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

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

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

Encl: (1) October Command Chronology

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

*P. D. Reissner, Jr.*  
P. D. REISSNER, JR.

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA (U)

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>
1st Artillery Battalion	Lt. Col. P. D. REISSNER, JR.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Company A	Capt C. E. MOYDS
Company B	Capt. A. R. GREEN
Company C	Capt. W. E. NELSON
H&S Company	Capt. B. A. VERDEVELD

ATTACHED UNITS

(NONE)

2. LOCATION

1-31 October 1967: Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj P. S. GALLIGAN 1-2 Oct
	Maj P. G. RAUTKE 3-31 Oct
SgtMajor	SgtMaj R. D. PRUEFF
S-1/Adjutant	WO1 E. H. JOHNSON
S-2/S-5	1stLt R. J. YEOMAN
S-3	Capt G. K. ROBINSON, JR.
S-4	1stLt V. C. DAVIS
Supply Officer	1stLt J. A. VAN DOREN
Comr-Elec Officer	1stLt R. E. BAILEY
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt R. H. REITMEIER
Ord-Maintenance Officer	1stLt L. D. MANBECK
Medical Officer	HMC C. W. JENKINS

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	265	0	9	0	0

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PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY (S)

1. Company B was assigned in direct support of 5th Marines and Company C was assigned in direct support of 7th Marines during the entire reporting period. Company A (-) was attached to 1st Marines on 20 Oct 67 and continued in this posture throughout the reporting period.

2. 1-31 October 1967. The Civic Action Program for the month of October included the treatment of 272 people in Yen Bac and Cam Hoa Hamlets (med cap). Fifteen hundred newspapers were distributed and ink, chalk and paper distributed to the schools of the two hamlets. Clothing was distributed in Yen Bac for use in the winter months. Leaflets on oral hygiene and medical care were hand distributed to both hamlets. One load of dunnage lumber each was delivered to Yen Bac and Cam Hoa. Chicken coops currently under construction in Yen Bac are now approximately 80% complete.

3. 1-31 October 1967. The Battalion continued its mission of supporting the Southern Sector Rear Area Defense by running both day and night patrols in the assigned SOR. In addition, an augmentation squad was furnished for the bridge security forces on a regularly scheduled basis.

4. 1-31 October 1967. During the month of October, the standdown on the Ontos mounted 106mm Recoilless Rifle remained in effect for units OPCON to the 1st Mar Div. A Co (-) was permitted to fire in support of the infantry upon request of the supported unit commander. The remainder of the Battalion fired on training ranges for the purpose of maintaining gunnery skills and safety procedures.

5. 1-31 October 1967. The Battalion continued to provide Ontos for escort missions, mechanized patrols and defensive positions.

6. 1-31 October 1967. The Battalion fired a total of 27 rounds 106mm in combat, 119 rounds 106mm in range firing, 528 rounds cal .50 spotter-tracer, 1000 rounds cal .50 linked, 2615 rounds cal .30, and 400 rounds cal .45. During the month the Battalion's Ontos traveled 4,184 miles.

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PART III  
SPHERICAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS (U)

- 2 October Company A (-) shopped to 1st Marines (OPCON 3rd Marine) located to vicinity of Quang Tri, RVN and remained for remainder of reporting period.
- 14 October Company C. C-34 & C-33 received 40 rounds of sniper fire at AT961590. Returned 20 rounds cal .30. No search was held.
- 15 October Company C. C-34 & C-33 received 7 rounds sniper fire at AT971598. Returned 15 rounds cal .30. Search was held.
- 27 October Company A. A-22 & A-24 observed smoke rising from suspected enemy base camp at YD427387. Subsequent to recon by fire, D-6 granted permission to fire 106mm. Seven cal .50 spotter and two 106mm rounds fired. Search made with negative results.
- 29 October Company A. A-11 received 3 rounds sniper fire from YD261547. Expended 30 rounds cal .30. No search was held.
- 29 October Company A. A-11, A-13 & A-25 received one incoming 82mm mortar round of VT type fuze at YD271558. Seven VC spotted at YD 265559. Expended 9 rounds 106mm and 25 rounds cal .50 spotter. Search not made because river not fordable.
- 31 October Company A. A-11 & A-13 expended 16 rounds 106mm and 20 cal .50 spotter at ambush position at YD265527. Search results not currently available.

