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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 August to 31 August 1967,

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

Encl: ✓(1) August Command Chronology

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

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA (U)

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

1st Antitank Battalion

Lt. Col. P. ~~W.~~ KRASSNER, JR.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Company A
Company B
Company C
H&S Company

1st Lt. C. E. WOODS
Capt. A. R. GREEN
Capt. W. E. NELSON
Capt. B. A. VREDEVELLA

ATTACHED UNITS

(NONE)

2. LOCATION

1-31 August 1967: Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Major	J. S. GALLIGAN	Executive Officer
Sgt Major	C. S. SAWYER	Sergeant Major
WO1	E. M. JOHNSON	S-1/Adjutant
1st Lt.	J. W. CARTER	S-2
Capt.	G. K. ROBINSON	S-3
1st Lt.	V. C. DAVIS	S-4
1st Lt.	J. W. CARTER	S-5
2d Lt.	J. A. VAN DOREN	Supply Officer
1st Lt.	R. E. BAILEY	Comm-Elect Officer
1st Lt.	R. H. REITMEIER	Motor Transport Officer
1st Lt.	L. D. MANBECK	Ordnance-Maint Officer
HMC	T. O. MICHEL-1116 Aug	Medical Officer-Chief Carpenter
HMI	C. W. JENKINS-1116 Aug	Medical Officer-Chief Carpenter

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>
23	109	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. 1-31 August 1967. The Civic Action Program for the month of August included the treating of 373 people in Yen Bac and Cam Hoa Hamlets (AT985708) and (AT975703). The old Yen Bac School House is being converted into a Hamlet meeting hall, and a new school house was built with the help of four truck loads of dunnage lumber and 100 pounds of nails. Also, 7 chicken coops are in the final stages of construction in Yen Bac Hamlet and should be completed in the coming month. On 17 August a GVN Animal Husbandry Contact Team from Quang Nam Province Headquarters (Hoi An) gave the people of Yen Bac a lecture on raising chickens. The hamlet water pump was repaired several times and Yen Bac was given 200 gallons of gasoline to run the pump. Plans are underway for purchasing chickens, holding an Elders Festival and distributing winter clothing at Yen Bac Hamlet. (U)

1-31 August 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 commitments of providing a rifle squad to help patrol the western flank of the Southern Sector and increasing patrol activities prior to the National Election were also accomplished. (U)

1-31 August 1967. During this time there was evidence of increased enemy activity in the Battalion SOR. On the morning of 29 August the Battalion Command Post was attacked by small arms and mortar fire in conjunction with the attack on the Song Cau Do Bridge (AT997707). (U)

1-31 August 1967, During the month of August the standdown on the Ontos mounted 106mm Recoilless Rifle was still in effect. However, permission was granted to fire the vehicle mounted 106mm Recoilless Rifle on training ranges for the purpose of maintaining combat gunnery skills and safety procedures. Also, Ontos were again employed as convoy escorts for Rough Riders. (S)

1-31 August 1967. The Battalion fired a total of 7 rounds 106mm in combat, 171 rounds of 106mm in practice range firing, 745 rounds of .50 caliber, and 7,595 rounds of .30 caliber. During the month the Battalion's Ontos traveled 4,924 miles. (U)

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS (U)

- 14 August At coordinates (BT120634) Ontos A-31 and A-33 from Company A, 3rd Platoon, received approximately 1,000 rounds heavy automatic weapons fire from coordinates (BT 120640). A-31 and A-33 returned a total of 800 rounds .30 caliber and the enemy broke contact. No search of the area was made.
- 15 August Two Ontos from Company B, 2nd Platoon, with two platoons of infantry from Company G and Company F, 5th Marines, and two LVT's, departed An Hoa (AT876473) as part of a reaction force to assist Company G which was ambushed by 100-150 Viet Cong at (AT908481). Contact had been broken by the time the reaction force had arrived. The two Ontos then set up a blocking position while Company G swept the area. The block was set at coordinates (AT909467) with negative results.
- 16 August Ontos A-33 and A-31, at coordinates (BT120635) received heavy automatic weapons fire from coordinates (BT116637). A-31 expended 150 .30 caliber rounds and A-33 returned 600 rounds .30 caliber. Search of area revealed blood trails. Results: 2 VC KIA probable.
- 21 August The Platoon Sergeant of Company A, 2nd Platoon, detonated a chicom grenade rigged as a mine at coordinates (BT011629). Results one USMC WIA MedEvac.
- 22 August At coordinates (BT016516) Ontos A-21 and A-24 (Company A, 2nd Platoon) received 30 to 40 rounds of automatic weapons fire from 10-15 VC located at coordinates (BT011541). A-21 expended 750 rounds .30 caliber and A-24 returned 1000 .30 caliber rounds. Results: 1 USMC WIA MedEvac whose status was later changed to DCW.
- 22 August A-32 and A-35 received 10 to 20 rounds small arms fire from coordinates (BT128633) while at coordinates (BT124630). A-35 expended two 106mm rounds from a ground mounted 106mm Recoilless Rifle. No search was made due to darkness.
- 26 August Ontos C-32 (Company C, 3rd Platoon) while in a defensive position at (ZC218552) fired 5 HEPT 106mm rounds at approximately 30 VC at coordinates (AT798549). An

