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1st ANTI-TANK BN COMMAND CHRONOLOGY JAN - 1971

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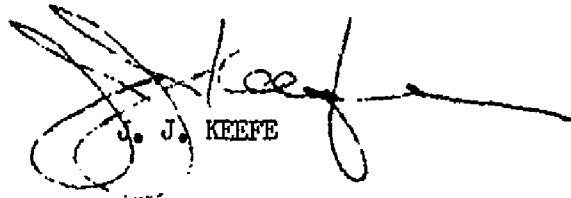
From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, First Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 January 1967 to 31 January 1967

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

Encl: (1) January Command Chronology

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


J. J. KEEFE

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 - 31 January 1967

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Antitank Battalion

COMMANDER

Major J. J. KEEFE

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Company A
Company B
Company C
H&S Company

Capt G. J. FORBES
Capt T. F. DEMPSEY
Capt R. J. ESPOSITO
Capt M. H. COLLIER

ATTACHED UNITS

(None)

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 January 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	S-2
Major	J. J. BURKE, Jr.	S-3
Capt	G. R. VAN HORN	S-4
SgtMaj	E. F. HUFFMAN	S-5
Capt	K. S. HENDRICKSON	Supply Officer
2ndLt	T. E. SWINDELL 1-20 January 1967	Comm-Elect Officer
2ndLt	J. C. HANCOCK, Jr. 21-31 January 1967	Comm-Elect Officer
1stLt	J. M. KELLY	Motor Transport Officer
2ndLt	V. C. DAVIS	Ordnance-Maintenance Officer
Lt(MC)	S. L. BIVENS, Jr. 1-10 January 1967	Medical Officer
HMC	T. O. MICHEL 11-31 January 1967	Medical Officer (Chief Corpsman)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
26	397	1	10	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 First Marines.

Company B (-), Second Platoon, OPGON Second Battalion, Fifth Marines.

Third Platoon 1 - 7 January 1967 Direct Support Third Battalion, Ninth Marines.

8 - 14 January 1967 Direct Support Third Battalion, Seventh Marines.

15 - 31 January 1967 General Support First Marine Division.

Company C (Rein) Direct Support Seventh Marines.

2. 1 - 31 January 1967. The Civil Affairs Program for the month of January in KHANH SON Hamlet, HOA KHANH village, HOA VANG District, QUANG NAM Province consisted of treating 677 Vietnamese people in our MEDCAP Program. One (1) truck load of cement and galvanized tin were acquired from the USAID facility in Danang for the construction of a business meeting house for the Hamlet. This Battalion is planning to activate a Battalion Laundry which will employ twelve (12) to fifteen (15) Vietnamese people from the Hamlet.

1 - 31 January 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. On 19 January 1967 this unit installed three (3) Seismic Intrusion Devices in front of our wire and in our most likely avenues of approach.

1 - 31 January 1967. During the month of January, the monsoon rains started to subside. The Ontos of this Battalion continued in their role of mechanized convoy escort, security for engineer mine sweeps, and harassing and interdiction fires. The weather did not prevent our Ontos from executing their assigned missions. See Companies A, B, and C Command Chronologies.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 January Company A direct support of 1st Marines; Company B (-) direct support of 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines; Company C (Rein) direct support of 7th Marines.

2 January Light Section of Ontos from Company C escorted a convoy to Quang Ngai.

4 January Light Section of Ontos from Company C escorted a convoy to Quang Ngai.

5 January Second Platoon Company A in support of a MedEvac Mission hit an unknown type explosive device resulting in a 4" X 12" hole. No casualties and no vehicle damage.

8 January Third Platoon of Company B (-) in direct support of 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines. Light Section of Ontos from Co C escorted a convoy to Quang Ngai.

9 January First Platoon Company A Light Section placed in direct support of Company M, 1st Marines for search and destroy mission.

14 January Light Section of Ontos from Company C escorted a convoy to Quang Ngai.

15 January Light Section of 2nd Platoon Company A OPCON to 1st Platoon for Company M search and destroy mission.

3rd Platoon Company B (-) general support of 1st Marine Division.

18 January An Amtrac carrying an administrative detail from the Company B Headquarters to the Second Platoon hit a mine. Four (4) USMC WIA.

