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

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 July to 31 July 1967.

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

Encl: ✓(1) July Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 - 31 July 1967

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA (U)

1. DESIGNATION

1st Antitank Battalion

COMMANDER

Lt.Col. P. D. REISSNER, JR.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Company A

Company B

Company C 1 - 13 July
14 - 31 JulyH&S Company 1-2 July
3-12 July
13-31 July

2nd Lt. B. H. BAILEY

Capt. A. R. GREEN

Capt. D. M. HUTSON

Capt. W. E. NELSON

2ndLt. J. C. HANCOCK, JR.

1stLt. R. H. REITMEIER

2ndLt. R. E. BAILEY

ATTACHED UNITS

(NONE)

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 July 1967: DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

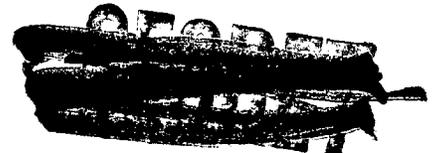
Major	P. S. GALLIGAN	1 - 20 July	Commander
Major	P. S. GALLIGAN	21 - 31 July	Executive Officer
SgtMajor	C. S. SAWYER		Sergeant Major
2ndLt	M. L. ELL		S-1/Adjutant
2ndLt	J. W. CARTER		S-2
2ndLt	M. J. BOREK	1 - 11 July	S-3
2ndLt	J. W. CARTER	12 - 31 July	S-3
1stLt.	V. C. DAVIS		S-4
2ndLt	J. W. CARTER		S-5
2ndLt	J. A. VAN DOREN		Supply Officer
2ndLt	J. C. HANCOCK JR.	1-2 July	Comm-Elect Officer
2ndLt	R. E. BAILEY	2-31 July	Comm-Elect Officer
2ndLt	L. D. MANBECK	1-13 July	Motor Transport Officer
2ndLt	R. H. REITMEIER	13-31 July	Motor Transport Officer
2ndLt	L. D. MANBECK		Ordnance-Maint Officer
HMC	T. O. MICHEL		Medical Officer-Chief Corpsman

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
23	424	0	7

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY (S)

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. (U)

2. 1-31 July 1967. The Civic Action Program for the month of July included the treating of 581 people in Yen Bac and Cam Hoa Hamlets (AT985708 and AT975703). An outdoor movie theater was built for Yen Bac and 350 people from that hamlet viewed Psyops films during the reporting period. The hamlet water pump was repaired several times, and Yen Bac was given 200 gallons of gas to run the pump. Also 300 pounds of rice were given to Yen Bac Hamlet to help hold them over till the September harvest. A chicken farm is being set up, and plans are under way to build a new water pump, hold an Elder's Festival and distribute winter clothing at Yen Bac Hamlet. (U)

1-31 July 1967. The Battalion continued its mission of supporting the Southern Sector Rear Area Defense by running both day and night patrols and Operations in the assigned SOR. The additional commitment of providing a rifle squad to patrol the Western flank of the Southern Sector was also accomplished. (U)

1-31 July 1967. The Ontos mounted 106mm RR standdown was still in effect during the month of July. A total of 15 Ontos have had .50 caliber machine guns mounted (two per vehicle), and these have proven to be effective. (S)

1-31 July 1967. During the month of July the Battalion fired a total of 3 106mm rounds, 2,425 rounds .50 caliber, 2,490 .30 caliber rounds. The Battalion Ontos traveled a total of 3,182 miles. (U)

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS (U)