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infantry platoon from Company M, 7th Marines was ambushed, and the order to fire was given by the Infantry Company Commander. The area was searched and many blood trails and drag marks were found. Results, 5 VC KIA probable.

25 August

At 0020H a 13 man recon patrol from H&S Company was fired upon by an unknown size enemy force at coordinates (AT987702). The patrol received approximately 200 rounds small arms fire and returned 100 rounds small arms fire. The area was searched at first light and traces of blood were found. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 1 VC WIA probable.

From 0100 to 0200 two fire missions were called on the ambush site (AT987702) with unknown results.

At 0210H the Song Cau Do Bridge was attacked and at 0215H 11 rounds of 82mm mortar fire hit the 1st Antitank Battalion Command Post. At 0230H the Battalion CP received 100 rounds small arms and returned 100 rounds small arms. Results 10 USMC WIA, none MedEvac.

At 0253H 500 rounds of 7.62 M-60 Machine Gun fire was delivered at a suspected enemy position (AT986704). Area was searched at first light with negative results.

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

- ✓1. COMMAND CHRONOLOGY Company A, 1st Antitank Battalion
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COMPANY A
1st Antitank Battalion
1st Marine Division(Rein), FMF
APO San Francisco, California 96602

CEW:ay
5750
31 Aug 1967

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

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) BnO 3480.1

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology: August 1967

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

C E. Woods
G. E. WOODS

Co "A", 1st AT BN

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

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Company A, 1st Antitank Bn

COMMANDERS

1stLt C. E. WOODS

SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Platoon
2nd Platoon
3rd Platoon

GySgt W. K. WEITKNECHT
2ndLt G. J. TAYLOR
2ndLt D. E. DOVE

ATTACHED UNITS

(None)

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 August, DANANG, RVN

3. STAFF

2ndLt R. J. YEOMAN
1stSgt W. H. ALSTON
SSgt A. W. ERLINGS

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>
4	68	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:

1st PLT, DS 3rd Bn First Marines

2nd PLT, DS 2nd Bn First Marines

3rd PLT, DS 1st Bn First Marines

2. 1-31 August 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 August 1967. The Ontos fired (2) 106mm rounds, (745) .50 cal. rounds, and (5,945) .30 cal. rounds. The Ontos traveled 1,747 miles in 391 hours of operation.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 14 August THIRD PLATOON: At coordinates 120634, A-31 and A-33 received approximately 1,000 rounds heavy automatic weapons fire from coordinates 120640. A-31 expended 400 .30 cal. rounds and A-33 expended 400 .30 cal. rounds. (See Ref (A)).
- 15 August THIRD PLATOON: At coordinates 100518, A-32 and A-35 sighted VC observer and received approximately 12 rounds small arms fire from coordinates 105521. A-35 expended 90 .50 cal. rounds. Search was not made. (See Ref (B)).
- 16 August THIRD PLATOON: At coordinates 102517, A-32 and A-35 observed with binoculars a VC approximately 600 yards away with a carbine at coordinates 105518. Received approximately 10 rounds small arms fire. A-35 expended 25 .30 cal. rounds and 20 M-16 rounds. No search was made. (See Ref (C)).