Second Platoon Company B patrol enroute from My Loc (2) to Phu Loc (6) received sniper fire resulting in 3 USMC WIA.

Light Section of Ontos from Company C escorted a convoy to Quang Ngai.

20 January Light Section of Ontos from Company C escorted a convoy to Quang Ngai.

21 January Light Section of Ontos from Company C escorted a convoy to Mo Duc.

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- 24 January Light Section of Ontos from Company C escorted a convoy to Quang Ngai.
- 26 January At approximately 260830H Ontos A-31 detonated a unknown type explosive device resulting in three (3) WIA and total damage to the vehicle.
- At 252210H 1st Platoon Company B received 25 to 30 rounds small arms fire. Returned fire with three (3) 106mm and six (6) rounds of .50 Cal. spotter rounds. Four (4) VC KIA probable.
- 29 January Light Section of Ontos from Company A escorted a Rough Rider from Danang to Chu Lai.
- Light Section of Ontos from Company C escorted a convoy to Quang Ngai.
- 30 January A Light Section of Ontos from Company A escorted the Rough Rider from Chu Lai to Danang.

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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

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

GJF:heb
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2 Feb 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: January 1967

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

G. J. Forbes
G. J. FORBES

B. A. 1, 127 197/80

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY, January 1967

1. Organizational Data.

a. Mission. DS of 1st Marines

b. Location. Da Nang, RVN

- 1) Company "A" CP - AT 991675
- 2) 1st Platoon CP - AT 071658
- 3) 2nd Platoon CP - AT 014626
- 4) 3rd Platoon CP - AT 104583

c. Period Covered by Report. 1 January to 31 January 1967

d. Name / Rank of Commanding Officer, Staff and Chief Subordinates

Capt G. J. FORBES	Commanding Officer
1stLt C. H. STALCUP	Executive Officer
1stSgt G. E. DICKSON	First Sergeant
GySgt W. K. WEITKNECHT	Gunnery Sergeant

Subordinate Commanders

2ndLt B. H. BAILEY	1st Platoon Commander
1stLt F. S. ROE	2nd Platoon Commander
1stLt D. B. SHIKER	3rd Platoon Commander

2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events.

a. During the current reporting period, Company A has had operational and administrative control of its three organic gun platoons. The mission of the Company continues to be DS of 1st Marines.

b. Throughout the reporting period, the 1st Platoon has been in DS of 3/1, the 2nd Platoon has been in DS of 2/1, the 3rd Platoon in DS of 1/1.

c. Due to Company "A"'s CP being located with the 1st Marine's Regimental Command Post, Company "A" also has the mission of manning a portion of the Regimental CP's defensive perimeter.

d. During the reporting period Company A has been involved in no major operations. The missions of the company's platoons has been limited to convoying, mechanized patrols, conducting H&I fires and supporting search and destroy missions of the supported infantry.

e. During the reporting period, the company has had two mining incidents resulting in two (2) Ontos being destroyed and 6 attendant WIAs. A-35 hit an unknown type land mine located at AT 038578 at approximately 130930h and A-31 exploded an unknown type land mine

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at AT 007566 at 260845H. A third incident was reported at 051200H at 995633 where A-24 hit an unknown type explosive device which exploded resulting in a 4" x 12" crater, no damage to vehicle, and no casualties.

f. Due to 3rd Platoon being down to two operational vehicles after mining incidents, they were pulled back to 1st ATBn CP to regroup and reequip. They were replaced by a heavy section of Bravo Company which was made op-con to Company A on 26 Jan 1967.

g. A chronological listing of significant events:

2 January. 2nd Platoon DS Company H, First Marines moved into blocking position at 984662. See ref (a).

3 January. 2nd Platoon remained in blocking position.

3rd Platoon fired 12-106mm rounds as H&I at 010584 and 992575. See ref (b).

4 January. 2nd Platoon came off blocking position and returned to 2/1 CP. At 2000H a 2nd Platoon Ontos fired 2-106mm rounds to 010627 after receiving SA from that location. SA ceased, but a search revealed no VC casualties. See ref (c).

