1st Antitank Battalion
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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3 May 1967

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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3 May 1967

PART I

1. DESIGNATOR

COMMANDER

COMPANY B

Captain A. R. GREEN JR.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Platoon
2nd Platoon
3rd Platoon

2dLt. R. J. YEOMANS
1stLt. A. F. TRAYNOR
2dLt. J. K. ALEXANDER

ATTACHED UNITS

(NONE)

2. LOCATION

1-30 April 1967: DANALG, RVN

3. STAFF

First Sergeant
Gunnery Sergeant

1stSgt. J. M. REID
SSgt. M. C. HAMBY

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| USMC | | USN | | OTHER | |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| OFF | ENL | OFF | ENL | OFF | ENL |
| 4 | 79 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

ENCLOSURE (1)

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3 May 1967

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Throughout the report period, platoons of this company were assigned missions as follows:

1st Platoon - Direct Support, First Battalion, Fifth Marines

2nd Platoon - OPCON Second Battalion, Fifth Marines

3rd Platoon - Direct Support, Fifth Marines

2. On 8 April 1967 Third Platoon terminated Operation De Soto in support of Third Battalion, Seventh Marines.

3. On 20 April 1967 The CO left this Company Headquarters with a party of five enlisted to establish liaison with Dislodge.

ENCLOSURE (1)

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3 May 1967

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. 1-8 April 1967 Thrid Platoon Operation De Soto
2. 1-30 April 1967 All Platoons 1526 miles traveled
3. 1-30 April 1967 All Platoons Rounds fired: 106mm-91, 50Cal.-253,
30Cal.-2550

ENCLOSURE (1)

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3 May 1967

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. 1st Platoon- NONE
2. 2nd Platoon- NONE
3. 3rd Platoon- NONE

ENCLOSURE (1)

COMPANY C
1st Antitank Battalion
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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30 Apr 1967

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

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(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: ✓(1) Company C Command Chronology
✓(2) Combat After Actions Report, *Opn BOONE*

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

R. J. Esposito
R. J. ESPOSITO

Co "C", 1st ATBN

Apr 2 1967

PART I
Organizational Data

1. Designation.

Company C, 1st Antitank Battalion

Principle Billets.

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Company Commander | R. J. ESPOSITO |
| Executive Officer, 1 - 17 April 1967 | 2nd Lt. L. D. MANBECK |
| 18 - 30 April 1967 | 2nd Lt. M. J. BOREK |
| 1st Plt Comdr | 2nd Lt. S. C. BERMAN |
| 2nd Plt Comdr 1 - 14 Apr67; Chu Lai, RVN | 2nd Lt. M. J. BOREK |
| 2nd Plt Comdr 15 - 30 Apr67; Chu Lai, RVN, | SSgt J. W. HAYNES |
| 3rd Plt Comdr | 1st Lt. H. L. REED |
| 1st Sgt | 1st Sgt F. N. JORDAN |

2. Location

1 - 14 April 1967, Chu Lai RVN
15 - 30 April 1967, Da Nang RVN

3. Average Monthly Strength

| <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
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PART II

Narrative Summary

The month of April saw a marked increase in the employment of the Ontos with infantry units. During the period 10 - 16 April the company displaced in three increments from Chu Lai to Da Nang, whereupon it resumed its role of providing direct support for the Seventh Marine Regiment. On 5 April the Third Platoon returned from "Operation Boone". (See Encl. 2)

Once the move from Chu Lai to Da Nang was completed, two platoons minus and one platoon minus were placed in direct support of 1/7 and 3/7 respectively. The First Platoon Company C accounted for 3VC KIA confirmed and 9VC KIA probable during the period 20 - 30 April. A heavy section from Company C, 3rd Anti-Tank Battalion was chopped Opcon to this command 17 April 1967 and remained in direct support of 1/26. On 27 April 1967 Ontos C-22 and C-31 were transferred to Company A, 1st Anti-Tank Battalion.

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The Ontos of Company C have fired a total of sixty - six (66) rounds of 106mm during the month and have traveled a total of 1, 575 miles in support of infantry units.

ENCLOSURE (1)

1 (a)

Sequential Listings of Significant Events

1 April 1967. Light Section 1st Platoon Company B occupied blocking position in support of squad from D/1/7 at BS 718942 from 1015H to 1500H. Negative contact.

3 April 1967. 1st Platoon Company C fired four rounds 106mm H & I fire between the hours of 032100H to 040600H. At Coordinates BS 316159. Results unknown.

4 April 1967. Light Section 2nd Platoon Company C escorted a convoy from 1st FAG to positions in the vicinity of Nui Vo. Ontos remained in position overnight.

5 April 1967. Light Section 2nd Platoon Company C escorted convoy from 1st FAG at Nui Vo to 1st FAG CP. Negative Contact.

1st Platoon Company C fired seven rounds 106mm as H & I Fire between the hours of 042100H and 050600H to Coordinates BS 312174. Results were unknown.