- 7 July Ontos A-34 of Company A struck a land mine estimated 30 pounds TNT at coordinates BT117628, resulting in 3 USMC WIA Non-medevac. Right suspension system was destroyed and the Ontos was evacuated two weeks later. All 3 WIA's returned to duty after first aid.
- 8 July Two Ontos from 3rd Platoon, Company B, with a reinforced platoon from Company K, 5th Marines, left at 0600H as a reaction force to assist platoon under attack at coordinates BT219358. Vehicles fired 400 rounds .30 caliber at fleeing VC in treeline. Area was swept by Company K; Results, Unknown.
- 12 July 3rd Platoon, Company C, with light section from 2nd Platoon, Company C, began Direct Support of 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, on Operation GEM. At 1700H Ontos C-34 at coordinates AT862563 spotted two VC running into a house.. Fired 25 rounds of .50 caliber machine gun which were on target. Area not searched due to water barrier. Results: 2 VC KIA Probable.
- 14 July At 1130H Ontos C-34 in support of Operation GEM at coordinates AT863566 picked up 15 male and 2 female refugees-Ages 10-50; two(2) turned over to 3/7. Results: 2 VC Suspect.
- 15 July Operation GEM secured.
- 16 July **Two Ontos from 1st Platoon, Company B on a search and destroy mission with 2nd Platoon, Company L, 5th Marines, were engaged in a two sided ambush by an unknown number of VC firing automatic weapons at coordinates BT112468. Ontos expended 300 rounds .30 caliber and, on order from infantry Platoon Commander, fired two round HEPT 106mm, and one round 106mm FLECHETTE. Firing ceased. Area was searched with unknown results.**
- 17 July At 1400H 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines at Hill 10(coordinates AT923693) spotted VC Battalion at coordinates AT900710. The 3rd Platoon, Company C moved 4 Ontos to Hill 10. No contact was made.
- 19 July At 2310H Ontos C-35 located at coordinates AT923693 spotted 10 VC at coordinates AT932712 and fired 23 rounds.

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The following morning a patrol from 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines found several blood trails and drag marks. Results: 3 VC KIA Probable.

- 21 July At 0800H, Lieutenant Colonel P. D. REISSNER, JR. assumed command of the Battalion, relieving Major P. S. GALLIGAN who became Executive Officer.
- 25 July Ontos A-12, 1st Platoon, Company A, at coordinates BT055675, passed over an enemy box type land mine, pressure detonated with 25 pounds TNT, which detonated after the vehicle passed over it. Results: Minor damage to the vehicle and 2 USMC WIA Non-medevacs. Both WIA's returned to duty after receiving first aid.
- 29 July Ontos C-12 medevaced 3 USMC WIA's from 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, from coordinates AT948583 to BAS Hill 55 (Coordinates AT968622).
- 29 July Ontos A-13, 1st Platoon, Company A, while located at coordinates BT069677 received 300 rounds automatic weapons fire from 15 VC at coordinates BT069678. A-13 returned 200 rounds .30 caliber. Search of area was made, and blood trails were found. Results: 2 VC KIA Probable.

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PART IV
CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (U)

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

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1 Aug 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 1st Antitank Battalion (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Command Chronology
Ref: (a) BrO 3480.1
Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology: July 1967

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

B. H. Bailey
B. H. BAILEY

Co "A", 1st AT BN

June 67

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COMPANY A
1st Antitank Battalion
1st Marine Division(Rein), FMF
APO 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.
2ndLt D. E. DOVE

ATTACHED UNITS

(None)

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 July, 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

USN

OTHER

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3	80

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

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

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1 Aug 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. 1-31 July 1967. The Ontos were in DS of the 1st Marine Regiment. Company A continued to provide Ontos for escort missions, mechanized patrols, and defensive positions.

3. 1-31 July 1967. The Ontos fired (0) 106mm rounds, (0) .50 cal. rounds, and (200) .30 cal. rounds. The Ontos traveled 674 miles in 661 hours of operation.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 7 July THIRD PLATOON: A-34 hit enemy land mine at 117628 resulting in 3 USMC WIA NON MEDEVAC. The Ontos and all gear were salvaged. Mine was a pressure detonated with 30 pounds of explosives. (See Ref (A)).
- 25 July FIRST PLATOON: A-12 hit enemy land mine at 055675 resulting in 2 USMC WIA NON MEDEVAC. The Ontos was slightly damage and all the gear was salvaged. Mine was a pressure detonated box type of approximately 25 pounds of explosives which detonated after the Ontos had passed over it. (See Ref (B)).
- 29 July FIRST PLATOON: A-13, while at 069677, received 300 rounds automatic weapons fire from 15 VC in village at 069678. A-13 expended (200) .30 cal. rounds resulting in 2 VC KIA Probable. Search was made of the area and blood trails were found. (See Ref (C)).