5 January. At 051200H a 2nd Platoon Ontos in support of a MEDEVAC mission for Company G hit an unknown type explosive device at 995633 resulting in a 4" x 12" crater, no casualties, no vehicle damage.

3rd Platoon fired 6-106mm rounds as H&I fires at 005568. See ref (c).

7 January. 1st Platoon light section moved into a blocking position at 065625 in support of Company I, First Marines. 3rd Platoon expended 6-106mm rounds as H&I fires to 996556. See ref (d).

8 January. 1st Platoon light section moved into 3/1's CP after being called in from blocking position. 3rd Platoon fired 6-106mm H&I fires to 002598. See ref (e).

9 January. 1st Platoon light section placed DS Company M, First Marines for search and destroy mission.

3rd Platoon expended 6-106mm rounds as H&I fires at 013590. See ref (f).

10 January. Search and destroy mission with M-3-1 secured and light section of 1st Platoon placed in blocking position

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at 097627 DS I-3-1. Blocking position mission secured and 1st platoon light section DS Company I, First Marines was proceeding in column with tanks and LVTs back to 3/1 CP when lead tank hit a land mine. During the halt to repair the tank, Ontos fired 2-106mm AP rounds at movement in tree line at 109649. Tanks also fired and claimed 8 VC KIA. See ref (g).

12 January. Light section 1st Platoon placed DS L-3-1 and put in blocking position.

3rd Platoon fired 16-106mm rounds prep fire for a patrol from D-1-1. See ref (h).

13 January. A-35 hit unknown type explosive device at 038578 resulting in 3 WIA and Ontos destroyed. Time of incident 130930H. See ref (i).

14 January. 1st Platoon vehicles withdrawn from DS L-3-1 and placed in 3/1 CP. See ref (j).

15 January. Light section 2nd Platoon made op-con to 1st platoon for DS M Company, 1st Marines for search and destroy mission.

A-21 expended 2-106mm rounds to clear mines from path of infantry at 978669. Observed 2 secondary explosions and infantry passed safely. See ref (k).

16 January. 1st Platoon observed movement at 048692 and 046690 and fired one (1) main gun round to each location. Movement ceased. No VC casualties found. All 2nd Platoon Ontos now DS 3/1 and in blocking positions. See ref (l).

17 January. 2nd Platoon Ontos DS 3/1 sit in blocking force between 067634 and 084604 with Company K, First Marines. See ref (m).

18 January. 2nd Platoon again placed DS 2/1. See ref (n).

19 January. H&I fires, 12-106mm 018583, 5-106mm to 998556, 6-106mm to 998562 by 3rd Platoon. See ref (o).

20 January. 1st Platoon DS I Company, First Marines in blocking position.

H&I fires, 9-106mm to 018583, 3-106mm to 015572, 10-106mm to 005575, 12-106mm to 007582 by 3rd Platoon. See ref (p).

21 January. 3rd Platoon provided security for MEDAIREVAC LZ and fired 14-106mm to 006578 at suspected sniper position. No VC casualties found. 3rd Platoon fired 12-106mm to 002578 and 12-106mm to 002583 as H&I fires. See ref (q).

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23 January. 1st Platoon placed DS 3/1 and escorted PC to 3/1 CP. In route received 200 rounds SA from 065665 and 065647. 13-106mm rounds returned and SA ceased. Search resulted in no VC casualties. See ref (r).

26 January. At approximately 260830H A-31 detonated unknown type explosive device at 007566. Results: 3 WIA, vehicle destroyed. See ref (s).

28 January. 3rd Platoon Bravo Company relieved 3rd Platoon Company A and put in position 018570 DS A-1-1. See ref (t).

29 January. 1st Platoon provided two mechanized patrols from 071567 to 072700. See ref (u).

31 January. 2nd Platoon performed MEDEVACs and resupply runs for G-2-1. See ref (v).

h. Detailed Description of Significant Events.

1. It would be most helpful to have back-up Ontos to replace battle losses to insure that this company can continue to perform its combat mission.