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- 16 August THIRD PLATOON: At coordinate 120635, A-31 and A-33 received unknown amount of heavy automatic weapons fire from coordinate 116637. A-31 expended 150 .30 cal. rounds and A-33 expended 600 .30 cal. rounds. A search was conducted and blood trails were found resulting in 2 VC KIA probables. (See Ref (C)).
- 18 August FIRST PLATOON: At coordinate 096676, A-13 and A-14 received 50 rounds small arms fire from coordinate 093665. A-13 expended 100 .50 cal. rounds and 300 .30 cal. rounds. A-14 expended 100 .50 cal. rounds and 250 .30 cal. rounds. No search was made. (See Ref (D)).
- 20 August THIRD PLATOON: At coordinate 121800, A-31 and A-33 received 30 to 50 rounds small arms fire from coordinate 120630. A-31 expended 250 .30 cal. rounds and A-33 expended 250 .30 cal. rounds. No search was made. (See Ref (E)).
- 21 August SECOND PLATOON: At coordinate 011629, CLA2 Platoon Sergeant detonated CHICOM grenade rigged as a mine resulting in 1 USMC WIA Med-Evac. (See Ref (F)).
- THIRD PLATOON: At coordinate 125630, A-32 and A-35 received 30 to 50 rounds small arms fire from coordinate 116635. A-32 expended 500 .30 cal. rounds and A-35 expended 200 .30 cal. rounds. No search was made. (See Ref (F)).
- THIRD PLATOON: At coordinate 124630, A-32 and A-35 received 30 to 60 rounds small arms fire from coordinate 128633. A-35 expended 5 .50 cal. rounds. No search was made due to darkness. (See Ref (F)).
- 22 August SECOND PLATOON: At coordinate 975512, A-21 and A-24 received 10 rounds sniper fire from 3 VC from coordinate 046515. A-21 expended 250 .30 cal. rounds and A-24 expended 150 .30 cal. rounds. Fire ceased and sweep continued. (See Ref (G)).
- SECOND PLATOON: At coordinate 016516, A-21 and A-24 received 30 to 40 rounds of heavy automatic weapons fire from 10-15 VC at coordinate 014541. A-21 expended 750 .30 cal. rounds and A-24 expended 1000 .30 cal. rounds. Action resulted in 1 USMC WIA Med-Evac, status was later changed to DOW. (See Ref (G)).

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22 August FIRST PLATOON: At coordinate O27512, A-13 received 10 rounds sniper fire from coordinate O21517. A-13 expended 50 .50 cal rounds. No search was made. (See Ref (G)).

THIRD PLATOON: At coordinate L24630, A-32 and A-35 received 10 to 20 rounds small arms fire from coordinate L28633. A-35 expended 2 106mm rounds from ground mount. No search due to darkness. (See Ref (G)).

SECOND PLATOON: At coordinate 997518, A-22 received 5 rounds small arms fire from coordinate 995516. A-22 expended 350 .50 cal. rounds. No search was made. (See Ref (G)).

FIRST PLATOON: At coordinate O18515, A-13 received 10 rounds small arms fire from coordinate O16517. A-13 expended 250 .30 cal. rounds and 50 .50 cal. rounds. No search was made. (See Ref (G)).

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

1. The following references are cited:

Ref. (A)	Company A, SITREP for 14 August 1967
(B)	" 15 August 1967
(C)	" 16 August 1967
(D)	" 18 August 1967
(E)	" 20 August 1967
(F)	" 21 August 1967
(G)	" 22 August 1967

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

RJY:gas
3480
25 August 1967

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

Subj: Combat Operations after action report

Ref: (a) BnO 3480.1

1. Operation was a Search, Destroy and Blocking
2. 211300 H to 232030 H
3. Quen Dien Ban District
4. Control or Command and Headquarters

CoA (-) 1st Antitank Bn	
OO	1stLt C. E. WOODS
1stPlt	GySgt W. K. WEITKNECHT
2ndPlt	2ndLt G. J. TAYLOR

5. Task Organization

- (a) 1st Platoon CoA(-)
- (b) 2nd Platoon CoA(-)

6. Supporting Forces

None

7. Intelligence

It was suspected that enemy strength in the area numbered about three companies armed with 60 and 81 MM Mortars and small arms, a high percentage of which are automatic weapons. Upon reaching the objective area there was moderate contact with enemy forces. The terrain was rough due to dykes and dense foliage. The local population consisted of old men, women and small children. The people stayed in underground shelters or in their homes.

8. Mission

1st and 2nd Platoons, CoA, 1stATBn were in direct support and were to be used in blocking positions.

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9. Concept of Operation

On 21 August 1967, Ontos were to move to assembly area Dog by 1700 on D-1. They were then to move with CoK to assist in establishing Blocking Positions "X", "Y" AND "Z".

10. Execution

At 220800 H A-21 and A-24 received approximately 10 rounds sniper fire from 3 VC at 046515. At 045512 A-21 expended 250 pints and A-24 expended 150 pints. Sniper fire ceased and sweep continued. At 220940 H A-24 and A-21 at 016516 received 30 to 40 rounds of heavy automatic weapons fire from 10 to 15 VC at 014541. A-21 expended 750 pints and A-24 expended 1000 pints. Enemy fire ceased and sweep continued. At 221100 H A-13 received 10 rounds sniper fire from 021517. A-13 at 998515 returned 50 quarts. Fire ceased. At 222000 H A-22 at 017518 received 5 rounds sniper fire from 995516. A-22 expended 350 quarts. Fire ceased. At 222130 H, A-13 at 018515 received 10 rounds sniper fire from 016517. A-13 expended 250 pints and 50 quarts. Fire ceased.