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Appendix I (List of Reference) To Company A, 1st ATBn, Command
Chronology July 1967

1. The following references are cited:

Ref. (A)	Company A,	SITREP #	190
(B)	"		208
(C)	"		212

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

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2 Aug 1967

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

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) BnO 3480.1

Encl: ✓ (1) July Command Chronology

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

A. R. Green Jr.
A. R. GREEN JR.

Li "B", 1st AT Bn

Aug 1967

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

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2 Aug 1967

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PART I

1. DESIGNATORCompany B, CO
Company B, XOCapt A. R. GREEN JR.
1stLt A. F. TRAYNOR JR.SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Platoon	1-21 July: SSgt J. M. KING
	22-31 July: 2dLt G. B. MCDOWELL
2d Platoon	2dLt W. A. BROWN
3d Platoon	SSgt M. C. HAMBY

ATTACHED UNITS

(NONE)

2. LOCATION1-16 July: Hill 29, Quang Nam, RVN
16-31 July: Hill 63, Quang Tin, RVN3. STAFF

First Sergeant	1stSgt A. E. FRANKO
Gunnery Sergeant	1-21 July: NONE
	22-31 July: SSgt J. M. KING

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
4	83	0	1	0	0

ENCLOSURE (1)

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2 Aug 1967

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

1st Platoon - Light Section - Direct Support Third Battalion, Fifth Marines

1st Platoon - Light Section - Perimeter defense of Company position

2d Platoon - Direct Support Second Battalion, Fifth Marines

3d Platoon - Heavy Section - Direct Support First Battalion, Fifth Marines

3d Platoon - Light Section - Direct Support Company K, Fifth Marines

ENCLOSURE (1)

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. ~~080600H~~. Two Ontos from 3d Platoon with reinforced platoon from Company K, Fifth Marines departed CP to assist 2d Platoon, Company under attack at BT 219358. On request, vehicles fired 400 rounds Caliber .30 into treeline at fleeing VC. Area searched by Company K, results unknown.
2. ~~160900H~~. Two Ontos from 3d Platoon departed BT 226319 as convoy escort. Arrived BT 133452 161130H, no incidents. Returned to BT 226319 161400H. Arrived 161630H, no incidents.
3. ~~161430H~~. Two Ontos on sweep and destroy mission with 2d Platoon, Company L, Fifth Marines were engaged by unknown number VC at BT 112468 firing automatic SA fire from two-sided ambush. Ontos expended 300 rounds Caliber .30. On order of platoon leader, fired two rounds HEP-T, 106mm and one flechette round, 106mm. Firing ceased, results unknown.
4. ~~190900H~~. Two Ontos from 3d Platoon departed BT 226319 as convoy escort. Arrived BT 133452, no incidents. Ontos returned 191400H. B-34 broke short axle at BT 219359. No retriever capabilities available at either position. Local security established awaiting retriever. Vehicle removed by engineer wrecker 201430H.
5. ~~270800H~~. Two Ontos from 3d Platoon departed CP with squad from Company D, Fifth Marines on combat patrol to vicinity of BT 023288. Patrol covered eleven miles. Ontos returned 271830H, no incidents.
6. 1-31 July. All Platoons 738 miles traveled.
7. 1-31 July. All Platoons rounds fired:

<u>TYPE:</u>	<u>ROUNDS FIRED</u>
106mm HEP-T	2
106mm FLECHETTE	1
Cal .50 (linked)	2290
Cal .50 (spotter)	75
Cal .30	990
Cal .45	165
7.62mm	75
5.56mm	90

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PART IV
CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. 1st Platoon - NONE
2. 2d Platoon - NONE
3. 3d Platoon - NONE

ENCLOSURE (1)

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

WEN:bey
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31 Jul 1967

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

Subj: Command Chronology for 1 July 1967 to 21 July 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 "GEM"

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

W. E. Nelson
W. E. NELSON

Co "C", 1st AT BN

Jul 1967

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Part I
Organisational Data

1. Designation

Company C, 1st Antitank Battalion

Commander

Capt. W. E. NELSON

Principle Billets

Company Commander 1 July-13 July 1967
 Company Commander 13 July-31 July 1967
 Executive Officer 1 July-28 July 1967
 Executive Officer 28 July-31 July 1967
 1st Plt. Comdr.
 2nd Plt. Comdr.
 3rd Plt Comdr. 1 July-28 July 1967
 3rd Plt Comdr. 28 July-31 July 1967

Capt. D. M. HUTSON
 Capt. W. E. NELSON
 1st Lt. H. L. REED
 2nd Lt. J. K. ALEXANDER
 1st Lt. S. C. BERMAN
 SSgt J. W. HAYNES
 2nd Lt. J. K. ALEXANDER
 2nd Lt. D. L. BROWN

2. Location

1 - 31 July 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>
6		80	0	1

Part II
Narrative Summary

During the month of July the Ontos was still restricted from firing the 106's. The .50 Cal. machine guns proved effective as they resulted in five (5) VC KIA (Probable).

