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1st Antitank Battalion  
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, First Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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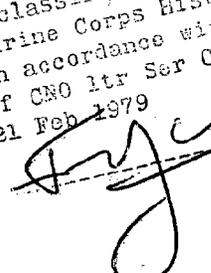
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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

  
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Antitank Battalion

COMMANDER

Major J. J. KEEFE

SUBORDINATE UNITSCompany A  
Company B 1 - 12 February 1967  
Company B 13 - 28 February 1967  
Company C  
H&S Company CCapt G. J. FORBES  
Capt T. F. DEMPSEY  
Capt A. R. GREEN  
Capt R. J. ESPOSITO  
Capt M. H. COLLIERATTACHED UNITS

(None)

2. LOCATION

1 - 28 February 1967: DANANG, RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Major	J. L. SAUL	Executive Officer
SgtMaj	C. S. SAWYER	Sergeant Major
2ndLt	M. L. ELL	S-1/Adjutant
Capt	A. R. GREEN 1 - 12 February 1967	S-2
1stLt	C. H. STALCUP 13 - 28 February 1967	S-2
Major	J. J. BURKE, Jr.	S-3
Capt	G. R. VAN HORN 1 - 7 February 1967	S-4
Capt	D. M. HUTSON 8 - 28 February 1967	S-4
SgtMaj	E. F. HUFFMAN	S-5
Capt	K. S. HENDRICKSON 1 - 21 February 1967	Supply Officer
GySgt	D. F. HELMS 22 - 28 February 1967	Supply Officer
2ndLt	J. C. HANCOCK, Jr.	Comm-Elect Officer
1stLt	J. M. KELLY 1 - 9 February 1967	Motor Transport Officer
2ndLt	D. D. DIXON 10 - 28 February 1967	Motor Transport Officer
2ndLt	V. C. DAVIS	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>
<u>25</u>	<u>363</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

Company A, Direct Support First Marines

Company B (-), First Platoon OPCON, Company C

Second Platoon, OPCON, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines

Third Platoon 1 - 3 February 1967 General Support First Marine Division

4 - 7 February OPCON Task Force Xray

8 - 28 February 1967 OPCON Third Battalion, Seventh Marines.

Company C (Rein) OPCON Seventh Marines

2. 1 - 28 February 1967. The Civil Affairs Program for the month of February in KHANH SON Hamlet, HOA KHANH Village, HOA VANG District, QUANG NAM Province consisted of treating 451 Vietnamese people in our MEDCAP Program. The following material was delivered to the Hamlet Chief for the Construction of a Hamlet Headquarters Building:

- Fifty (50) bags of cement
- Thirty (30) sheets of galvanized tin
- Lumber of all sizes
- Four (4) truck loads of sand
- One (1) truck load of rock

Construction is expected to start on 7 March 1967 and will be completed in approximately thirty (30) days.

The Battalion Laundry which will employ twelve (2) to fifteen (15) Vietnamese people from the Hamlet is expected to be in operation sometime this month.

1 - 28 February 1967. The Battalion continued its role of supporting the Zone B Northern Sector Defense by continuing active security patrolling in this sector plus providing a listening post. The Headquarters and Service Company Strike Force participated in a sweep of the Hamlet of DASON on 21 February 1967.