11. Results

CoA(-), 1stATBn suffered 1 KIA and 1 WIA. There were no VC KIA, WIA or detainees.

12. Administrative Matters

None

13. Special Equipment and Techniques

None

14. The effectiveness of the .50 Cal. mounted Ontos was displayed for the first time to this Unit Commander. The .50 Cal. Machine Gun was an instrumental factor in suppressing heavy sniper fire from enemy positions. The Company Commander of CoK, Third Battalion, First Marines, expressed the opinion that the .50 Cal. equipped Ontos added greatly to the firepower capabilities of the force which the .50 Cal. mounted Ontos supported.

15. Recommendations

That more .50 Cal Machine Guns be procured and that measures be taken to mount all Ontos in this Command with .50 Cal. Machine Guns.

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

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

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29 August 1967

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

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

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

Ca "B", 1st ATB

Aug 1967

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PART I

1. DESIGNATOR

Company B, CO
Company B, XO

Captain A. R. GREEN JR.
1st Lt. A. F. TRAYNOR JR.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Platoon
2d Platoon
3d Platoon

2dLt. G. B. MCDOWELL
1stLt. W. A. BROWN
SSgt. M. C. HAMBY

ATTACHED UNITS

(NONE)

2. LOCATION

1-31 August 1967: Hill 63, Quang Tin, RVN

3. STAFF

First Sergeant
Gunnery Sergeant

1stSgt. A. E. FRANKO
SSgt. J. M. KING

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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

Enclosure (1)

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29 August 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 Company M, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines

1st Platoon - One vehicle till 24 August 1967 - Perimeter defense of Company position

2nd Platoon - Direct Support - Second Battalion, Fifth Marines

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

Enclosure (1)

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. 031000H. Two Ontos from 2nd Platoon departed AT876473 as convoy escort to AT828383. About 031630H they returned to the CP without incident.
2. 031300H. One Ontos from 1st Platoon departed BT133446 as convoy/mine sweep escort to Hill #29 at BT232318. Estimated arrival Hill #29, 031430H. No incidents.
3. 041100H. Two Ontos from 1st Platoon accompanied platoon from Company M, Fifth Marines on a patrol 1000 meters west of BT258261. Returned to bridge at BT268273 at 041500H. No incidents.
4. 111100H. Two Ontos from 2nd Platoon departed as convoy escort to Nong Son at AT828383. Returned to Platoon CP at 111600H. No incidents.
5. 141100H. Two Ontos with security from Company F, Fifth Marines departed An Hoa as a convoy escort to Nong Son (AT828383). Returned to CP at 141600H.
6. 150200H. Two Ontos with Amtracs, one platoon from Company G, and one platoon from Company F, Fifth Marines departed An Hoa (AT876473) as part of a reaction force to assist Company G ambushed by approximately 100-150 VC at AT908481. By the time they arrived the VC had broken contact. At 150700H the two Ontos acted as a blocking force while Company G conducted sweep of the area searching for bodies. Block was set up at AT909467 with negative results. Vehicles returned to the CP at 151200H.
7. 171000H. Two Ontos from 2nd Platoon departed An Hoa as a convoy escort with security from Company H, Fifth Marines to Nong Son (AT828383). Returned to CP at An Hoa 171730H. No incidents.
8. 201100H. Two Ontos from 2nd Platoon departed An Hoa as convoy escort to Nong Son (AT828383). Returned to CP about 201625H. No incidents.
9. 221700H. Two Ontos from 1st Platoon with Company M, Fifth Marines escorted a convey from bridge at BT268273 to Hill #29 at BT233317 and remained there. They arrived about 221800H. No incidents.
10. 260900H. One Ontos (B-25) from 2nd Platoon escorted a convoy from 11th Motor Transport Battalion from Danang to An Hoa. Arrived 261300H. No incidents.
11. 261100H. Two Ontos from 2nd Platoon departed An Hoa as a convoy escort to Nong Son (AT828383). Returned to CP at 261800H. No incidents.

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12. 271645H. One Ontos from 1st Platoon moved into defensive position on bridge at BT237326 to provide security. Arrived about 271700H. No incidents.

13. 1-31 August. All platoons traveled 878 miles.

