

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

3/FLG/tpc  
1 Jun 1966

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

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2A

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  
 c/o FPO San Francisco, California 96602

Det 1st Bridge Company (Attached) 1-31 May 1966

## (1) Location.

- (a) Headquarters and Service Company (-) - Chu Lai.
- (b) Support Company (-) - Chu Lai.
- (c) Company "A" (-) - Chu Lai.
- (d) 1st platoon, Company "A" - Phu Bai.
- (e) Company "B" (-) - Chu Lai.
- (f) 3rd platoon, Company "B" - 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.
- (g) Company "C" - Chu Lai.
- (h) Det 1st Bridge Company - Chu Lai.

## (2) Period Covered.

- (a) 1 May 1966 to 31 May 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	Sgt Maj	G. W. SHAW
Adjutant/S-1	2nd Lt	F. H. STRIKER
S-2/Legal	Capt	T. P. KILDAY
S-3	Capt	W. A. RENNER
S-4	MSgt	M. L. MORGAN
H&S Company/Supply	Capt	W. D. SMITH
Support Company	Capt	D. R. HINES
Company "A"	Capt	G. R. MEIBAUM
Company "B"	Capt	J. J. KIRKPATRICK
Company "C"	Capt	J. T. KOMAR
Resident OICOC Div CP	Maj	C. R. GIBSON

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## 2. Commanders Narrative.

a. The 1st Engineer Battalion (-) was in general support of the 1st Marine Division. Construction of the Division Command Posts continued on schedule with the Battalion providing six Officers and one-hundred and fifty-one enlisted personnel for the project. The Battalion participated in four major operations: MONTGOMERY, YUMA, MORGAN and MOBILE, and also provided Engineer support to the 1st and 7th Marines in support of 26 Company or platoon size operations. A total of 7,825 pounds of explosives were used in support of the infantry. The Battalion worked on roads and bunkers for the FLSG-Bravo Ammunition Supply Point. Roads were cut for the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post and 1st Battalion, 11th Marines Command Post at coordinates 397145, and from 443097 to 435079 respectively. Repair and/or construction of by-passes and bridges on Route #1 have been worked on continually between coordinates 430109 and 645728. An overhead cable/tramway was installed at coordinates 498067. This cable is used to guide and power the ferry across the An Tan River. The Detachment, 1st Bridge Company provided ferry service across the An Tan River at coordinates 498067; the unit made 55 round trips. The Battalion issued 2,427,000 gallons of potable water and produced another 1,587,000 gallons of water for showers. The Battalion Demolition and Land Mine Warfare School was relocated at coordinates 552015.

## 3. Significant events.

### a. Personnel.

(1) Det 1st Bridge Company were under ADCON/OPCON of this Battalion from 1 May 1966 to 31 May 1966.

(2) 1st platoon, Company "B"(Rein) arrived at Chu Lai on 8 May 1966 and are under ADCON/OPCON of this Battalion.

(3) Company "B"(-)(Rein) arrived at Chu Lai on 27 May 1966 and are under ADCON/OPCON of this Battalion.

(4) On 24 May 1966, 1st platoon, Company "A" (Phu Bai) was transferred to this Battalion for Administrative Control and remained under Operational Control of Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division.

### b. Administration.

(1) Companies within this Battalion are operating under Battalion Administration.

### c. Intelligence.

(1) A team of Engineers found an unknown item (See Appendix B to enclosure (1)). The device emitted an irritating gas when destroyed by TNT. Also discovered was what appeared to be a VC gas mask (See

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Appendix C to enclosure (1)). The unknown device mentioned above is being evaluated at this time by the 1st Engineer Battalion Demolition and Land Mine Warfare School.

d. Training.

(1) The Demolition and Land Mine Warfare School instructed one hundred and twenty-six (126) personnel.

e. Special Operations.

(1) Operation MONTGOMERY. Company "C"(-)(Rein) were in direct support of the 7th Marine Regiment. A water point was established at the LSA Quang Ngai Airfield. A total of 5,525 pounds of explosives were used in support of the operation.

(2) Operation YUMA. 3rd platoon, Company "C" were in general support of 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines. A total of 2,300 pounds of explosives were used on this operation.

(3) Operation MORGAN. 3rd platoon, Company "C" supported 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.

(4) Operation MOBILE. Company "C"(-)(Rein) is in general support of 1st Battalion, 7th Marines.

