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3d Antitank Battalion  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
(2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific  
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 December to 31 December 1967  
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2  
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8  
(c) DivO 5750.1A

Encl: ✓(1) December 1967 Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December 1967 to 31 December 1967

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

3d Antitank Battalion

MAJ R. M. JORDAN

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

Executive Officer

CAPT J. O. LEA  
(1-7 Dec 67)  
1STLT G. C. MAUCH  
(8-31 Dec 67)  
1STLT G. C. MAUCH  
(1-7 Dec 67)  
Unassigned  
(8-31 Dec 67)

Company "A"

Executive Officer

CAPT R. C. McINTEER  
(1-12 Dec 67)  
CAPT J. O. LEA  
(13-15 Dec 67)  
Unassigned  
(1-7 Dec 67)  
1STLT A. A. OWENS  
(8-15 Dec 67)

1st Platoon

2NDLT J. T. GULLEY  
(8-15 Dec 67)

2nd Platoon

2NDLT J. L. GILK  
(1-15 Dec 67)

3rd Platoon

2NDLT D. L. RICHARDSON  
(1-15 Dec 67)

Company "B"

Executive Officer

CAPT E. U. A. SCHULTES  
(1-5 Dec 67)  
Unassigned

1st Platoon

1STLT A. A. OWENS  
(1-5 Dec 67)

2nd Platoon

Unassigned

3rd Platoon

2NDLT F. C. SINAGRA  
(1-5 Dec 67)

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Company "C"

Executive Officer

1st Platoon

2nd Platoon

3rd Platoon

1STLT N. C. YOUNGSTROM  
(1-7 Dec 67)  
Unassigned

2NDLT J. T. GULLEY  
(1-7 Dec 67)

2NDLT M. H. TRAISER  
(1-7 Dec 67)

2NDLT M. W. WILLETT  
(1-7 Dec 67)

2. LOCATION

3d Antitank Battalion

H&S Company

Company "A" (-)

Company "B" (-)

Company "C"

1-31 Dec Gia Le Combat Base

1-31 Dec Gia Le Combat Base

1-31 Dec Khe Sanh AOR

1-5 Dec Gia Le Combat Base

1-7 Dec Gia Le Combat Base

3. STAFF OFFICERS

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

Commanding Officer

Executive Officer

MAJ R. M. JORDAN

MAJ L. V. BEARCE

(1-5 Dec 67)

Unassigned

(5-15 Dec 67)

CAPT R. C. McINTEER

(16-31 Dec 67)

S-1/Adj

S-2 Officer

2NDLT L. I. SMITH

1STLT R. J. BERGER

(1-5 Dec 67)

1STLT N. A. LIA

(6-31 Dec 67)

CAPT J. O. LEA

(1-5 Dec 67)

1STLT N. A. LIA

(6-31 Dec 67)

S-3 Officer

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Company "A". Company "A" (-) (Headquarters, 2nd, and 3rd Platoons) participated in Operation Scotland in direct support of 26th Marines during period 1-5 December 1967. Four patrols were conducted around the combat base and a trafficability study was conducted to determine the possibility of overland routes to Khe Sanh Village. Satisfactory routes were discovered and terrain will generally support tracked vehicle operations. First Platoon Company "C" was redesignated 1st Platoon Company "A" on 8 December 1967. This platoon was in direct support of 9th Marines located at Con Thien and C-2. On 15 December 1967 incoming hostile artillery resulted in 1 friendly KIA and 1 friendly WIA. Company "A" was redesignated Company "A" (Rein) and attached to 3rd Tank Battalion on 152400H.

2. Company "B". Company "B" 3rd Anti-Tank Battalion for the period 1-5 December 1967 proceeded to reduce to zero balance. On 5 December 1967 Company "B" was reduced to zero strength, but not deactivated. Its members were sent to various units throughout the 3rd Marine Division. These included 3rd Tank Battalion, Headquarters Battalion, and 2nd Battalion 4th Marines. The majority of Company "B" was assigned to 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion where they formed the nucleus of a new Reconnaissance Company.

