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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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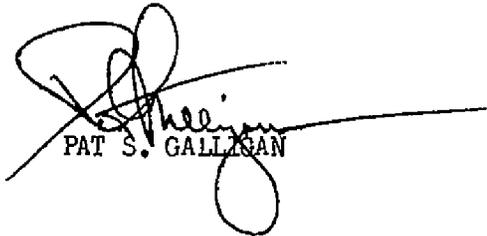
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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division(Rein), FMF

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 to 30 June 1967

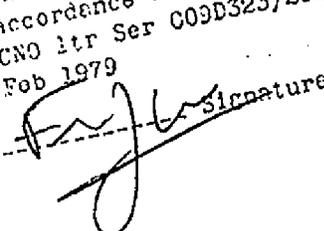
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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: ✓(1) June Command Chronology

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


PAT S. GALLIGAN

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Antitank Battalion

COMMANDER

Major P. S. GALLIGAN

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Company A 1 June
2-30 June

Company B
Company C
H&S Company

Capt. G. J. FORBES
2ndLt. B. H. BAILEY
Capt. A. R. GREEN
Capt. D. M. HUTSON
2ndLt. J. C. HANCOCK JR.

ATTACHED UNITS

(NONE)

2. LOCATION

1 - 30 June 1967: DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

SgtMajor	C. S. SAWYER
2ndLt	M. L. ELL
2ndLt	M. J. BOREK 1-2 June
2ndLt	J. W. CARTER 3-30 June
2ndLt	M. J. BOREK
1stLt	V. C. DAVIS
2ndLt	M. J. BOREK 1-2 June
2ndLt	J. W. CARTER 3-30 June
2ndLt	J. A. VANDOREN
2ndLt	J. C. HANCOCK JR.
2ndLt	L. D. MANBECK

HMC T. O. MICHEL

Sergeant Major
S-1/Adjutant
S-2
S-2
S-3
S-4
S-5
S-5
Supply Officer
Comm-Elect Officer
Motor Transport Officer
Ordnance-Maint. Officer
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>
18	117	0	7	0	0

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PART II
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, Direct Support of 5th Marines.

Company C, Direct Support of 7th Marines.

2. 1-30 June 1967. The Civic Action program for the month of June included the treating of 444 people in the Yen Bac and Cam Hoa hamlets (AT985708 and AT975703). In Yen Bac Hamlet three heads and a shower were completed. A new battery was obtained for the Yen Bac Hamlet water pump and the pump was repaired several times. Three truck loads of dunnage, wood and 110 gallons of gasoline were delivered to the hamlet during June. A chicken farm for Yen Bac is being planned.

1-30 June 1967. The battalion continued its mission of supporting the Southern Sector Rear Area Defense by both day and night patrolling of the assigned SOR.

1-30 June 1967. During the month of June the 106mm Recoilless Rifle continued to be administratively deadlined. This condition led to the mounting of two .50 caliber machine guns on 15 Ontos; 5 Ontos per company. On 14 June 1967 the restriction that Ontos be employed in static, defensive positions only was lifted, and the Ontos with .50 caliber machine guns was again used as a direct fire support weapon with infantry units.

1-30 June 1967. During the month of June the Battalion fired a total of 0 rounds 106mm ammunition, 910 rounds .50 caliber ammunition and 3,850 rounds .30 caliber ammunition. The Battalion Ontos traveled a total of 2,755 miles.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 - 13 June Ontos were used only in static, defensive positions because of the continued administrative deadline.
- 5 June The installation of three new VRC-71 radios was completed. These radios were tested and found to greatly improve the Communications system of the Ontos.
- 14 June Company C and Company A, 3rd Platoon (attached to Co. C) began direct support of 7th Marines, Operation ARIZONA. Set-up blocking positions from (AT820550 to AT900570) on north side of the Song Vu Gia river; secured 18 June.
- Company B, 2nd Platoon, began direct support of 2nd Battalion 5th Marines in Operation ARIZONA; secured 16 June.
- 17 June Company C, 2nd Platoon, C-22 received 10 rounds small arms fire from AT904566; returned 350 rounds .50 caliber. Results: 1 VC KIA: confirmed.
- 18 June Company A, 2nd Platoon, began direct support 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines in Operation BROWN; secured 21 June.
- Company A, 2nd Platoon, A-21, A-23, and A-24 received 10 rounds small arms fire from AT998539; returned 170 rounds .50 caliber and 30 rounds .30 caliber from AT986535. Results: 2 VC KIA confirmed.
- 19 June Company A, 2nd Platoon, A-25, at 1645H hit enemy AV mine at BT029549 resulting in 4 USMC WIA med-evacs. Mine was pressure detonated with an explosive of 25 lbs. TNT. Ontos and all equipment was salvaged.
- 25 June Company A, 2nd Platoon, began Operation CALHOUN. Ontos were used to provide road and artillery security at Duy Xuygen (BT083517); secured 30 June.
- 26 June Company A, 3rd Platoon, while on mechanized patrol with infantry from 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, discovered enemy land mine at BT162602. Mine was destroyed by blowing in place, resulting in 1 USMC NBC as the results of flying shrapnel.