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

1. The following references are cited:

Ref.	(a)	Company A, SITREP #	046
	(b)		047
	(c)		049
	(d)		051
	(e)		052
	(f)		053
	(g)		054
	(h)		055
	(i)		056
	(j)		057
	(k)		058
	(l)		059
	(m)		060
	(n)		061
	(o)		062
	(p)		063
	(q)		064
	(r)		066
	(s)		069
	(t)		071
	(u)		072
	(v)		074

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

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3000
1 February 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; January 1967

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

T. F. Dempsey
T. F. DEMPSEY

Co. "B", 1st AT BN

Jan 1967

Part I
Organizational Data

1. Designation

"B" Company, 1st Antitank Battalion

Commander

Capt. T. F. DEMPSEY

Subordinate Units

Second Platoon
Third Platoon

2ndLt. A. F. TRAYNOR
SSgt. D. R. PRIDEMORE

2. Location

1-31 January 1967: Danang RVN

3. Staff

Executive Officer 1-27 Jan
Executive Officer 27-31 Jan
First Sergeant
Gunnery Sergeant

1stLt. R. R. TIMBERG
2ndLt. L. G. BEARD
1stSgt. J. M. REID
GySgt. S. J. BOCK

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	75	0	1	0	0

Part II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. At the commencement of the reporting period, Company "B" was in support of 3/9. On 8 January 1967, 3/7 assumed 3/9 mission and Company "B" went into support of 3/7. The second platoon remains in direct support of 2/5. On 15 January the third platoon moved to the 1st Antitank Battalion Command Post and Company "B" assumed mission as Division Reserve.
2. On 18 January, a detail enroute to the second platoon position for administrative purposes received four WIA when the amtrac upon which they were riding hit a mine at coord 939581.
3. On 18 January, a patrol from second platoon, returning from MY LOC (2) to Phu LOC (6) at coord 923518 was taken under sniper fire from coord 927515. They returned fire with negative results. Three USMC WIA.

4. On 21 January, a section from second platoon supported G, 2/5 on patrol from coord AT 925528 to AT 951541. At 0930 sniper fire was received from coord AT 948536. 8 106mm rounds and 50 caliber .30 rounds were returned. Sniper fire ceased. At 1330 at coord AT 951529 sniper fire was received from coord AT 957528. 8 106mm rounds and 80 caliber .30 rounds were returned. Sniper fire ceased.

5. At 1530 on 24 January Company "B" displaced command post to 1st Antitank Battalion Command Post.

6. On 27 January at 1300, Company "A", 1st Antitank Battalion assumed operational control of the third platoon.

Part III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 January Company "B" direct support of 3/9. Second Platoon direct support of 2/5.
- 8 January Company "B" direct support of 3/7.
- 15 January Company "B" Division Reserve.
- 18 January Amtrac carrying administrative detail from Hq. Platoon enroute to 2nd Platoon hit mine. 4 USMC WIA.
- 18 January 2nd Platoon Company "B" patrol enroute from MY LOC (2) to Phu LOC (6) received sniper fire resulting in 3 USMC WIA.
- 21 January 2nd Platoon Company "B" supporting G, 2/5 on patrol.
- 24 January Company "B" displaced Command Post.
- 27 January 3rd Platoon Company "B" operational control Company "A".

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

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3 Feb 67

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 1st Antitank Battalion
Subj: Command Chronology for 1 January 1967 to 31 January 1967.

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

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 ATBN

Jan 1967

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation
"C" Company 1st Antitank Battalion

Principle Billets

Company Commander	Captain R. J. ESPOSITO
1st Platoon Commander	SSgt. G. A. WEAVER
2nd Platoon Commander	2nd Lt. M. J. BOREK
3rd Platoon Commander	2nd Lt. H. L. REED
1st Platoon Commander "B" Company	2nd Lt. L. C. YEARD
1st Sergeant	1st Sgt. F. N. JORDAN

2. Location.

1 - 31 January 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>
5	123	0	2

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The month of January found the Ontos remaining primarily in position at their respective Combat Bases with little or no participation in either operations or sweeps. Company activity due to heavy rain was limited to convoy escorts for the most part. The Second Platoon was released from support of D/1/7 and was repositioned on Hill 35 (BT 468068) on 30 January and the 1st Platoon, "B" Company was relocated in support of CAC - I4 Company (BT 331177) on 31 January 1967.