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PART IV  
CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS  
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- ✓ 1. COMMAND CHRONOLOGY Company A, 1st Antitank Battalion
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- ✓ 3. COMMAND CHRONOLOGY Company C, 1st Antitank Battalion

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

CEW:gas  
5750  
31 October 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 1st Marine Regiment

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) CO 1stAFBnO 3480.1

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology: October 1967

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

C. E. WOODS

*Co "A", 1st AT Bn*

*Oct 1967*

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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 Battalion

COMMANDERS

1stLt C. E. WOODS

SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Platoon  
2nd Platoon

2ndLt D. A. DOVE  
2ndLt G. J. TAYLOR

ATTACHED UNITS

(None)

2. LOCATION

4 - 31 October, QUANG TRI, RVN

3. STAFF

2ndLt G. J. TAYLOR  
1stSgt J. L. JONES  
SSgt H. J. BALL

Executive Officer  
First Sergeant  
Gunnery Sergeant

4. MONTHLY STRENGTH AVERAGE

<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>
4	61	0	1	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, 1st Antitank Battalion Attached to 1st Marine Regiment  
1st Platoon, GS 1st Battalion, First Marines  
2nd Platoon, GS 2nd Battalion, First Marines

2. 1 - 31 October 1967. The Ontos were attached to the 1st Marine Regiment. Company A continued to provide Ontos for mine sweeps, mechanized patrols, blocking and sweeping forces and defensive positions. Company A participated in Operation MADINA and Second Platoon (-) participated in Operation GRANITE.

3. 1 - 31 October 1967. The Ontos fired (47) 106MM rounds, (85) .50 Cal. spotter rounds, (1,000) .50 Cal. link, and (30) .30 Cal. rounds. The Ontos traveled (1,279) miles with 294 hours of engine operation.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 27 Oct SECOND PLATOON: At coordinates 427387 A-22 and A-24 observed smoke rising from wooded area, believed to be possible enemy base camp. A-2 requested to fire small arms into area. D-6 granted permission to recon by fire. A-2 fired 20 rounds 5.56MM. D-6 then granted permission to fire (7) .50 Cal. Spotter and (2) 106MM R.R. rounds. Search made negative results. (See ref (A)).
- 29 Oct FIRST PLATOON: At coordinates 265547 A-11 and A-13, A-25 received 10 rounds small arms sniper fire, could not observe enemy position. Negative rounds fired. (See ref (B)).
- 29 Oct FIRST PLATOON: At coordinates 265549, A-11 received 3 rounds sniper fire from coordinates 261547. A-11 expended 30 rounds .30 Cal. Negative search made. (See ref (C)).
- 29 Oct FIRST PLATOON: At coordinates 271558, A-11, A-13, A-25 received (1) incoming 82MM Mortar round V.T. type fuse. Spotted 7 VC at coordinates 265559. A-11 expended (10) .50 Cal. spotter (3) 106MM RR rounds, A-13 expended (15) .50 Cal. spotter, (6) 106MM R.R. rounds. At request of Shelby 3B Unable to search area due to river unfordable. Negative results. (See ref (D)).

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31 Oct FIRST PLATOON: At coordinates 285527 A-11, A-13 as a reaction force in support of CoB, 1st MEB, 1st Marines expended 16, 106MM rounds and (20) .50 Cal. spotter rounds at ambush position. Results undetermined as search is still being conducted.

(See ref (E)).