Heavy Section Company C which departed on 31 March returned from Operation Boone at 1900H. Negative Contact.

7 April 1967. 1st Platoon Company C fired six rounds 106mm as H & I fire between hours of 062110H and 070600H to Coordinates BS 316177. Results were unknown.

8 April 1967. 1st Platoon Company C fired six rounds 106mm as H & I fire between the hours of 072000H and 080600H to Coordinates BS 324161. Results were unknown.

At 0900H Heavy Section 1st Platoon Company C supported platoon sized combat patrol from GAC "India" in vicinity of Coordinates BT 3316. Negative Contact.

9 April 1967. At 0930H a Light Section of Ontos from 1st Platoon Company B was enroute from 1/7 GP to support a Platoon sized sweep from D/1/7. At Coordinates BS 647988 one of the Ontos B-13 detonated a pressure type mine which resulted in the total destruction of the Ontos. Three USMC were WIA and med evac. A reaction force from D/1/7 supported by the other Ontos swept the area with negative results.

10 April 1967. 1st Platoon Company C fired nine rounds 106mm as H & I fire between the hours of 092130H and 100600H to Coordinates BS 323178, BS 315177, and BS 321169. Results were unknown.

At 1730H the 2nd Platoon minus Company C departed Hill 35 (HQ 5th Marine Regiment) for the Sand Ramp to commence loading for "Operation Oregon".

ENCLOSURE (1)

12 April 1967. At 0650H 2nd Platoon minus Company C sailed from the Sand Ramp (Chu Lai) to Da Nang aboard LST 1083.

At 1900H 1st Platoon Company C departed Company C CP for the Chu Lai Sand Ramp.

13 April 1967. At 1100H 1st Platoon Company C aboard LST 3 departed Chu Lai Sand Ramp for Da Nang

14 April 1967. At 1700H Company C Headquarters and 3rd Platoon boarded LST 276.

15 April 1967. At 1300H Company C Headquarters and 3rd Platoon aboard LST 276 arrived in Da Nang.

Light Section 1st Platoon Company C occupied defensive position at BT 925693 in support of B/1/7.

Heavy Section 1st Platoon occupied position at BT 935603 in support of 1/7.

18 April 1967. Light Section 1st Platoon Company C provided Helo Zone security and direct support D/1/7 vicinity of BT 958671. Negative contact.

20 April 1967. Heavy Section 1st Platoon Company C departed BT 935663 in support of reinforced squad D/1/7 at 1200H. Patrolled to vicinity of Phuoc Nhan (2) BT 905663. Returned to CP 1600H. Negative contact.

20 April 1967. Light Section 1st Platoon Company C BT 922692 escorted reinforced squad from B/1/7 on patrol to Dong Bich (1). Vicinity Coordinates BT 894682. Patrol departed 0800H returned 1330H. Negative contact.

20 April 1967. Heavy Section 1st Platoon Company C departed CP on patrol in direct support of a platoon of D/1/7. In vicinity of BT 918 668 approximately 15VC with weapons and packs observed running away from area where air strike was being held, (915675). C-11 and C-12 fired a total of 12 (106)mm rounds and 4(50) caliber rounds with excellent target coverage. Search of area resulted in 3VC KIA confirmed and 5VC probable. (1) medical kit with supplies and 1 M-26 hand grenade were found. No friendly casualties. Returned to CP approximately 1615H.

21 April 1967. Light Section 1st Platoon Company C (922692) escorted reinforced squad from B/1/7 on patrol to Ding Bich (3) vicinity Coordinates BT 888686. Patrol departed 1300H returned 1930H. Negative contact.

21 April 1967. Light Section 1st Platoon Company C departed with fire team A/1/7 at 1300H on patrol in vicinity of BT 964667. Returned 1730 with negative results.

ENCLOSURE (1)

21 April 1967. Heavy Section 1st Platoon Company C on patrol with D/1/7 found booby trap (M-26) in building vicinity 955655. Ontos fired (2) two 106 rounds, destroying building and M-26. Secondary explosions was observed.

24 April 1967. Light Section 3rd Platoon Company C in support of L-3-7 on "Operation Grand" in vicinity of grid square 8257. Departed CP (916583) approximately 1400H on the 23rd of April.

24 April 1967. Light Section 2nd Platoon Company C on patrol with reinforced squad C-1-1 fired 9 rounds 106mm and 19 rounds .50 Cal. Sptr. for reconnaissance by fire, in vicinity of 026588 and 027587. No search was made.

25 April 1967. Light Section 3rd Platoon Company C in support of L-37 on "Operation Grand" in vicinity of 807553. Negative contact.

26 April 1967. Light Section 1st Platoon Company C in support of Constrew Bravo, patrol in vicinity of 897697 departed 0700H to return 1200H.

26 April 1967. Light Section 2nd Platoon Company C returned to CP from (018578) where they occupied position for "A" Company while they were on "Operation Union".