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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.

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- 27 June General V. L. KRULAK, Commanding General, FMF Pacific, arrived at 1st Antitank Battalion CP at 0926H. After presenting 2ndLt. Richard J. YEOMAN the Silver Star Award for action as a platoon commander, Company C, 2nd Platoon, 1st Antitank Battalion, the General was briefed on the employment of the .50 caliber machine gun on the Ontos by Major Pat S. GALLIGAN, CO, 1st ATBn. After the briefing General KRULAK visited Yen Bac Hamlet before leaving at 1015.
- 30 June Major Pat S. GALLIGAN briefed Colonel BOHN, new 1st Marine Division G-3, on the feasibility of firing the 106mm Recoilless Rifle by lanyard. This would be accomplished by disconnecting the firing control system presently used in the Ontos and loading and firing the 106mm Recoilless Rifles manually. Colonel BOHN noted that this idea had merit.

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

BHB:ay
5750
1 Jul 1967

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

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) BA 3480.1

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology: June 1967

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

B. H. Bailey
B. H. BAILEY

Co "A", 1st ATB

John R

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1 Jul 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

COMMANDERS

2ndLt B. H. BAILEY

SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Platoon
2nd Platoon
3rd Platoon

SSgt G. T. ELEY Jr.
SSgt E. WALKER Jr.
SSgt A. W. ERLINGS

ATTACHED UNITS

(None)

2. LOCATION

1 - 30 June, DANANG, RVN

3. STAFF

2ndLt R. J. YEOMAN
1stSgt W. H. ALSTON
GySgt W. K. WEITKNECHT

Executive Officer
First Sergeant
Gunnery Sergeant

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC

OFF ENL
2 83

USN

OFF ENL
0 1

OTHER

OFF ENL
0 0

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1 Jul 1967

PART 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 June 1967. The Ontos in DS of the 1st Marine Regiment. 1-12 June 1967 the Ontos were on Admin Deadline and used only in defensive positions. 14-17 June 1967 3rd Platoon, Company A, participated in OPERATION ARIZONA. 18-21 June 1967 2nd Platoon, Company A, participated in OPERATION BROWN. 25-30 June 1967 2nd Platoon, Company A, participated in OPERATION CALHOUN. 12-30 June 1967 Company A continued to provide Ontos for escort missions, mechanized patrols and defensive positions.

3. 1-30 June 1967. The Ontos fired (0) 106MM rounds, (270) .50 Cal. rounds and (465) .30 Cal. rounds. The Ontos traveled 1386 miles in 440 hours of operation.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 18 June SECOND PLATOON: A-21, A-23, and A-24 received 8-10 rnds SA from 998539. A-21, A-23, and A-24 expended 170 .50 Cal. rnds and 30 .30 Cal. rnds from 986535. Company C, 1st Bn, 1st Marines swept the area and found 2 VC KIA confirmed. (See Ref (A)).
- 19 June SECOND PLATOON: At 1645H A-25 hit enemy land mine at 029547 resulting in 4 USMC WIA. Personnel were medevaced; Ontos and all gear were salvaged. Mine was a pressure detonated with 25 lbs. of explosive. (See Ref (B)).
- 20 June FIRST PLATOON: At 2110H, A-13 at 993578 and A-14 at 993576 sighted 2 VC along treeline at 992575. A-13 expended 300 .30 Cal. rnds and A-14 expended 100 .30 Cal. rnds. No search was made due to darkness. (See Ref (C)).