1 - 28 February 1967. During the month of February, there was a steady increase in the use of Ontos for mechanized patrolling, search and destroy missions, convoy escort, harrasing and interdiction fires and security for engineer sweep teams. See Companies A, B and C Command Chronologies.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 2 - 8 February Second Platoon, Company B participated in Operation LINCOLN.
- 3 February Third Platoon, Company B was airlifted from DANANG to Chu Lai TACH.
- 4 February A light section of Ontos from Third Platoon Company C provided security for Engineers who were repairing a bridge at BS 597927.
- 6 February At 0130H First Platoon Company B at BT 324182 received approximately 10 rifle grenades and 200 rounds automatic weapons fire from BT 327178. Returned 200 rounds .30 Caliber machine gun fire. Enemy fire ceased.
- 7 February First Platoon Company A fired 12 106mm rounds H&I in direct support of M/3/1.
- Second Platoon Company A participated in a mechanized patrol.
- Third Platoon Company A dispatched a mechanized patrol to BT 014578. Ontos received two rounds small arms fire from a house at BT 014576. Returned 2 rounds 106mm and 1 round .50 Caliber spotter. House destroyed and firing ceased. A light section at BT 018571 received 8 rounds small arms fire from BT 016574. Returned 1 round 106mm and 1 round .50 Caliber spotter. Firing ceased.
- The Third Platoon Company B was helicopter lifted to Operation DESOTO Area. See 1st Antitank Battalion Lessons Learned for February 1967.
- 8 February First Platoon Company C displaced from BT 396145 and BT 468068 to BT 547016.
- 10 February Light section First Platoon Company A in direct support L/3/1 BT 050658 received 10 rounds small arms fire from BT 098659 to BT 048655. Ontos returned 7 106mm rounds. Small arms fire ceased.
- 12 February Nine Ontos from Company A in DS First Marines on Operation STONE.

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- 16 February At 0900H a heavy section from Company B 1st platoon departed their CP in direct support of CAC infantry platoon which was conducting a search and clear operation at BT 3317. No contact was made and on the return trip to their CP an Ontos (B-11) detonated an Anti personnel mine which broke one track bar. The Ontos was quickly repaired and the section returned to their CP.
- 17 February Heavy section First Platoon Company C at 0100H departed Company C CP for Phase I of Operation RIO GRANDE.
- 18 February Ontos from First Platoon Company C at BT 531746 received a large volume of fire from BT 536734. Ontos returned 6 106mm rounds, 10 rounds .50 Caliber spotter and 300 rounds .30 Caliber. Area searched revealing 1 VC KIA and 12 fresh graves.
- 20 February Second Platoon Company A dispatched a mechanized patrol. At BT 022618 10 VC were observed. Ontos fired 30 rounds .30 Caliber. Negative results. Mechanized patrol also found two M-26 grenades rigged with tripwire. Grenades were blown in place.
- Third Platoon Company B sustained 1 USMC WIA on Operation DESOTO.
- First Platoon Company B participated in a search and clear operation with a platoon from CAC 14.
- 21 February A light section from First Platoon Company A in direct support L/3/1 fired 12 106mm rounds into a treeline from which a MEDEVAC was receiving small arms fire. Firing ceased. L/3/1 received small arms fire from BT 053655 and BT 047652. Ontos at BT 054652 returned 1 round 106mm and 6 .50 Caliber spotter rounds. Firing ceased. First Platoon Ontos at BT 049659 received heavy small arms fire from BT 044656. Ontos returned 5 rounds 106mm, 225 rounds .30 Caliber. Firing ceased. First Platoon Ontos at BT 056656 received small arms fire from BT 044654. Ontos returned 6 rounds 106mm, 250 rounds .30 Caliber. Firing ceased.
- A heavy section from the Third Platoon Company C provided support for two infantry squads who were reacting to intelligence reports of 1 VC Platoon located at BS 561813. Ontos with one squad of infantry captured 2 VC. Operation RIO GRANDE secured.

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22 February

Second Platoon Company A provided direct fire support for infantry on a river crossing.

Second Platoon Company B at AT 918515 suffered 1 USMC WIA as a result of sniper fire.

23 February

Ontos from the First Platoon of Company A at BT 048698 received 100 rounds small arms fire from BT 047656 and BT 043653. Ontos returned 12 106mm rounds. Small arms fire ceased. Ontos hit a booby trapped M-26 grenade at BT 062661 resulting in 1 USMC WIA.

Ontos from Second Platoon Company B at AT 915511 while on a convoy had a mine detonated between the lead Ontos and first truck. No casualties or damage to vehicles. Ontos B-22 while on a convoy at AT 916510 detonated a mine resulting in 1 USMC WIA and light damage to the vehicle.

Third Platoon Company C at BS 572921 received 10 rounds small arms fire from BS 569922. Ontos returned 30 .30 Caliber rounds machine gun fire. Sniper fire ceased. Negative results.

25 February

First Platoon Ontos from Company A at BT 086683 received 100 rounds small arms fire and 4 rounds 60mm mortar. Ontos returned 6 rounds 106mm. Firing ceased.

