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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, First Marine Division  
Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 May 1967 to 31 May 1967

Ref: {a} MCO 5750.2  
(b) FMF Paco 5750.8  
(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: ✓(1) 1st Engineer Battalion Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 May 1967 to 31 May 1967.

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA~~CONFIDENTIAL~~1. DESIGNATION

1st Engineer Battalion

COMMANDERMaj C.O. NEWTON  
Maj J.M. MACKENZIE20Aug66 - 25May67  
25May67 - PresentSUBORDINATE UNITS

H&amp;S Company (-)

Capt H.A. MORGAN III

15Mar67 - Present

Support Company

Maj P.J. SHANK

23April67 - Present

Company A (Rein)

Capt H.E. ITCHKAWICH

3Sep66 - Present

Company B (-) (Rein)

Capt R.W. FALKENBACK

8Sep66 - Present

Company C

Capt H.L. LUTTRELL

8Sep66 - Present

2. LocationBattalion minus Company B (-)  
(Rein)

21Apr67 - 31May67

DaNang, RVN

Company B (-) (Rein)

25Apr67 - 31May67

Tam Ky, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj E.J. TOWNSEND

25Jan67 - Present

Sergeant Major

SgtMaj F.C. TOMON

29Nov66 - Present

S-1/Adjutant

2nd Lt J. MOUTON

14Dec66 - Present

S-2

Capt W.J. GLEESON

23Apr67 - Present

S-3

Maj J.C. FLOYD

23Apr67 - Present

S-4

Capt L.R. CORNWELL

14Mar67 - Present

S-5

Capt H.A. MORGAN III

14Mar67 - Present

Supply Officer

Capt T.F. BYRNE

7Sep66 - Present

Communications Officer

1st Lt P.A. BERKHEIMER

24Feb67 - Present

Medical Officer

Lt (USNR) J.A. BACKER

8Aug66 - Present

M.T. Officer

1st Lt J.T. WYNN

24Aug66 - Present

Engr Equip Officer

2nd Lt G. MACKY

25Aug66 - Present

Utilities Officer

1st Lt J. MIZERAK

11Feb67 - Present

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Construction Officer

W.O. R.H. MCALLISTER

10Sep66 - Present

4. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
24	735	1	11

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The First Engineer Battalion minus "B" Company (-) (Rein), was in general support of the First Marine Division in the DaNang TAOR. Letter Companies reinforced by elements of Headquarters and Service and Support Companies were moderately committed to combat support missions during this period while simultaneously accomplishing various types of construction and maintaining their respective routine road sweeps. The Battalion (-) also supported numerous small unit operations: rough rider convoys, county fair operations, and swept a total of 1,597,100 meters of roads in the DaNang TAOR. "B" Company (-) (Rein) was in direct support of the fifth Marine Regiment for Operation UNION and UNION II.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnela. Gains and Losses

During entire month

Joined one Marine officer, 62  
Marine enlisted; dropped one  
Marine officer, 5 Marine enlisted.2. Intelligence

## a. Road Recons

Conducted recon from AT 919578 to  
AT 788548 to determine engineer  
effort required to upgrade road.b. Weather

(1) Hot and humid, no adverse effect on engineer efforts.

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(1) Discovered and destroyed fifteen box mines during routine sweeps in the DaNang TAOR.

Ref: SitReps 125-67, 127-67, 129-67, 132-67, 147-67, 149-67, 150-67, & 151-67

(2) Discovered and destroyed three boobytraps during clearing of Cam Ne village.

Ref: SitReps 139-67, 149-67 & 151-67

(3) Total enemy ordnance destroyed during this period:

<u>57RR</u>	<u>Russian 6.62 rd</u>	<u>Chi Com Grenade</u>	<u>82mm Fuze</u>	<u>Boobytraps</u>
16	1300	7	9	7

Chinese Mortar Tube

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d. Tunnel/Cave/Bunker/Fighting Hole Destruction

(1) Following tunnels/caves/bunkers destroyed during operations:

- (a) 49 Bunkers
- (b) 14 Caves
- (c) 4 Fighting Holes
- (d) 2 Tunnels (1 was 1200' long)

Ref: SitReps 125-67 & 131-67

CO "A" Co AA Rpt JCB/jcb over 3000 of 8 May 67, 11 May 67, 17 May 67  
CO "A" Co AA Rpt BJM/ljj over 3000 of 23 May 1967

e. Other Ordnance. The following types and quantities of U.S. ordnance and equipment were destroyed:

<u>81mm</u>	<u>M-26</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>M16B3</u>	<u>106RR</u>	<u>M-79</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>60mm</u>	<u>250# Bomb</u>	<u>57RR</u>
12	23	12	5	1	9	4	23	5	18
<u>LAAW</u>	<u>100# Bomb</u>	<u>M18A1</u>	<u>3.5 rd</u>	<u>W.P. Grenade</u>			<u>50 Cal rds</u>	<u>Redeye Missile</u>	
6	1	2	8	4			200	2	
<u>Dud Line Charge</u>	<u>M-2AP Mine</u>	<u>Ontos</u>	<u>M-54 Truck</u>						
2	1	1	1						

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Ref: SitReps for month of May 1967 and "B" Co SitRep 124-67, 146-67, 147-67, 148-67, & 149-67.