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- 26 June THIRD PLATOON: A-32 and A-33 were on a mechanized patrol when the infantry discovered enemy land mine at 162602. When the mine was destroyed, one Marine was hit above the left eye with shrapnel. (See Ref (D)).
- 29 June SECOND PLATOON: A-35 while attached to second Platoon at 085520 received 20-30 rnds SA from tree line at 086523. A-35 expended 50 .50 Cal. rnds and 35 .30 Cal. rnds. Search of area was made with negative results. (See Ref (E)).

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

1. The following references are cited:

Ref. (a)	Company "A" SITREP #	169
(b)	"	170
(c)	"	171
(d)	"	177
(e)	"	180

TAB ✓ A Combat Operations After Action Report, Operation Brown
B Combat Operations After Action Report, Operations Calhoun

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

RJY:gas
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29 June 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 1st Antitank Bn (Attn S-3)
Subj: Combat Operations after action report for Operation BROWN
Ref: (a) BnO 3480.1

1. Operation BROWN, Search, Destroy and Blocking
2. 180600 H to 211500 H
3. Quan Dien Ban District
4. Control or Command and Headquarters

2ndPLT SSgt E. WALKER

5. Task Organization

(a) 2nd Platoon

6. Supporting Forces

None

7. Intelligence

It was suspected that enemy strength in the area was about three hundred local guerillas. Upon reaching the objective area there was light contact with enemy forces. The terrain offers good movement for Ontos during the dry months. The local population consisted of old men, women and small children. The people stayed in underground shelters or in their homes.

8. Mission

Second Platoon, Company A, 1stATBn, supported the attack of CoC, 1stBn, 1st Marines, by attacking east with CoC along the Northern part of the objective area.

Tab A

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9. Concept of Operation

At 180600 H June 1967, 2ndPlt CoA 1stATBn moved from Staging Area vicinity of (BT 928528) with CoC 1stBn 1stMar and commenced sweep of objective area which is the island complex formed by Song Dien Binh and Song Chiem Son Rivers.

10. Execution

At 180600 H June 1967 2ndPlt CoA 1stATBn along with CoC 1stBn 1st Marines commences sweep of objective area. The Ontos made no contact during the day and at 181530 H a Defensive Perimeter for night was set up at 954537. At 181800 H the position received an unestimated number of small arm rounds. A-21, A-23, and A-24 returned 90 rounds of .50 Cal., 80 rounds of .50 Cal. spotter, and 30 rounds of .30 Cal. CoC, 1stBn, 1stMar swept area and found 2 VC KIA. At 190600 H Ontos commenced sweep with no enemy contact during the day. At 191645 H, A-25 hit enemy land mine at 018546 resulting in 4 USMC WIA. All were MEDEVAC. A-25 was stripped of all useable gear which was placed in CoC 1stBn 1st Marines Defense Area at 020547. At 200800 H a helicopter picked up the gear taken off of A-25 and returned it to CoA 1stATBn CP. Second Platoon CoA 1stATBn stayed in CoC 1stBn 1stMar position all day with no enemy contacts. At 210700 H a helicopter (CH-53) picked up the hull of A-25 and took it to 1stATBn CP. At 210800 H 2ndPlt CoA 1stATBn departed CoC 1stBn 1stMar for 1stATBn CP. At 211100 H 2ndPlt joined Amtracks at 986535. At 211500 H 2ndPlt arrived at 1stATBn CP.

11. Results

Second Platoon CoA 1stATBn suffered 4 USMC WIA. They were credited with no VC KIA, WIA or detainees.

12. Administrative Matters

13. Special equipment and techniques

14. Commanders analysis

15. Recommendations

None

R. J. Yeoman
R. J. YEOMAN
By direction

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

RJY:ay
3480
3 July 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 1st Antitank Battalion (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Combat Operations after action report for Operation CALHOUN
Ref: (a) BnO 3480.1

1. Operation CALHOUN, Search, Destroy and Blocking
2. 250600H to 301200H
3. Quan Duy Xuyen and Quan Que Son Districts
4. Control or Command and Headquarters

2nd Platoon SSgt E. WALKER

5. Task Organization

(a) 2nd Platoon

6. Supporting Forces

None

7. Intelligence

It was suspected that enemy strength in the area was very light but that food, weapons, and ammo caches were in the area. Upon reaching the objective area there was light contact with enemy forces and only a few food caches were found. The terrain was mountainous thereby restricting movement of the Ontos to the valleys. The local population consisted of old men, women, and small children. The people stayed in underground shelters or in their homes.