The Ontos of Company C fired 60 rounds of .50 Cal. linked and 300 rounds of .30 Cal. and traveled 1770 miles in support of infantry units.

Part III
Sequential Listings of Significant Events

1 July 1967 Light Section from 1st Plt. Company C on patrol in support of squad from Construe B in vicinity of AT 935525. Negative results.

2 - 3 July 1967 Negative.

4 July 1967 Light Section from 1st Plt Company C in support squad from Construe B. Negative results.

5 July 1967 Negative.

6 July 1967 Two Light Sections from 1st Plt Company C in support

of 1/7 on search and destroy.

- 6 July 1967 At 1700H Two Light Sections from 1st Plt Company C departed CP on Hill 55 to establish convoy security to Charlie Company 1/7 Combat Base. Arrived at C 1/7 at 1940H and established night defense.
- 7 July 1967 At 0600H Two Light Sections from 1st Plt. Company C with eight (8) Amtracs and eight (8) Tanks went on sweep with Construc B, in vicinity of AT960530.
- 7 July 1967 At 0930H Two Light Sections from 1st Plt. Company C moved to C 1/7 blocking positions at AT945535, arrived in blocking positions at 0945H.
- 8 July 1967 Light Section from 1st Plt. Company C on patrol with Construc C at 1130H in vicinity of AT950535 with Negative Results.
- 9 July 1967 At 1130H Light Section departed C 1/7 Combat Base for blocking position in vicinity of AT945535. Discovered dud 81mm mortar round in road at AT934523. Round was blown in place. Negative Results.
- 9 July 1967 At 1700H Two Light Sections from 1st Plt. Company C returned to Hill 55.
- 10 July 1967 Negative.
- 11 July 1967 C-11 and C-12 on patrol with two squads from Construc Charlie in vicinity of AT928502. Negative Results.
- 11 July 1967 C-15 at Construc Alpha AT941579 received fifty (50) rounds small arms fire from the vicinity of AT941581. Returned fire with 30 rounds .30 Cal. Negative Results.
- 12 July 1967 3rd Plt. Company C, with Light Section from 2nd Plt. Company C in support of 3/7 on "Operation GEM".
- 12 July 1967 At 1330H C-34 AT861566 in support of Operation "GEM" received ten (10) rounds small arms fire from AT863562. Returned fire with fifty (50) rounds .30 Cal. and fifty (50) rounds .50 Cal. Linked at sniper running into house. Negative Results.
- 12 July 1967 At 1700H C-34 at AT862563 spotted two VC and fired 25 rounds of .50 Cal. Linked rounds which were on target. Two (2) VC KIA (Probable).

13 July 1967 At 1330H Light Section from 1st Plt. Company C on patrol in vicinity of AT920540 with squad from Construe B. Negative Results.

13 July 1967 3rd Plt. (Rein), Company C in support of Operation "GEM". Negative Results.

14 July 1967 At 1130H C-34 in support of Operation "GEM" picked up 15 males and 2 females, refugees - ages 10-50 years old. Two (2) were turned over as VCS, results Two (2) VCS.

15 July 1967 3rd Plt. (Rein), Company C secured from Operation "GEM".

16 July 1967 2nd Plt. Company C moved a Light Section from Hill 55 to Construe Charlie CP.

16 July 1967 Light Section from 2nd Plt. Company C AT955522 received approximately 40 rounds to 50 rounds small arms fire from AT956522. Returned fire with 500 rds. of .30 Cal. Negative Results.

17 July 1967 At 1400H 1 VC Battalion spotted at AT900710. 3rd Plt. Company C moved 4 eagles to Hill 10 at AT923693.

17 July 1967 3rd Plt. Company C moved to Hill 10 at AT923693 to reinforce K 3/7, that spotted 1 VC Bn. at AT900710.

18 July 1967 3rd Plt. Company C returned to Hill 37 at 1000H. Negative results.

18 July 1967 At 0900H 2nd Plt. Company C moved two vehicles from Construe C CP. One went to Alpha CAP and one to Hill 55.