CO "A" Co AA Rpt JCB/jcb over 3000 of 8 May 1967, 11 May 1967, 12 May 1967, 17 May 1967 & 23 May 1967.

CO "A" Co AA Rpt BJM/ljj over 3000 of 23 May 1967

### 3. Training

a. Seventeen men attended the class on the XM16A1 conducted by instruction team from FMFPac.

Ref: CG msg 040601ZMay67

b. Land Mine Warfare and Demolitions School graduated 478 infantry, 81 engineers and 21 other.

Ref: SitReps of May 1967

### 4. Operations

1 May to 17 May 1967

"B" Co (-) (Rein) provided direct support to the 5th Marine Regt. The operation was essentially a search and destroy mission. The operation terminated on 17 May 1967. The AA REPORT WILL BE APPENDED TO THE Command Chronology for June 1967.

26 May 1967

"B" Co (-) (Rein) began Operation UNION II in direct support of the 5th Marine Regt.

Ref: SitRep 148-67

5. Water Supply. During this reporting period, the Battalion operated seven water points and eight shower points, which produced 3,460,900 gallons of potable water and 589,600 gallons of shower water.

Ref: SitReps for month of May 1967

6. Roads. Upgrading Route #14 from BT 055589 to AT 968584. Have hauled 14,072 cubic yards of fill and upgraded 2300 meters.

### 7. Other Construction

a. During this period units of the Battalion accomplished the following miscellaneous construction:

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- (1) Rewire Supply building
- (2) Rewire Sick Bay
- (3) Repaired fence in S-4 lot
- (4) Construct footings and post
- (5) Cut terraces at Division C.P.
- (6) Grade and level area at Comm bunker
- (7) Construct two hole head for BAS
- (8) Relocate one hut in "A" Co area
- (9) Construct head for Heavy Equipment
- (10) Convert Spt Co electric system from two to three wire
- (11) Cut 900 survey stakes
- (12) Replace screen, install louvers and air vents at messhall
- (13) Rework and eliminate unsafe wiring in messhall
- (14) Repair "C" Co huts
- (15) Provide screen for burn barrel
- (16) Provide six trash barrels
- (17) Construct warehouse divider
- (18) Construct 24 - 8 x 8 tent decks
- (19) Construct 16 x 16 hut for Bn CO
- (20) Deliver 600' of 36" culvert to 2/5
- (21) Survey area for possible minefield
- (22) Conduct road survey and report engineer effort required
- (23) Provide 25 loads of sand
- (24) Make electric survey of 1st M.T. Bn
- (25) Construct 4 bunkers for CAC platoon of 2/7
- (26) Install false ceiling in Division C.P.
- (27) Install 90' of culvert for 11th MT
- (28) Relocate one hut for HQ Bn
- (29) Weld pipe for 1st Marines
- (30) Rehabilitate COC bunker for 1st Engr
- (31) Construct storage cabinet for Division Historian
- (32) Repair steps at Division CP
- (33) Provide tractor for clearing fields of fire at 3/7
- (34) Provide rock for 11th Marines
- (35) Conduct survey for pioneer road at 2/1

Ref: SitReps for month of May 1967

8. Research and Developement. Conducted a test of the Ordnance Locator MK15, Mod 0. Report submitted to Division G-4 on 19 May 1967.

9. Civil Affairs/Civic Action. The village of Hoa Phu which consists of three hamlets has been assigned to this Battalion. The Civil Affairs Officer has met with the village chief and discussed projects for the village. U.S. aid projects are two footbridges and a farmers meeting to distribute seeds. The projects which are in process with the GVN system are a new market place and an extension to the school.