8. Mission

Second Platoon, Company A, 1st ATBn, acted as a regimental reserve and stayed in the rear to act as security for the artillery position.

Tab B

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3 July 1967

9. Concept of Operation

On 25 June 1967, 2nd Platoon was at the artillery position near Duy Xuyen at 083517. It was to remain there for security and to act as a regimental reserve.

10. Execution

From 0600H to 0800H on 25-29 June 1967, 2nd Platoon conducted road sweeps from 072517 to 096528. There was negative enemy contact. At 291800H A-35, while attached to the 2nd Platoon, located at 085520 received 20-30 rounds from treeline at 086523. A-35 expended 50 .50 Cal. rounds and 35 .30 Cal. rounds. Search of the area was made with negative results. At 300600H 2nd Platoon started sweeping east parallel to highway 537 to 140524. 2nd Platoon conducted this sweep in conjunction with A Battery 1/11 and "L" Company 3/1. There were negative results.

11. Results

CoA(-) 1st ATBn suffered no friendly casualties. There were no VC KIA, WIA, or Detainees.

12. Administrative Matters

None

13. Special Equipment and Techniques

.50 Cal. machine gun and mounts. The ammo cans have to be elevated to insure proper feeding. The E&T mechanism will not remain in place. It works loose due to the recoil of the gun. The cotter key used to hold the mounting pins in place keeps breaking due to too much tolerance in the mount.

14. Commanders Analysis

None

15. Recommendations

None

R. J. Yeoman
R. J. YEOMAN
By direction

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

AFT/gff
3000
1 July 1967

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

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a), BnO 3480.1

Encl: ✓(1) June Command Chronology

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

A. F. Traynor, Jr.
A. F. TRAYNOR JR.
By direction

C. B. ... AT Bn

June 1967

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

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1 July 1967

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1 July 1967

PART I.

1. DESIGNATOR

COMPANY B, CO.
COMPANY B, XO

Captain A. R. GREEN JR.
1stLt. A. F. TRAYNOR JR.

SUBORDINATE UNITS.

1st Platoon
2nd Platoon
3rd Platoon

SSgt J. M. KING
2ndLt W. A. BROWN
SSgt M. C. HANBY

ATTACHED UNITS.

(NONE)

2. LOCATION:

1- 30 June 1967: DANANG, RVN:

3. STAFF

First Sergeant
Gunnery Sergeant

1stSgt A. E. FRANKO
NONE

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH.

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
3	86	0	1	0	0

Enclosure (1)

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1 July 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 - Direct Support, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines

3rd Platoon - Direct Support, Fifth Marines

2. 14-16 June 1967 second platoon participated in Operation Arizona in support of 2nd Battalion, Fifth Marines.

Enclosure (1)

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. 1-30 June 1967 All Platoons 769 miles traveled
2. 1-30 June 1967 All Platoons Rounds Fired:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ROUNDS FIRED</u>
Cal. 50 (S-F)	260
Cal. 30	3375
Cal. 45	150
7.62mm	40
5.56mm	800

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1 July 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), FME
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

HLR:jls
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30 June 1967

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

Subj: Command Chronology for 1 June 1967 - 30 June 1967

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 7550.2B

Encl: (1) Company C Command Chronology
(2) After Action Report of Operation "ARIZONA"

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c) enclosure (1) and (2) are submitted.

H. L. Reed
H. L. REED
By Direction

Co "C", 1st ATBN

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION COMMANDER
Company C, 1st Antitank Battalion Capt. D. M. HUTSON
- Principle Billets.
- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Company Commander | Capt. D. M. HUTSON |
| Executive Officer | 1stLt. H. L. REED |
| 1st Plt. Comdr. | 2ndLt. S. C. BERMAN |
| 2nd Plt. Comdr. | SSgt. J. HAYNES |
| 3rd Plt. Comdr. | 2ndLt. J. ALEXANDER |
2. LOCATION.
1 - 30 June 1967, Da Nang RVN
3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH.