Second Platoon Company A road security patrol received 10 rounds small arms fire from BT 018612. Ontos returned 2 rounds 106mm and 4 rounds .50 Caliber. Firing ceased.

26 February

Ontos from First Platoon at BT 046686 received 100 rounds small arms automatic fire from BT 048681. Ontos returned 11 106mm rounds and 250 .30 Caliber rounds. Firing ceased.

27 February

Second Platoon Company B participated in Operation LENOKE.

Ontos from Company C while providing security at a landing zone for a MEDEVAC, received approximately 200 rounds small arms fire. Ontos returned 8 106mm rounds, 16 .50 Caliber rounds and 250 .30 Caliber rounds. Results were 3 VC KIA and 1 USMC WIA.

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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

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COMPANY A  
1st Antitank Battalion  
1st Marine Division(Rein), FMF  
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3 Mar 1967

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

Ref: (a) BnO 3480.1

Encl: *missing* (1) Command Chronology: February 1967  
(2) Combat Operations after action report for Operation STONE

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) and (2) are submitted.

*G. J. Forbes*  
G. J. FORBES

*Co "A", 1st AT BN*

*Del 67*

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3 Mar 1967

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1st Antitank Battalion  
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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Company A, 1st Antitank Bn

Capt G. J. FORBES

SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Platoon  
2nd Platoon  
3rd Platoon

2ndLt B. H. BAILEY  
2ndLt J. W. CARTER  
2ndLt W. A. BROWN

ATTACHED UNITS

(None)

2. LOCATION

1-28 February, DANANG, RVN

3. STAFF

1stLt F. S. ROE  
1stSgt G. E. DICKSON  
GySgt W. K. WEITKNECHT

Executive Officer  
First Sergeant  
Gunnery Sergeant

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>
5	89	0	1	0	0

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3 Mar 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 - 28 February 1967. The Ontos in DS. of the First Marines participated in OPERATION STONE as well as continuing to provide Ontos for escort missions, mechanized patrols, and convoy escort. The weather has continued to be favorable and large portions of the TAOR of the First Marines became excessent terrain for operation of the M50A1. The only major problem encountered during the period was the lack of maintenance float vehicles to replace those M50A1's lost to enemy mines encountered in January of 1967. The company strength of 12 vehicles, of which at least two have remained on deadline for the entire month, has caused a strain on the available Ontos. Adequate support for OPERATION STONE's second phase was obtained only by stripping vehicles from positions where they were being employed properly.

PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

7 February                    CLA1 fired 12-106 rounds in H&I mission in DS M/3/1 from 049686 to 045685 - 044688.  
                                  Second Platoon DS 2/1 dispatched Mechanized Patrol to 000634.  
                                  Third Platoon DS D/1/1 dispatched mechanized patrol to 014578. Received two rounds SA from house at 014576. Fired 2 106 rounds and 1 .50 Spotter Tracer. House destroyed fire ceased. Light Section at 018571 received 8 rounds SA from 016574. Fired 1-106 round and 1 .50 Spotter Tracer. Fire ceased. See ref (A & B)

10 February                    First Platoon DS 7th MFBn had an accidental discharge at 997737. Light Section DS L/3/1 received 10 rounds SA from 098659 - 048655. Ontos at 05068 fired 7 106 rounds. SA fire ceased. See ref (C & D)

12 February                    Nine Ontos DS First Marines OPERATION STONE See ref(E&F)

20 February                    Second Platoon dispatched mechanized patrol. Observed 10 VC at 022618 - Expended 30 - .30 Cal rounds VC Fled.