Company "C". Company "C" 3rd Anti-Tank Battalion for the period 1-7 December 1967 proceeded to reduce to zero balance. On 7 December 1967 Company "C" was reduced to zero strength, but not deactivated. Its members were sent to various units throughout the 3rd Marine Division. These included 3rd Tank Battalion, Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Battalion 4th Marines, and 1st Amtrac Battalion. The majority of Company "C" was assigned to 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion where they formed the nucleus of a new Reconnaissance Company.

H&S Company. During the month of December 1967, the bunkers were completed and put in operation. Tanglefoot wire was repaired and additional strands put in. Repair of the outer and inner wire was conducted at the point where 3rd Engineers wire joins this unit, in the stream bed. H&S Company received green plastic material that has been used on all huts for weather protection and blackout purposes. H&S Company received rounds in the C.P. area on the 24th of December which resulted in no casualties. The reaction platoon conducted 27 night patrols, 1 day patrol, and 4 LP's during December 1967. LP made contact on the night of 24 December and took enemy under fire; had negative results. No friendly casualties or serious incidents occurred during the month of December.

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S-4 Officer

MAJ B. HASTINGS  
(1-5 Dec 67)  
CAPT T. J. SOLAK  
(6-15 Dec 67)  
1STLT J. L. HICKMAN  
(16-31 Dec 67)  
1STLT R. J. BERGER  
(1-5 Dec 67)  
1STLT N. A. LIA  
(6-31 Dec 67)

S-5 Officer

2NDLT A. R. MATTESON  
WO G. D. LARSON  
MSGT J. R. VERHAAL  
CAPT J. W. ARNN JR.  
HMC A. D. MOOLE, USN

Supply Officer  
Motor Transport Officer  
Ordnance Maintenance Officer  
Communication Officer  
Medical Officer

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat Missions Assigned

a. Direct support of Marine infantry by providing direct and indirect fire support, H&I fires, and Command Post security.

b. Support of Gia Le section forces.

2. Significant Operations Conducted

a. Company "A" (-) participated in Operation Scotland in direct support of 26th Marines.

b. 1st Platoon participated in Operation Kentucky.

3. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. None4. Casualties Sustained

a. 1 Friendly KIA.

b. 1 Friendly WIA.

5. New Techniques Employed. While not new, two newly acquired starlight scopes were utilized on L.P.'s in conjunction with Tank IR and white light. Starlights were utilized to scan and possibly detect targets for illumination by Tank lights. Tanks were previously used entirely for IR scanning however noise of engine warns enemy they are being observed. No data available due to short period of employment at this time.

6. Command Relations

a. On 12 December 1967, a change of Command ceremony took place at C.P., Khe Sanh Combat Base. (see supporting documents)

b. On 8 December 1967, 1st Platoon assigned to "A" Company.

c. On 15 December 1967, "A" Company (Rein) was attached to 3rd Tank Battalion.

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7. Logistics

a. Motor Transport

(1) Traveled 12,660 miles, hauled 61 tons and carried 1,349 passengers.

(2) Company "A" traded various vehicles to insure they had the best available vehicles.

(3) All equipment was LTied and made available for inter-Division transfer of turn-in to FLSG-A.

b. Supply

(1) A complete inventory was held and a list of assets was made available to G-4 for inter-Division transfer.

(2) All Ontos peculiar items were invoiced to Tank Battalion or turned into FLSG-A.

(3) All repair parts and expendable items were turned into FLSG-A.

c. Maintenance

(1) Company "A" (Rein) traded five Ontos from Khe Sanh and five from Con Thien to insure they had the best available Ontos.

(2) Five Ontos were made ready for assignment to SLF 2/4.

(3) Twenty-one Ontos were LTied and turned into FLSG-A for further shipment to FLC.