	<u>USMC</u>			<u>USF</u>	
<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>
4		80	0		1

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The month of June established a new era for the Ontos. The Ontos was deadlined in the month of May. In June the .50 Cal. machine guns were mounted on the Ontos. During Operation "ARIZONA" the .50 Cal. proved to be very successful.

The Ontos of Company C fired 380 rounds of .50 Cal. (linked) rounds and 10 rounds .30 Cal., and traveled 600 miles in support of infantry units.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 - 8 June 67 - Negative. Ontos administratively deadlined.
- 9 June 67 - 3rd Plt. Company C moved its CP and four (4) Ontos to Hill (37) for maintenance purposes.
- 10 - 13 June 67 - Negative. Ontos administratively deadlined.
- 14 June 67 - At 0730 3rd Plt. (rein) Company C, departed CP at Hill (37) in direct support of 3/7 Battalion on Operation "ARIZONA".

- 15 June 67 - Company C (rein) in support of 7th Marines Operation "ARIZONA".
Negative results.
- 16 June 67 - Company C in support of Operation "ARIZONA".
- 16 June 67 - At 1315 Ontos (C-22) at (AT 830551) received 5 rounds sniper
fire. Ontos returned fire with 40 .50 Cal. and 8 rounds .30 Cal.
Negative results.
- 16 June 67 - Light section from 3rd Plt. Company A in support of Operation
"ARIZONA" fired 10 .30 Cal. rounds at 3 VC at (AT 904566).
Negative results.
- 17 June 67 - Company C (rein) was secured from Operation "ARIZONA". Ontos Plt.
Co. 22 received approximately 10 rounds sniper fire at (AT
830551) returned fire with 350 rounds .50 Cal. Results
1 VC KIA confirmed.
- 18 June 67 - Company C (rein) was secured from Operation "ARIZONA". 1st Plt.
Company C returned to CP at Hill (55), 3rd Plt. Company C
returned to CP at Hill (37) and 3rd Plt. Company A returned to
CP at 1st Marine Regiment.
- 19 June 67 - Negative.
- 20 June 67 - Light section from 1st Plt. Company C in support of Squad
from Construe Alpha in vicinity of AT 903545. Negative results.
- 21 June 67 - 1st Plt. Company C in support of platoon from Construe Delta
in vicinity of AT 943602. Negative results.
- 22 June 67 - Negative.
- 23 June 67 - Negative.
- 24 June 67 - Negative.
- 25 June 67 - Light section from 1st Plt. Company C in support of Squad
from Construe Delta in vicinity of AT 957603. Negative results.
- 26 June 67 - Light section from 1st Plt. Company C in support of squad
from Construe Delta in vicinity of 982605.
- 27 June 67 - Negative.
- 28 June 67 - Negative.

29 June 67 - (C-13), and (C-24) from 1st Plt. Company C on patrol with
Constable Alpha GAC in vicinity of AF 935580. Negative
results.

30 June 67 - Negative.

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

HLR:jhs
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21 June 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 7th Marine Regiment (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Combat After Action Report; Operation "ARIZONA", a search and destroy operation.

1. Code Name. Operation "ARIZONA", a search and destroy operation.
2. Dates of Operation. 140715H June 1967 to 181700H June 1967.
3. Location. Quan Dai Loc Province
4. Control of Command Headquarters. 7th Marine Regiment, Colonel CROSSFIELD, Commanding.

5. Task Organization.

CoC, 1stATBn (Rein)
1st Plt. CoC
2nd Plt. CoC
3rd Plt. CoC
3rd Plt. CoA

Capt. D.M. HUTSON
2nd LT. S. C. BERMAN
SSgt. HAYNES
2nd LT. J. ALEXANDER
SSgt. EARLINGS

6. Supporting Forces. None.

7. Intelligence. See 7th Marines ISUMS pertaining to Operation ARIZONA.

8. Mission. In direct support of 7th Marines, and to establish blocking positions as directed to support friendly forces.

9. Concept of Operation. 1st Plt. (-) (Rein) CoC, with the 3rd Plt CoA establish blocking positions at blocks 9 (AT 904566), 10 (AT 909557), 11 (AT 902545), 12 (AT 919536). 3rd Plt. (-) (Rein) establish blocking positions at blocks 6 (AT 878568), 7 (AT 882561), 8 (AT 893562). 2nd Plt. (-) establish blocking positions at blocks 2 (AT 830551), and 3 (AT 843552).