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- 20 February (Con't) Found two M-26's AT 018610 rigged with trip wire and blew in place.
- 21 February First Platoon Lt Section DS L/3/1 fired 12 - 106 rounds into tree line from which MED EVAC was receiving SA Fire. Fire ceased. L/3/1 received SA from 098615 Light Section 1st Platoon returned 2 - 106. Fire ceased. L/3/1 recorded SA from 053655 and 047652. Ontos at 054652 returned 1-106 and 6 - .50 spotter tracer. Fire ceased. 1st Platoon Ontos at 049659 recorded heavy SA fire from 044654 returned 5-106, 225 - .30 Cal. Fire ceased. 1st Platoon Ontos at 056656 recorded heavy SA from 044654 - returned 6 - 106, 250 .30 Cal - Fire ceased. See ref (H&I)
- 22 February Second Platoon fired 36 qts and 350 - .30 Cal in DS G/2/1 river crossing. OPERATION STONE ENDS See ref (I& F)
- 23 February First Platoon Ontos at 048698 received 100 rounds SA Fire from 047656 and 043653. Returned 12 - 106 rounds - SA ceased. Ontos hit booby trap at 062661. Resulting in one (1) WIA (Non - MEDAVAC). See ref (J)
- 25 February Second Platoon road security patrol received 10 rounds SA fire from 018612. Ontos at 016617 returned 2-106 rounds and 4 - .50 Cal spotter tracer. SA Ceased.  
First Platoon received 100 rounds SA and 4 - 60mm Mortars. While at 086683, returned 6-106 AT 083681. Fire ceased. Light Section DS L/3/1 fired 16 - 106 at suspected enemy positions. No search due to darkness See ref (K & L)
- 26 February First Platoon Light Section at 046686 recorded 100 rounds auto SA from 048681. Returned 11-106 and 250 .30 Cal. SA ceased.  
Second Platoon located mine 017636. Engineers blew it in place.

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

## 1. The following references are cited:

Ref.	(a)	Company "A" SITREP #	082
	(b)	"	083
	(c)	"	085
	(d)	"	086
	(e)	"	087
	(f)	"Operation STONE" After Action Reported	
	(g)	"Company "A" SITREP #	092
	(h)	"	093
	(i)	"	094
	(j)	"	095
	(k)	"	097
	(l)	"	098
	(m)	"	099
	(n)	"	100
	(o)	"	101
	(p)	"	102

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

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3000  
4 March 1967

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

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*Feb 1967*

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1st Antitank Battalion  
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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4 March 1967

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## PART I

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

Company B

Captain T. F. DEMPSEY 1 - 12 Feb 67  
Captain A. R. GREEN JR. 13 -28 Feb 67

SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Platoon  
2nd Platoon  
3rd Platoon

2dLt. R. J. YEOMANS  
2dLt. A. F. TRAYNOR  
SSgt. D. R. FRIDEMORE 1 - 2 Feb 67  
2dLt. J. K. ALEXANDER 3 - 28 Feb 67

ATTACHED UNITS

(NONE)

2. LOCATION

1 - 28 February 1967: DANANG, RVN

3. STAFF

Executive Officer  
First Sergeant  
Gunnery Sergeant

2dLt. L. C. BEARD  
1stSgt. J. M. REID  
GySgt. S. J. BOCK

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
4	72	0	1	0	0

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4 March 1967

PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

1st Platoon - ADCON - OPCON to Task Force X-Ray

2nd Platoon - OPCON Second Battalion, Fifth Marines

3rd Platoon - 1 - 2 General Support 1st Marine Division 3 - 28 Direct Support Third Battalion, Seventh Marines

2. On 3 February 1967 the 3rd Platoon was airlifted from DANANG to QUANG - NGAI in C-130s. On 5 February 1967 they were helo-lifted to MO - DUC by CH53A in direct support of 3/7. This movement required "Travel Light" procedure; therefore the personnel carried only necessary gear. The nice to have articles were left at the company CP. In the lifting B-31 was first. It was stripped of its guns, oil, water, OEM gear, and radios. Slight difficulty was encountered in the drop. Therefore the remaining ONTOS of the platoon were stripped of their tracks also to lighten the load. Overall lift was successful.

Convoy escort for the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines was continued throughout the month.