8. Communications

(1) Four AN/VRC-71 Radios were picked up from FLC for installation in the Ontos at Con Thien.

(2) All equipment was LTied and turned into Supply.

9. Civic Action. On December 5th 1967, 3rd Anti-Tank Battalion conducted a MedCap in the Village of Bach Thach. During this MedCap 295 ducklings were distributed to the people in addition to bars of soap and old usable clothing sent to this Command from the United States. Throughout the remainder of December additional clothing was taken down to MCB 121 for distribution to the people of Bach Thach.

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- a. Awards. None
- b. Promotions
  - (1) 5 to Sergeant
  - (2) 8 to Corporal
  - (3) 2 to Lance Corporal
  - (4) 2 to Private First Class
- c. Personnel Joined
  - (1) 52 Enlisted
- d. Personnel Transferred to COMUS
  - (1) 2 Officers
  - (2) 61 Enlisted
- e. NJP Article 15 UCMJ. None
- f. R&R. 33 Personnel
- g. Overseas Tour Extension Requested. One
- h. Overseas Tour Extension Approved. None

11. Intelligence. The Battalion received information on enemy and terrain from 3rd Marine Division and 3rd Tank Battalions.

12. Weather. Light trafficability due to heavy monsoon rains was experienced during the month of December 1967.

13. Training. During the month of December 1967 the following training was accomplished:

- a. Preventative Maintenance - 75 hours
- b. M16A1 Care and Cleaning - 25 hours
- c. Improvement of Defensive Positions - 100 hours

In addition fam firing of all Anti-Tank Battalion's weapons that are located on the perimeter of Gia Le Combat Base was accomplished during the month.

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PART IV  
CHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Chronologies

- ✓ a. Company "A" (1-10-67)
- ✓ - b. Company "B"
- ✓ - c. Company "C"
- ✓ d. H&S Company
- ✓ e. *Staff Battalion Special Order 114-67*
- 2. Staff Journal
  - ✓ a. S-3

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COMPANY "A"  
 3d Antitank Battalion  
 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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 1 Jan 1968

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 3d Antitank Battalion (S-3)  
 Subj: Command Chronology; submission of  
 Ref: (a) BnO 5750.1

1. Period covered this report. 1-15 December 1967
2. C.O. CAPT R. C. McINTEER  
 (1-12 Dec 67)  
 CAPT J. O. LEA  
 (13-15 Dec 67)
- X.O. Unassigned  
 (1-7 Dec 67)  
 1stLt A. A. OWENS  
 (8-15 Dec 67)
- 1st Platoon 2ndLt J. T. GULLEY  
 (8-15 Dec 67)
- 2nd Platoon 2ndLt J. L. GILK  
 (1-15 Dec 67)
- 3rd Platoon 2ndLt D. L. RICHARDSON  
 (1-15 Dec 67)

2 "A" SET AT ON

<u>Unit Location</u>			<u>Supporting</u>
Co. Headquarters	Khe Sanh	XD843418	26th Marines
1st Platoon	Con Thien	YD114702	9th Marines
2nd Platoon	Khe Sanh	XD843418	26th Marines
3rd Platoon	Khe Sanh	XD843418	26th Marines

4. Operations during this period. Participated in Operation SCOTLAND during the reporting period.
  - a. Continued mission of direct support to the 26th Marines.
  - b. 1st Platoon participated in Operation KENTUCKY in direct support of 9th Marines.

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(1) Direct support, H&I's, direct and indirect fire, and combat base security.

b. Significant Operations Conducted

(1) Company "A" participated in Operation SCOTLAND in direct support of 26th Marines. 1st PLATOON - OPERATION KENTUCKY

6. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. None7. Casualties Sustained

a. 1 KIA

b. 1 WIA

8. New Techniques Employed. While not new, two newly acquired starlight scopes were utilized on L.P.'s in conjunction with Tank IR and white light. Starlights<sup>was</sup> utilized to scan and possibly detect targets for illumination by Tank lights. Tanks previously used entirely for IR scanning however noise of engine warns enemy they are being observed. No data available due to short period of employment at this time.

a. Possible New Techniques. Use of old 18" Tank light on Ontos. This would give Ontos light capability to implement Tank and would be particularly significant in defense of perimeters that do not have Tanks attached.