10. Execution.

a. D - Day, 14 June 1967

(1) At 0730H 3rd Plt. (Rein), departed CP on Hill 37 to establish

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blocks 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8 all blocks were effected at approximately 0900H.

(2) At 1030 1st Plt (Rein) departed CP on Hill 55 to establish blocks 9, 10, 11, 12. Blocks were effected at approximately 1400

b. D - Day Plus 1, 15 June 1967

(1) 3rd Plt. Had no activities.

(2) At 1000 C-11 and C-12 of the 1st Plt. departed for Bravo Rear to have .50Cal. machinegun mounted. Guns were mounted and vehicles returned to blocking positions at 1500H.

c. D - Day Plus 2, 16 June 1967

(1) At 1730 C-11 and C-24 of the 1st Plt. departed block 10 in route to block 6, reached block 6 at 2030H.

(2) At 1315 Ontos at block 2 (AT 830551) received 5 rounds sniper fire from (AT 833555). Ontos returned fire with 40 .50Cal rounds and eight (8) .30 Cal. Negative results.

(3) 3rd Plt vehicle at block 7 (AT 881567) received three (3) incoming mortar rounds from an unknown position at 2000H. All rounds were duds. Negative results.

(4) At 1030H Ontos A-32 from 3rd Plt CoA at block 9 (AT 904566) spotted approximately three (3) VC along water edge. Ontos returned fire with 10 .30 Cal rounds. Negative results.

d. D - Day Plus 3, 17 June 1967

(1) At 0800 blocking position 6 (AT 878563) was secured and the Ontos moved to block 7 (AT 882561).

(2) At 1030 Ontos at block 7 (AT 882561) Ontos C-11 received approximately sixty (60) rounds incoming small arms fire. Ontos was unable to return fire because of refugees moving in the immediate area.

(3) At 1100 Ontos at block 7 (AT 882561) received 30 refugees crossing river. One (1) refugee that was wounded was treated by Ontos platoon leader and was found to be carrying medical supplies. Personnel was turned into infantry unit as VC suspect.

(4) At 1000H Ontos C-22 at block 2 (AT 830551) received approximately ten (10) rounds small arms sniper fire. Returned fire with 350 rounds .50 Cal. in tree line. Body was later found in area. Results 1 VC KIA Confirmed.

(5) At 1600 blocking position 8 (AT 893562) was secured. Ontos was moved to block 12 (AT 919536). Block 12 effected at 1700.

(6) At 1630 Ontos at block 2 (AT 830551) spotted Vietnamese personnel crossing river. One (1) Ontos and infantry squad picked up personnel and he was turned in as a VC suspect on recommendations from Vietnamese interpreters.

(7) At 1630 block 9 (AT 904566) was secured, Ontos C-11, C-12, C-15 and C-24 returned to Hill 55.

(8) At 1845 Ontos C-11, C-12 and C-24 returned to Construe Bravo area.

e. D - Day Plus 4, 18 June 1967

(1) At 1700 3rd Plt (Rein) CoC along with Ontos from 2nd Plt CoC secured from operation "ARIZONA". Ontos from 3rd Plt CoC returned to their CP at 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division on 17 June 1967. Ontos C-11 and C-12 to Hill 55. C-24 stayed at block 11 (902555).

(2) At 1745 CoC (Rein) Headquarters forward departed Hill 65 for CoC near secured from operation "ARIZONA" at 191830H.

11. Results. One (1) VC KIA confirmed, Two (2) VC suspect (Detainees).

12. Administration. N/A

13. Special Equipment. One (1) Jeep with Xenon light at all blocking positions.

14. Operational Analysis. The presence of an Ontos in blocking positions is very detrimental to the morale of the VC, which forces the VC to adapt evasive methods therefore enabling the infantry units to close in and destroy the enemy. However it is felt that to use the Ontos in a static position is not the most preferable method of employment because it places a vast limitation on its role as a direct fire weapon. No mechanical difficulties of any type were encountered through Operation "ARIZONA".

15. Recommendations. It was experienced from prior knowledge that the terrain in the operational area of Operation "ARIZONA" was highly trafficable to the Ontos. It is highly and strongly recommended that during this dry season and in an area that is highly trafficable to the Ontos that instead of a static employment, the Ontos be given its secondary mission of giving direct fire support of the infantry units.

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