

HEADQUARTERS

1st Engineer Battalion  
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
c/o FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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3 May 1966

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

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.24

Encl: (1) Command Chronology Report

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

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## 1. Organizational Data.

a. 1st Engineer Battalion (-)  
 1st Marine Division (rein), FMF  
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Det 1st Bridge Company (Attached) 4-30 April 1966

## (1) Location.

- (a) Headquarters and Service Company (-) - Chu Lai.
- (b) Support Company (-) - Chu Lai.
- (c) Company "A" (-) (Rein) - Chu Lai.
- (d) Det 1st platoon, Company "A" - Phu Bai.
- (e) Company "B" (-) (Rein) - Regimental Landing Team 5.
- (f) 2nd platoon Company "B" - Chu Lai.
- (g) Company "C" - Chu Lai.
- (h) Det 1st Bridge Company - Chu Lai.

## (2) Period Covered.

- (a) 1 April 1966 to 30 April 1966.

## (3) Name/Rank of Commanding Officer, Staff and Chief Subordinates.

Commanding Officer	Lt Col	J. R. AICHELE
Executive Officer	Maj	F. P. KUNKLE
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj	F. C. HALL
Adjutant/S-1	2nd Lt	F. H. STRIKER
S-2/Legal	Capt	T. P. KILDAY
S-3	Capt	W. A. RENNER
S-4	1st Lt	T. P. RILEY
H&S Company/Supply	Capt	W. D. SMITH
Support Company	Capt	G. R. MEIBAUM
Company "A"	Capt	D. R. HINES
Company "B"	Capt	J. J. KIRKPATRICK
Company "C"	Capt	J. T. KOMAR
Resident OICOC Div CP	Maj	C. R. GIBSON

## 2. Commanders Narrative.

The 1st Engineer Battalion (-) was in general support of the 1st Marine Division. Construction of the Division Command Post continued on schedule with the Battalion providing three Officers and one hundred and ten enlisted personnel for the project. The Battalion participated in four major operations; IOWA, NEVADA, HOT SPRINGS and WYOMING and also provided breeching/demolition teams to the 1st and 7th Marines in support of thirty-two (32) Company size or platoon size operations. A total of 27,597 pounds of explosives were used in support of the infantry. The Battalion resurfaced Route # 1 from coordinates 552016 to 521042 and has commenced work on roads and bunkers for the FLSG-Bravo Ammunition Supply Point. The Battalion issued 1,964,640 gallons of potable water and produced another 974,000 gallons of water for showers for units within the Division. The Detachment, 1st Bridge Company provided ferry service across the An Tan river at coordinate 498067; the unit made 46 round trips during April.

## 3. Significant events.

## a. Personnel.

(1) Det 1st Bridge Company were under ADCON/OPCON of this Battalion from 4 April to 30 April 1966.

(2) 2nd platoon of Company "B"(Rein) arrived at Chu Lai on 14 April 1966, and are under ADCON/OPCON of this Battalion.

## b. Administration.

(1) Company "A" and Company "C" are operating under Battalion Administration.

## c. Intelligence.

(1) An electrical pressure firing device for a vehicular mine was discovered on 1 April 1966 in the vicinity of coordinates 405137. See appendix B.

## d. Training.

(1) Company "A" instructed one-hundred and forty (140) personnel at the Division Land Mine Warfare School.

## e. Special operations.

(1) Operation IOWA. Two (2) squads of 2nd platoon of Company "A" were in support of 2/4 and two squads of 3rd platoon were in support of 3/1.

(2) Operation NEVADA. Company "C"(-)(Rein) were in direct support of the 7th Marine Regiment. A water point was set up at the Quang Ngai airfield. The water point issued a total of 16,500 gallons of water. A total of 28,613 pounds of explosives were used in support of the operation.

(3) Operation HOT SPRINGS. Company "C" (-)(Rein) were in direct support of the 7th Marine Regiment. A water point was established at the Quang Ngai airfield. The water point used 4,000 gallons of water. A total of forty pounds of explosives were used by Company "C". The 3rd platoon Company "A" was in support of 3/1 and used a total of thirty-eight (38) pounds of explosives.

(4) Operation WYOMING. Company "A" was in direct support of the 1st Marine Regiment. Two squads of the 3rd platoon were in support of 3/1. Two squads of the 2nd platoon of Company "B" were in support of 2/5 and the 2nd platoon of Company "A" was in support of Company "A", 1st Tank Battalion.