9. Command Relations

a. On 12 December 1967 a change of Command ceremony took place at C.P., Khe Sanh Combat Base.

b. On 8 December 1967 1st Platoon assigned to "A" Company.

c. On 15 December 1967 "A" Company (Rein) attached to 3d Tank Battalion.

  
R. C. McINTEER

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H&S COMPANY  
3d Antitank Battalion  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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31 Dec 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Antitank Battalion (Attn 89)  
Subj: Command Chronology for December 1967; submission of  
Ref: (a) BnO 5750.1

1. In accordance with reference (a), the command chronology for December is submitted.

2. During the month of December 1967, the bunkers were completed and put in operation. Tanglefoot wire was repaired and additional strands put in. Repair of the outer and inner wire was conducted at the point where engineers wire joins this units in the stream bed. H&S Company received green plastic material that has been used on all huts for weather protection and blackout purposes. The messhall is scheduled for completion in January. H&S Company received rounds in the C. P. area on the 24th of December which resulted in no casualties. The reaction platoon conducted 27 night patrols, 1 day patrol, and 4 LP's during December 1967. LP made contact on the night of 24 December and took enemy under fire; had negative results. No friendly casualties or serious incidents occurred during the month of December.

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By direction

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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From: S-4  
To: S-3

Subj: Command Chronology for Month of December 1967

1. The following highlights secured during the month of December in sections under the cognizance of the S-4:

Communications

- a. Four AN/VRC-71 Radios were picked up from FLC for installation in the Ontes at Con Thien.
- b. All equipment was ITied and turned into Supply.

Motor Transport

- a. Traveled 12,660 miles, hauled 61 tons and carried 1349 passengers.
- b. "A" Company traded various vehicles to insure they had the best available vehicles.
- c. All equipment was ITied and made available for inter-Division transfer or turn-in to PLSG-A.

Maintenance

- a. "A" Company (Rein) traded five Ontes from Khe Sanh and five from Con Thien to insure they had the best available Ontes.
- b. Five Ontes were made ready for assignment to SLF 2/4.
- c. Twenty-one Ontes were ITied and turned into PLSG-A for further shipment to FLC.

Supply

- a. A complete inventory was held and a list of assets was made available to G-4 for inter-Division transfer.

K-4, 3d AT Bn

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b. All Other peculiar items were invoiced to [redacted] Battalion or turned into FLSG-[redacted]

c. All repair parts and expendable items were turned into FLSG-A.

*John L. Hickman*  
JOHN L. HICKMAN

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 3d Antitank Battalion  
 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 FPO, San Francisco 96602

7 Dec 1967

BATTALION SPECIAL ORDER  
 NUMBER.....11/67

1. The following modification of orders is effected.

NAME	ORGANIZATION	REFERENCE	MODIFICATION
Capt LEA J O 081735 0302	H&SCo	BSO 108. : 67 of 30: : Nov67	Ch "REMARKS" col <sup>m</sup> to read "Rpt "A"Co for du"

2. The reassignment is directed.

NAME	ORGANIZATION	ED	REMARKS
Col PAQUET E F 2311449 2531	H&SCo	11Dec67	Rpt to CO "A"Co for du

3. The following duty assignments is directed.

NAME	ORGANIZATION	ED	REMARKS
Capt LEA J O 081735 0302	"A"Co	13Dec67	Asg pri du as CO of "A"Co vice : Capt MCINTEER

R. M. JORDAN  
 Major, U. S. Marine Corps  
 Commanding

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