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 2 Jan 67 - 020600H, light section of Ontos escorted a Convoy to Quang Ngai. Returned at 1430H.
- 4 Jan 67 - A light section of Ontos (B-12 & C-35) escorted convoy to Quang Ngai. Departed at 040615H.

- 7 Jan 67 - At 070945H the 3rd Platoon located at the E/2/7 Combat Base, received 4 rounds .30 Cal. sniper fire from the vicinity of BS 567918. The Ontos fired 4-50 Cal. Sptr. rounds and 2-106mm HEP-T rounds with unknown results.
- 8 Jan 67 - A light section of Ontos (B-12 & C-32) escorted a convoy to Quang Ngai. Departed at 080615H and returned at 081405H.

Charlie 3rd Platoon reported receiving 15 rounds sniper fire at 1730H from BS 566916 and returned 4 rounds 106mm and 6 rounds 50 Cal. Spotter tracer. Again at 1800H they received 5 rounds Carbine sniper fire from BS 556918 and again returned 4 rounds 106mm and 6 rounds 50 Cal. Sptr. Results were unknown in both instances.

- 14 Jan - A light section of Ontos (C-32 & C-35) escorted a convoy to Quang Ngai. They departed at 140630H and returned at 141400H.

- 16 Jan 67 - At 161745H 3rd Platoon received 15 rounds carbine sniper fire from BS 566916. Fired 4 106mm and 2 50 Cal. rounds. Received negative results.

At 161730H, C-12 departed Hill 54, (BT 396145) with one squad of infantry for security reasons. Arrived coordinates BT 383179 and set up ambush site. Departed site 160600H and arrived Hill 54, 160615H. No contact with VC.

- 17 Jan 67 - At 171945H B-13, 1st Platoon Bravo Company at BT 435-078, enemy movement was spotted at coordinates BT 431083 and BT 422087 600 meters away. Fired 6 106mm rounds with negative results.

- 18 Jan 67 - At 180615 B-15 and C-33 escorted a convoy to Quang Ngai.

- 20 Jan 67 - Bravo Platoon (Rein w/heavy section) departed their position on Hill 35 (BT 435078) at 200545H to support I/3/5 who were involved in a company sweep. Ontos were used as a blocking force at BT 432097. Ontos secured from the sweep at 200900H and returned to Hill 35. No VC contact was made.

A light section of Ontos (C-33 & C-35) escorted a convoy to Quang Ngai. Departed at 200615H

- 21 Jan 67 -- At 210525H a light section (C-32 and C-35) escorted a
convoy to Mo Duc.
- At 210645H the Second Platoon at (BS 667996) prep fired
trench lines from BS 663985 to BS 682959, and BS 657957.
Fired 18 106mm rounds. Negative results.
- 24 Jan 67 -- At 240720H C-22 and C-23 escorted a convoy to Quang
Ngai.
- 26 Jan 67 -- At 260040H, Ontos C-14 accompanied by a M35 truck with
a squad of infantry for security, departed from their position
on Hill 54 and proceeded to BA Bou Bridge (BT 379175), where
they picked up one (1) KIA (PF) and one (1) WIA (PF). They
then returned to their position on Hill 54 arriving at
260120H. The PF KIA and WIA were then Med Evaced.
- At 252210H, 1st Platoon Bravo (BT 435079) received 25 to
30 rounds of small arms fire. Returned fire with three (3)
106mm and six (6) rounds of .50 Cal. spotter rounds. Four
probable V. C. KIA.
- 29 Jan 67 -- Light section, "C" Company, C-32 and C-34 escorted a
convoy to Quang Ngai. Departed at 0830H.
- 30 Jan 67 -- The 2nd Platoon, "C" Company, displaced from their
position at D/1/7 (BS 667996) Combat Base at 301100H
and will be re-located at Hill 35 (BT 435078) in support
of the 5th Marines and 2/11. They departed for Hill 35
at 301445H -- the Bravo Platoon presently at Hill 35 will
displace at approximately 310730H and go in support of 1/5.
- 31 Jan 67 -- The Bravo Platoon displaced from their position on
Hill 35 (BT 435078) at 310730H and proceeded to their new
location at BT 331177 in support of CAC -I4 (1/5).