19 July 1967 At 0930H Heavy Section from 3rd Plt. escorted armor convoy to Hill 48 at AT862581.

19 July 1967 At 2310H C-35 at AT928707 spotted 10 VC at AT932712. Fired 23 rounds .30 Cal. Negative Results.

20 July 1967 Results of C-35's firing on 19 July 1967 was changed to 3 probable VC KIA after area was searched by 3/7.

21 - 23 July 1967 Negative.

24 July 1967 C-13 moved from Construe A GAP to Construe B GAP, C-22 from Construe B GAP to 1st Plt. Company C CP (Hill 55), C-11 moved from 1st Plt CP to Construe A GAP.

25 July 1967 Negative.

26 July 1967 C-21 moved to A GAP from Hill 55, C-12 moved to Hill 55 from A GAP.

27 July 1967 C-12 moved to B GAP from Hill 55, C-21 moved to B GAP from A GAP, C-15 moved to Bn CP from B GAP.

28 July 1967 Negative.

29 July 1967 C-12 evacuated 3 Marine WIA's from 1/7 at AT941583 to BAS on Hill 55.

30 July 1967 Negative.

31 July 1967 1st Plt.'s P.C. received 5 rounds sniper fire at AT948583 from AT940584. Returned fire with 30 rounds M-14 and M-16 with negative results.

OPERATION
 1st Antitank Battalion
 1st Marine Division (Rein), M.F.
 APO San Francisco, California 96602

W.M:jus
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 18Jul67

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, 7th Marine Regiment

Subj: Combat After Action Report; Operation "G-EM".

1. Code Name. Operation "GEM", a search and destroy operation.
2. Dates of Operation. 121100ZJul67 to 150600ZJul67.
3. Location. Juan Dai Loc Province.
4. Control of Command Headquarters. 3/7, 7th Regt. LtCol COMBES, 1st Commandant.
5. Task Organization. 3rd Plt (Rein) with 1st section from 2nd Plt Company C, Company C, 1st Antitank Battalion 2d Lt J. A. LIT, WDCQ.
6. Supporting Forces. None.
7. Intelligence. See current 7th Marine Regiment ISUMS.
8. Mission. Establish blocking positions as directed.
9. Concept of Operation. 3rd Plt, Co C, establish blocking forces as directed by 3/7 for 1st Bn 51st ARVN Regt. and 3/7 and 39th Ranger Bn.
10. Execution.

A. D-Day - 12 July 1967

- (1) At 0800 departed 3/7's C.P. to establish blocking positions:
 - C-21 established block at AT 845155
 - C-22 established block at AT 872153
 - C-32 established block at AT 871152
 - C-33 established block at AT 873154
 - C-34 established block at AT 862158
 - C-35 established block at AT 870173

End 2

(2) Platoon C.P. established at Hill 55.

(3) At 1200 hrs C-34 received sniper fire from AF 863562. Returned fire with 25 .30Cal rds. 2 Probable V.C. KIA.

(4) At 1330 hrs C-34 received sniper fire from AF 863562. Returned fire with 50 .30Cal rds and 5 .50Cal rds. Negative Results.

B. D-Day Plus 1 - 13 July 1967.

(1) No Activities.

C. D-Day Plus 2 - 14 July 1967.

(1) At 1130 hrs C-34 picked up 15 male, 2 female refugees. Ages 10 to 50 yrs. 2 Detainees (VCS).

D. D-Day Plus 3 - 15 July 1967

(1) At 0600 hrs All vehicles were detached from 3/7. 3rd Plt vehicles proceeded to thier C.P. 2ndPlt vehicles were detached from 3rd Plt and proceeded to thier C.P.

11. Results. 2 probable VC KIA. 2 VCS detainees.

12. Administration. Not Applicable.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. Not Applicable.

14. Commanders Analysis. The Ontos is an effective weapons system in blocking positions; its presence most likely discourages activity at those positions. However, because of its mobility the Ontos would be more effective if used as a maneuver element, its shock action and firepower could be utilized to its maximum advantage.

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

15. Recommendations. That the Ontos be employed with the maneuver element in the future.

H. L. Reed

H. L. REED
By Direction