Enclosure (1)

REFERENCE LISTEVENTREFERENCE

Company "B"(-)(Rein) ADCON/OPCON

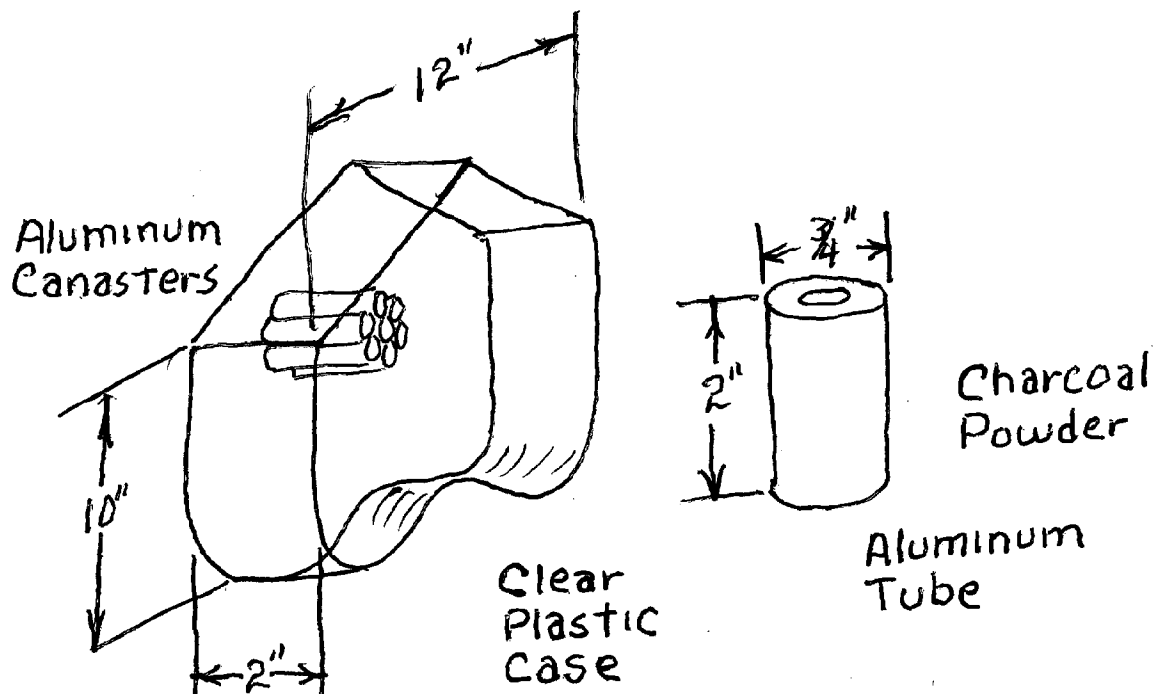
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1st Platoon, Company "A"  
ADCON/OPCON

RMFPac msg 100017Z May 1966

Appendix A to  
Enclosure (1)

This Item Emits Tear Like  
Gas When Destroyed by T.N.T.

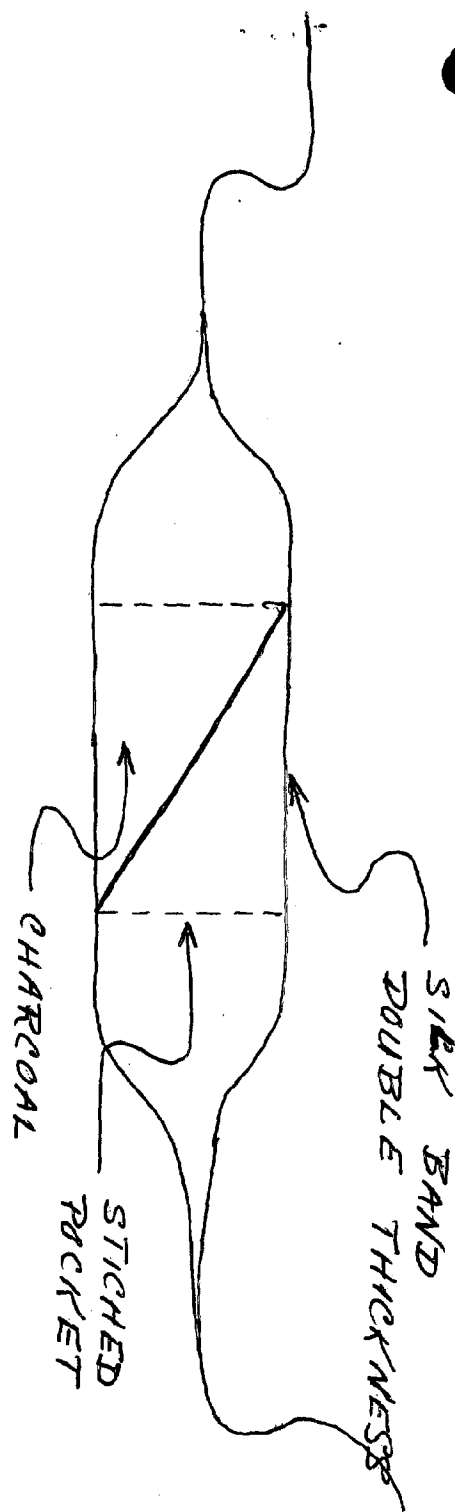


Sketch # 1

Note: Case Marked With  
Arabic Numbers DR-14

Appendix 'B' Enclosure #1

V.C. GAS MASK P



SKETCH #2

APPENDIX "C" ENCLOSURE #1