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Appendix I (List of References) To Company A, 1stABn, Command  
Chronology October 1967

1. The following references are cited:

Ref. (a)	Company A, SITREP for	27 October 1967
(b)	"	29 October 1967
(c)	"	29 October 1967
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(e)	"	31 October 1967

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

WAB:wm  
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1 Nov 1967

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

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

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

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PART I

1. DESIGNATOR

Company B, CO	Capt A. R. GREEN JR.
Company B, XO	1-9 Oct 1967 None
	10-31 Oct 1967 1stLt W. A. BROWN

SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Platoon	2ndLt G. B. MCDOWELL
2nd Platoon	1-9 Oct 1967 1stLt W. A. BROWN
	10-31 Oct 1967 2ndLt B. C. MORTON
3rd Platoon	1-10 Oct 1967 SSgt M. C. HAMBY
	11-31 Oct 1967 2ndLt E. F. MCCANN

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1-6 October 1967: Hill 63, Quang Tin, RVN.  
7-31 October 1967: Dúng Sơn (2), RVN

3. STAFF

First Sergeant	1stSgt A. E. FRANKO
Gunnery Sergeant	SSgt J. M. KING

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
5	52	0	1	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

- 1st Platoon - Direct Support Fifth Marine Regiment
- 2nd Platoon - Direct Support Second Battalion, Fifth Marine Regiment
- 3rd Platoon - Direct Support Fifth Marine Regiment

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. 010630H. Two (2) Ontos from Third Platoon departed from Que Son as convoy security for First Battalion, Fifth Marines. Arrived at Fifth Marines CP at 020900H. No incidents.
2. 010900H. Two (2) Ontos from Second Platoon departed as convoy security for Company H, Fifth Marines to Nong Son. Returned 012200H. No incidents.
3. 031215H. The Company headquarters (Rear) left Hill 63 by convoy to new CP at Dúng Sơn (2). Arrived at new CP at 031915H. No incidents.
4. 061100H. The Company headquarters (Forward), First Platoon and Third Platoon left Hill 63 by convoy with four (4) Ontos providing security for Fifth Marines. Arrived at new CP at 061800H. No incidents.
5. 130730H. Second Platoon with two (2) Ontos went out to firing range to test fire the 106mm recoilless rifles. Fired 1300 cal .30, 200 cal .50 and four (4) HEPT 106mm rounds. Returned 131500H. No incidents.
6. 150945H. One (1) Ontos from First Platoon and one (1) Ontos from Third Platoon departed as convoy security for Fifth Marines to Hill 63. Returned 151530H. No incidents.
7. 231230H. Two (2) Ontos from Second Platoon departed for firing range to fire weapons. Fired 500 cal .30, 40 cal .50 and 19 HEPT 106mm rounds. Returned 231500H. No incidents.
8. 240630H. Two (2) Ontos from First Platoon departed CP as separate road sweep security for Fifth Marines. Returned 240800H. No incidents.
9. 240800H. One (1) Ontos from Second Platoon departed Battalion CP as security for convoy to An Hoa. Arrived at Second Platoon CP at 241545H. No incidents.
10. 250630H. One (1) Ontos from First Platoon and one (1) Ontos from Third Platoon departed CP as separate road sweep security for Fifth Marines. Returned 250730H. No incidents.
11. 250810H. Two (2) Ontos from First Platoon and one (1) Ontos from Third Platoon departed CP as convoy security for Fifth Marines to Hill 63. Returned 251830H. No incidents.

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12. 260630H. One (1) Ontos from First Platoon and one (1) Ontos from Third Platoon departed CP as separate road sweep security for Fifth Marines. Returned 260730H. No incidents.
13. 260815H. Two (2) Ontos from First Platoon and one (1) Ontos from Third Platoon departed CP as convoy security for Fifth Marines to Hill 63. Returned 261830H. No incidents.
14. 270630H. Two (2) Ontos from First Platoon departed CP as separate road sweep security for Fifth Marines. Returned 270730H. No incidents.
15. 271000H. Two (2) Ontos from First Platoon and one (1) Ontos from Third Platoon departed CP as convoy security for Fifth Marines to Hill 63. Returned 272000H. No incidents.
16. 280630H. One (1) Ontos from First Platoon and one (1) Ontos from Third Platoon departed CP as separate road sweep security for Fifth Marines. Returned 280730H. No incidents.
17. 290630H. One (1) Ontos from First Platoon and one (1) Ontos from Third Platoon departed CP as separate road sweep security for Fifth Marines. Returned 290730H. No incidents.
18. 290930H. Two (2) Ontos from Second Platoon departed CP for firing range for range firing. Fired 750 cal .30, 110 cal .50 and 14 HEPT 106mm and 400 cal .45 rounds. Returned 291225H. No incidents.
19. 300630H. One (1) Ontos from First Platoon and one (1) Ontos from Third Platoon departed CP as separate road sweep security for Fifth Marines. Returned 300730H. No incidents.
20. 310630H. Two (2) Ontos from Third Platoon departed CP as separate road sweep security for Fifth Marines. Returned 310730H. No incidents.
21. 1-31 October. All Platoons traveled 1478 miles.
22. 1-31 October. All Platoons fired:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ROUNDS FIRED</u>
106 HEP-T	37
106 AP (FLEYCHETTE)	0
Cal .50 (LINKED)	0
Cal .50 (SPOTTER)	350
Cal .30	2550
Cal .45	400
7.62MM	0
5.56MM	0