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PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 3 February the 3rd Platoon was airlifted to QUANG NGAI direct support of 3/7.
2. On ~~7~~<sup>20</sup> February the 3rd Platoon was helo-lifted to ~~MC-000~~<sup>JUC P/10</sup> in direct support of 3/7.
3. From 2 - 8 February 2nd Platoon participated in Operation Lincoln.
4. On 20 February while on convoy at coord 908494 the detail surprised 3 VC placing a mine on road. Taken under fire resulted in one USMC WIA. One enemy KIA w/assorted documents, one chi comm rifle, pack, and cartridge belt.
5. On 20 February on Operation De Sota one USMC WIA.
6. On 22 February while in defensive position at coord 918515 received enemy rifle fire resulting in one USMC WIA.
7. On 23 February while on convoy at coord 915511 mine detonated between lead vehicle and first truck in no WIA or KIA.
8. On 23 February while on convoy at coord 916510 mine detonated under left rear of B-22 resulted in one USMC WIA and light damage to vehicle.
9. From 27 February to present 2nd Platoon participated in Operation Lenoke with 2/5.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

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

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

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28 Feb 1967

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Encl: ✓(1) "C" Company Command Chronology

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

*R. J. Esposito*  
R. J. ESPOSITO

*C. Co, 1st AT BN*

*Feb 1967*

## Part I

Organizational Data1. Designation.

"C" Company, 1st Antitank Battalion

Principle Billets.

Company Commander	Captain R. J. ESPOSITO
1st Plt. Comdr.	2ndLt. S. C. BERMAN
2nd Plt. Comdr.	2ndLt. M. J. BOREK
3rd Plt. Comdr.	2ndLt. H. L. REED
1st Plt. Comdr. "B" Company	2ndLt. R. J. YEOMAN
1stSgt.	1stSgt. F. N. JORDAN

2. Location

1 - 28 February 1967; Chu Lai, RVN

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
6	115	0	1

## Part II

Narrative Summary

With the Monsoon seasons decline the month of February found Ontos units being utilized in small sweeps and as reactionary units. As the rice paddies continue to dry out the Ontos are being called upon more frequently to provide direct support to the Infantry Units. "C" Company 1st Platoon provided support for 3/11 during operation "Rio Grande", Phase I. The platoon was credited with one (1) VC KIA and 12 probable KIA's. Ontos were used effectively though considerable moisture was still evident, verifying once again their ability to continue effective support under much less ideal weather/terrain conditions. 3rd Platoon "C" Company was credited with 3 VC KIA's confirmed on 27 February 1967.

Sequential Listings of Significant Events

1 - 3 Feb 67 Negative

4 Feb 67 Light section 3rd Platoon provided security for Engineers who were repairing bridge at Coordinates (BS 597927).

5 Feb 67 Light section 1st Platoon fired 8 rounds 106mm H & I Fire from Coordinates (BT 463069) to (BT 448039) and from (BT 462072) to (BT 439059) during hours 0100 to 0400.

Light section 3rd Platoon continues to provide security for Engineers at (BS 597927).

6 Feb 67 At 0130H 1st Platoon "B" Company (BT 324182) received approximately 10 rounds rifle grenade fire and 200 rounds automatic weapons fire from (BT 327178). Returned approximately 200 rounds .30 Cal. machine gun fire. Enemy fire ceased.

7 Feb 67 Negative

8 Feb 67 1st Platoon "C" Company displaced from position located at (BT 396145) and (BT 468068) to "C" Company (BT 547016).

9 Feb 67 Negative

10 Feb 67 Negative

11 Feb 67 Negative

12 Feb 67 Negative

13 Feb 67 At 0600H 1st Platoon "B" Company fired H & I mission, 8 rounds 106mm from (BT 327178) to (BT 322183) and 13 rounds 106mm from (BT 327178) to (BT 323177).

14 Feb 67 Negative

15 Feb 67 At 0500H 1st Platoon "B" Company fired H & I mission; 12 rounds 106mm from (BT 331177) to (BT 321181) to (BT 322183) to (BT 323180).

16 Feb 67 At 0900H a heavy section from "B" Company 1st Platoon left their CP, (BT 324182) in direct support of CAC infantry platoon which was conducting search and clear operation in Grid Square BT 3317, BT 3417, BT 3416, BT 3516, and BT 3517. Ontos set up blocking force at (BT 335172). No contact was made and in the return trip to their CP Ontos (B-11) detonated an anti personnel mine which broke one (1) track bar. The Ontos was quickly repaired and the section returned to their CP at 1145H where S-3 of 1/5 decided to cancel the operation.