14. 1-31 August. All platoons fired:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ROUNDS FIRED</u>
106 HEP-T	0
106 AP [REDACTED]	0
Cal .50 (LINKED)	0
Cal .50 (SPOTTER)	0
Cal .30	0
Cal .45	0
7.62mm	0
5.56mm	0

Enclosure (1)

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

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3481/1
1 Sep 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 1st Antitank Battalion (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Command Chronology for 1 August 1967 to 31 August 1967
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(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

Aug 1967

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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Organizational Data

1. Designation Commander
Company C, 1st Antitank Battalion Capt. W.E. NELSON

Principle Billets

Company Commander	Capt. W.E. NELSON
Executive Officer	1stLt. J.K. ALEXANDER
1st Plt Comdr	1stLt. S.C. BERMAN
2nd Plt Comdr	SSgt. J.W. HAYNES
3rd Plt Comdr	2ndLt. D.L. BROWN

2. Location

1 - 31 August 1967, DaNang, RVN

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
4	70	0	1

Part II
Narrative Summary

1. Aug 1-31 - The Ontos of Company C continued in direct support of the 7th Marine Regiment. The Ontos traveled 2,299 miles in support of infantry units while conducting mechanized patrols, road escorts, and establishing perimeter defense.

- A. 1st Platoon (+) in DS of 1st Bn 7th Marines.
- B. 2nd Platoon (-) in DS of 2nd Bn 7th Marines.
- C. 3rd Platoon continued in DS of 3rd Bn 7th Marines.

2. Aug 1-31 - The restrictions against firing the 106's remained in effect. In an effort to demonstrate safe firing procedures, the Ontos was fired electrically and manually in several live fire exercises. Both methods showed that safe firing can be obtained.

3. The Ontos of Company C fired a total of 106 rounds of 106mm and 1650 rounds of .30 Cal., Five (5) of the 106 rounds expended were fired in combat and resulted in One (1) V.C. KIA probable.

Part III
Sequential Listings of Significant Events

- 1 - 2 August 1967 Negative.
- 3 August 1967 1st Platoon moved its C.P. from Hill 55 to AT925653.
- 4 August 1967 Negative.

5 August 1967 Heavy Section from 2nd Platoon attached to 1st Platoon in support of 1/7.

6 August 1967 Heavy Section from 1st Platoon in support of Company K 3/7 at AT912688. Negative Results.

7 August 1967 Air Recon of new TAOR made by 1st Platoon Commander.

8 August 1967 Light Section from 1st Platoon on sweep from AT925692 to AT886895 with Platoon from Company A 1/7. Negative Results.

8 August 1967 2 Light Sections from 1st Platoon conducted a sweep with Company C 1/7 from AT950640 to AT950648. Negative Results.

9 August 1967 2nd Platoon Commander on patrol with Platoon from Company G 2/7 to find operating terrain at AT903729. Negative Results.

10 August 1967 Heavy Section on patrol with Platoon from Company A 1/7 at AT919704. Negative Results.

11 August 1967 Light Section from 1st Platoon on patrol with squad from Company A 1/7 AT888689. Negative Results.

12 August 1967 2nd Platoon Commander on patrol with squad from Company G 2/7 to locate operating terrain at AT904728. Negative Results.

13 August 1967 Negative.

14 August 1967 1st Platoon conducted live fire exercise for Battalion GO at hill 41 range, AT933667.

15 August 1967 Negative.

16 August 1967 1st Platoon conducted live fire exercise at hill 41 range, AT933667.

17 August 1967 Sections from 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Platoons conducted live firing exercise at AT933667.

18 - 22 August 1967 Negative.

23 August 1967 Heavy Section from 1st Platoon and one vehicle from 2nd Platoon went on 1st Antitank Battalion convoy to Bravo Company C.P. at Hill 63, C-22, C-23 remained with Bravo Company, B-11, B-15 attached to C Company.

24 August 1967 Negative.

25 August 1967 Light Section from 1st Platoon on patrol with Platoon from Company C 1/7 at AT798549.

26 August 1967 At 2215H C-32 in defensive position at AT798549 in support of Company M 3/7 fired 5 106 rounds at approximately 30 V.C. Order to fire issued by Mike Company Commander when Mike Platoon was ambushed. Results - 1 V.C. KIA probable.

27 - 28 August 1967 Negative.

29 August 1967 At approximately 0200H a Light Section of Ontos sent to AT999705 for Bridge Security. Vehicles were from Company B (B-12, B-14) crews were from Company C.

30 August 1967 Negative.

31 August 1967 Negative.