26 April 1967. Light Section 3rd Platoon Company C returned from "Operation Grand" to 878576 in support of I/3/7.

26 April 1967. Light Section 1st Platoon Company C on patrol with B/1/7 vicinity of 882688 observed 12VC with weapons of unknown type running in a South westerly direction. C-21 and C-15 fired a total of 11 rounds 106mm and 10 rounds .50 Cal. observed 8VC move into tree line. Search of area made with negative results. Four probable VC KIA.

27 April 1967. Heavy Section 1st Platoon Company C departed 0900H (935 663) in support of Constrew "C" for a patrol to vicinity of (896 657) to return 1500H.

28 April 1967. Light Section 3rd Platoon Company C in support of K/3/7 set up blocking force in grid square 9562. Returned 1700H, negative contact.

29 April 1967. Light Section 3rd Platoon Company C to depart CP (914602) 1600H in support of K/3/7 at vicinity of 928628.

29 April 1967. Heavy Section 3rd Platoon Company C, 3rd ATBn departed CP (974614) at 0700H to support I/26.

ENCLOSURE (1)

29 April 1967. Light Section 2nd Platoon Company C departed CP 905718 in support of patrol from C/1/7 in vicinity of 906763. Negative results.

30 April 1967. Light Section 1st Platoon Company C in support of squad from Alfa Company in vicinity of 952631. Negative results.


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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 B, 1st Antitank Battalion
3. Command Chronology Company C, 1st Antitank Battalion

ENCLOSURE (1)

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- At 1830H a Light Section from First Platoon, Company B set up blocking position at BS 632989 in support of one squad from H&S Company, 1/7 and squad from Company A, 1/7 at BS 634989 after an M-35 had received two incoming enemy hand grenades. Infantry swept area in an attempt to locate VC with negative results.
- 28 March At 1310H Light Section, First Platoon, Company B at BS 635475 in support infantry squad from Company A, 1/7 received 10 rounds small arms fire from BS 633974. Ontos returned three 106mm rounds. Fire ceased. Area swept with negative results.
- 31 March At 311500H a Heavy Section of Third Platoon, Company C departed this CP in support of 3/11 for Operation BOONE.

ENCLOSURE (1)

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 30 April 1967

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines Regiment (Attn: S-3)
 Subj: Combat After Action Report; Operation "Boone"

1. Code Name. Operation "Boone", a search and destroy operation.
2. Dates of Operation. 311500H Mar67 to 051700H Apr67.
3. Location. Quang Ngai Province.
4. Control of Command Headquarters. 3rd Bn, 11th Marines Regt. Lt. Colonel RUGGIERO, Commanding.
5. Task Organization. 3rd Plt. Co C, 1stATBn, 2d Lt. H. L. REED.
6. Supporting Forces. None.
7. Intelligence. See Current Task Force X-Ray Intsums.
8. Mission. Conduct road patrols, convoy security and artillery/CP position security as directed.
9. Concept of Operation. 3rd Plt, Co C, 1stATBn. Escort convoy of artillery (3/11) to LSA at Quang Ngai Airstrip, conduct road patrols and security for artillery position as directed.
10. Execution.
 - a. D-Day - 31 Mar 1967
 - (1) At 1500 escorted 3/11 convoy south of highway #1 to Quang Ngai Airstrip, arriving at approximately 1730.
 - b. D-Day Plus 1 - Apr 1967
 - (1) 0545 convoy to artillery position (BS 673752), set up security with infantry at 0710.

ENCLOSURE (2)

(2) 1320 - 1545 Escorted convoy to LSA (BS 604722).

c. D-Day Plus 2 - 2 Apr 1967.

(1) 1030 - 1545 Escorted convoy to LSA (BS 604722).

(2) 1945 - 2330 Escorted convoy to LSA (BS 604722) for emergency ammo resupply.

d. D-Day Plus 3 - 3 Apr 1967.

(1) No Activities.

e. D-Day Plus 4 - 4 Apr 1967.

(1) No Activities.

f. D-Day Plus 5 - 5 Apr 1967.

(1) 1700 - 1900 Provided road escort and security for 3/11 convoy from artillery position at (BS 673752) to I. P. at (BS 550018).

(2) Ontos Secured.

11. Results. Negative - No enemy contact made.

12. Administration. Not Applicable.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. Not Applicable

14. Commanders Analysis. While it is recognized that the Ontos by its presence in a convoy discourages V. C. ambushes it must be stated that to assign it the mission of providing security for artillery positions is a complete waste of such an awesome direct fire weapons. If the Ontos must continue to provide convoy security for the artillery they should be detached once the artillery is in position and placed in direct support of an infantry unit where its shock action, and firepower could be used to its greatest advantage.

No significant mechanical failures were encountered and the Ontos proved to be completely reliable.

15. Recommendations. That in the future Ontos not be assigned the mission of providing security for artillery. The unit should not be placed in a static position but rather in direct support of an infantry unit.

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