17 Feb 67 Heavy section 1st Platoon "C" Company departed "C" Company CP at 0100 hours in support of 3/11 (BS 539724) for phase one of Operation "Rio Grande".

18 Feb 67 At 1245H, 1st Platoon "C" Company (Rio Grande) at (BS 531746) received a large volume of small arms fire from (BS 536734). Fired 6 rounds 106, 10 rounds .50 Cal. and 300 rounds .30 Cal. Four houses

were destroyed and two trench lines received good coverage. Area was searched in the following morning and one body discovered in one of the destroyed houses; a search of the immediate area revealed 12 fresh graves. Results 1 KIA confirmed and 12 KIA probable.

19 Feb 67 At 0500H 1st Platoon "B" Company fired 5 rounds 106mm H & I from (BT 324181) to (BT 322187).

20 Feb 67 At 0530H 1st Platoon "B" Company fired 6 rounds 106mm H & I from (BT 325181) to (BT 323180). Negative results.

At 0630H 1st Platoon "B" Company departed CP (BT 324182) on search and clear operation with two platoons from CAGI4. Ontos set up in blocking position at (BS 341164). No enemy contact; operation secured and Ontos returned to their CP at 1500H.

21 Feb 67 At 0500H 1st Platoon "B" Company fired 6 rounds 106mm H & I from (BT 324181) to (BT 317175). Negative results.

At 1400H heavy section 3rd Platoon "C" Company (BS 575922) provided support to two squads infantry who were reacting to intelligence reports of 1 VC enemy platoons located at (BS 561813). Ontos quickly transported one squad to the suspected enemy location. Results two VC's captured Operation "Rio Grande" secured. Heavy section, 1st Platoon "C" Company returned to "C" Company at 1900H.

22 Feb 67 At 0400H 1st Platoon "B" Company fired 5 rounds 106mm H & I from (BT 324182) to (BT 317171). Results were negative.

23 Feb 67 At 0600H 1st Platoon "B" Company fired 5 rounds 106mm H & I from (BT 324182) to (BT 319181). Negative results.

At 1830H 3rd Platoon "C" Company at (BS 572921) received 10 rounds small arms fire from (BS 569922). Returned 30 rounds .30 Cal. machine gun fire and sniper fire ceased. Area checked with negative results.

24 Feb 67 At 1900H 3rd Platoon "C" Company (BS 574924) provided escort for reaction force of two rifle squads from E/2/7 to vicinity (BS 573934). Returned to CP at 1925H with negative results.

25 Feb 67 At 0530H 1st Platoon "B" Company fired 5 rounds 106mm H & I fire from (BT 324182) to (BT 316171).

26 Feb 67 At 0500H, 1st Platoon "B" Company fired nine (9) rounds H & I fire. Fired four (4) rounds 106mm from Coordinates (BT 324182) to Coordinates (BT 322179) as first concentration. Fired five (5) rounds 106mm from Coordinates (BT 324182) to Coordinates (BT 358147) as second concentration. Results were unknown.

27 Feb 67 At 271500H, 3rd Platoon "C" Company, provided escort for reaction Squad E/2/7 from (BS 574924) to (BS 551901) to secure Landing Zone for MedEvac. Received approximately 200 rounds S/A at L/Z, returned fire with eight (8) rounds 106mm, sixteen (16) rounds .50 Cal. spotter/tracer and two hundred fifty (250) rounds .30 Cal. MG. Destroyed seven (7) houses, (BS 555901), results not known. One WIANE from Charlie - 3, Corporal Ernest VALVERDE, nicked by shrapnel in right ear. Follow - up Spot Report 271830H, area searched discovered 3 VC KIA confirmed.

28 Feb 67 At 280500H, 1st Platoon "B" Company fired six (6) rounds 106mm from (BT 324182) to (BT 317173) as H & I fire.

At 281200H 3rd Platoon "C" Company escorted two (2) rifle squads from H/2/7 on patrol. Patrol route covered GS, BS 5693, BS 5793, BS 5692, and BS 5792. Returned at 281400H, negative results.

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