REFERENCE LIST

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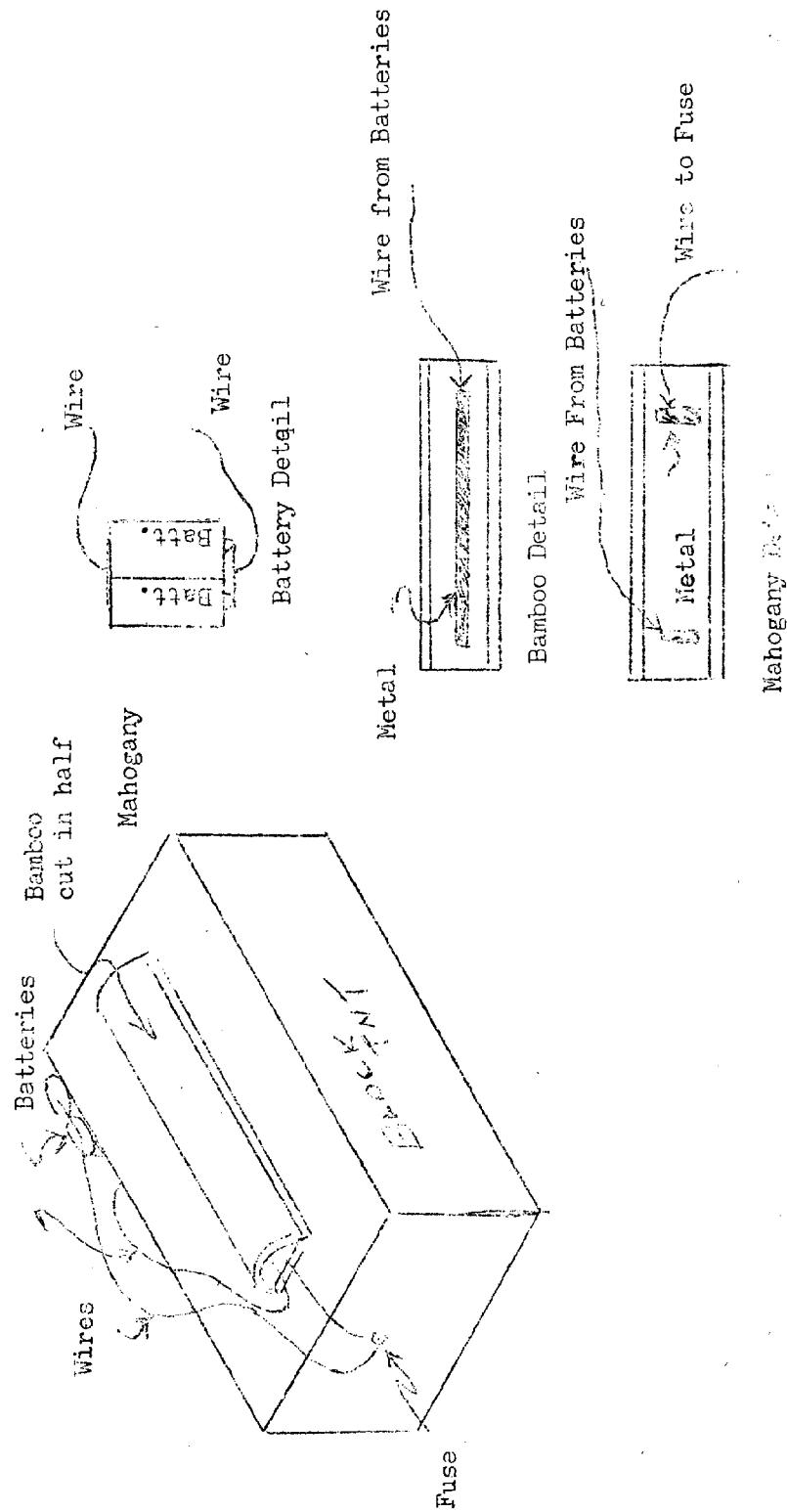
REFERENCE

Det 1st Bridge Co ADCON/OPCON CG, 1stMarDiv msg 280915Z April 1966

2nd platoon, Company "B"(Rein) ADCON/OPCON CG, 1stMarDiv msg 080607Z April 1966

Mine vehicular, electric/pressure firing device

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Appendix B  
to Enclosure 03