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

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31 Oct 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 1st Antitank Battalion (Attn: S-3)  
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(c) DivO 7550.2B

Encl: ✓(1) Company C, Command Chronology

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

*W. E. Nelson*  
W. E. NELSON

*Co "C", 1st AT Bn*

*Oct 1967*

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Part I  
Organizational Data

1. Designation Commander  
Company C, 1st Antitank Battalion Capt. W.E. NELSON
- Principle Bilets
- |                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Company Commander                | Capt. W.E. NELSON    |
| Executive Officer (25-31 Oct 67) | 1st Lt. S.C. BERMAN  |
| 1st Plt Comdr (1-24 Oct 67)      | 1st Lt. S.C. BERMAN  |
| (25-31 Oct 67)                   | 2nd Lt. C.A. JOHNSON |
| 2nd Plt Comdr (1-19 Oct 67)      | SSgt. D. MARTINEZ    |
| (20-31 Oct 67)                   | 2nd Lt. T.R. RIGGANS |
| 3rd Plt Comdr                    | 2nd Lt. D.L. BROWN   |
2. Location  
1 - 30 October 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> |
| 5          |             | 53         | 0          | 1          |

Part II  
Narrative Summary

1. The Ontos of Company C, continued in direct support of the 7th Marine Regiment. The Ontos traveled 1,427 miles in support of infantry units while conducting mechanized patrols, road escorts and establishing perimeter defenses.
- a. 1st Plt (+) in DS of 1st Bn, 7th Marines.
  - b. 2nd Plt (-) (1-12 October 67) in DS of 2nd Bn 7th Marines.  
(13-31 October 67) in DS of 1st Bn 7th Marines.
  - c. 3rd Plt in DS of 3rd Bn 7th Marines.
2. October 1 - 31, the restrictions against firing the 106s remained in effect. Three live firing exercises were conducted during October. Firing was conducted electrically and demonstrated improved gunnery technique by crew members.
3. The Ontos of Company C, fired a total of 0 106 mm rounds, 0 50Cal rounds, 35 .30Cal rounds were expended in combat with negative results.
4. The First Platoon (+) participated in Operation ONO

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Part III  
Sequential Listings of Significant Events

1-13 October 1967 Negative.

14 October 1967 C-34, C-33 received 40 rounds of sniper fire at coordinates AT 964590 returned 20 rounds .30Cal. No search was held, negative results.

15 October 1967 C-34, C-33 received 7 rounds sniper fire at coordinates AT 971598 returned 15 .30Cal rounds. No search was held, negative results. C-12, C-21 conducted live firing exercise at Hill 41 (AT 933667)

16-20 October 1967 Negative

21 October 1967 C-12, C-21, and C-22 in support of Operation ONO inserted PAL JOEY BRAVO at coordinates AT 868750.

22 October 1967 First Platoon (+) continued support of Operation ONO.

23 October 1967 Negative.

24 October 1967 C-12, C-21, and C-22 in support of Operation ONO performed extraction of PAL JOEY BRAVO at coordinates AT 871758.

25 October 1967 C-12 and C-21 conducted live firing exercise at Hill 41.

26 October 1967 C-12 and C-21 conducted live firing exercise at Hill 41.

27-31 October 1967 Negative.

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