Ref: Memo from C/A Officer to S-3

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## PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ TAB A CO Co "A" AA Rpt JCB/jcb over 3000 of 8 May 1967
- ✓ TAB B CO Co "A" AA Rpt JCB/jcb over 3000 of 11 May 1967
- ✓ TAB C CO Co "A" AA Rpt JCB/jcb over 3000 of 12 May 1967
- ✓ TAB D CO Co "A" AA Rpt JCB/jcb over 3000 of 12 May 1967
- ✓ TAB E CO Co "A" AA Rpt JCB/jcb over 3000 of 17 May 1967
- ✓ TAB F CO Co "A" AA Rpt HEI/ljj over 3000 of 19 May 1967
- ✓ TAB G CO Co "A" AA Rpt GHW/ghw over 3000 of 23 May 1967
- ✓ TAB H CO Co "A" AA Rpt BJM/ljj over 3000 of 23 May 1967
- ✓ TAB I CO Co "A" AA Rpt BJM/ljj over 3000 of 23 May 1967
- ✓ TAB J CO Co "A" AA Rpt JCB/jcb over 3000 of 23 May 1967
- ✓ TAB K CO Co "A" AA Rpt BJM/ljj over 3000 of 23 May 1967
- ✓ TAB L CO Co "A" AA Rpt JCB/jcb over 3000 of 23 May 1967
- ✓ TAB M CO Co "A" AA Rpt JCB/jcb over 3480 of 1 June 1967
- ✓ TAB N CO Co "C" AA Rpt HLL/jg over 3480 of 2 June 1967

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COMPANY "A"

1st Engineer Battalion

1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF

FPO, San Francisco 96602

JCB/jcb

3000

8 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion

Subj: After action report

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1  
(b) Map Vietnam, Sheet 6658 IV, Series L701

1. Code Name: None
2. Dates of Operation: 1 through 3 May 1967
3. Location: 1st Battalion, 7 Marines TOAR, Vicinity of AT 957680
4. Command and Control Headquarters: Platoon from "A" Co, 3rd LVT's  
WO TUNSTALL
5. Task Organization: Not Applicable
6. Supporting Force: Not Applicable
7. Intelligence: 1/7 - S-2
8. Mission: To provide combat engineer support to 3rd LVT's for a three day clearing mission.
9. Concept of Operation: One NCO and three men with ten pounds of demolition each were in support of 3rd LVT's. The clearing operation was coordinated by 1/7.
10. Execution: A four man engineer team departed this CP at 010500 H May67 to furnish support to 3rd LVT's. The clearing operation commenced at 011100 H May67.  
A dud line charge was destroyed at 011600 H May67 with  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pounds C4  
Destroyed a punki pit booby trapped with an M26 grenade with  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pounds C4  
Destroyed 2 bunkers at 021400 H May67 with 10 pounds C4 each  
Destroyed a dud line charge at 021600 H May67 with  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pounds C4  
Destroyed booby trapped pubji pit with  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pounds C4  
Returned to 1stEngrBn area at 031145 H May67
11. Results: Two punji pits, two bunkers and two line charges were destroyed with a total of 30 pounds of C4.
12. Administrative Remarks: None
13. Special Equipment and Techniques: None
14. Commanders Analysis: No unusual problems were encountered and the demolition work of this engineer team was routine and the use of engineers was executed properly by 3rd LVT's.

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 11 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion

Subj: Combat After Action Report

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1  
 (b) Map Vietnam, Sheet 6658 IV, Series L701

1. Code Name: None
2. Dates of Operation: 7 May to 9 May 1967
3. Location: Coordinates 956644
4. Command and Control Headquarters: "G" Co (Rein), 2/1 - Capt COPPALAND
5. Task Organization: Not Applicable
6. Supporting Force: Not Applicable
7. Intelligence: 2/1 - S-2
8. Mission: To provide close combat engineer support to "G" Co (Rein).
9. Concept of Operation: One NCO and one man with five pounds demolition each in direct support of "G" Co, 2/1.
10. Execution: A two man engineer support team left at 1600 and arrived at the Company CP at about 1700, 7 May 1967. Engineer support was not used 7 May. 8 May 1 cave at Coor 956644 was blown with 15 pounds C4 and one 60mm mortar round was blown at coor 956644 with one pound C4. Cave dimensions were 15 meters long, 3 feet high and 2½ feet wide.
11. Results: One cave and one 60mm mortar round were blown with a total of 16 pounds of C4
12. Administrative Remarks: None
13. Special Equipment and Techniques: None
14. Commanders Analysis: No unusual problems were encountered.

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1st Engineer Battalion  
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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12 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion  
Subj: Combat After Action Report  
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Code Name: Rough Rider
2. Dates of Operation: 5 through 9 May 1967
3. Location: DaNang to Hue and DaNang to Phu Bai
4. Command and Control Headquarters: 1st Motor Transport Battalion - Captain HYATT
5. Task Organization: 1st MTBn, 1st EngrBn, 1st Bridge Co, 3rd ATBn
6. Supporting Force: Not Applicable
7. Intelligence: 1st Motor Transport Battalion - S-2
8. Mission: Provide necessary Engineer support to Rough Rider Convoy to enable it to proceed from DaNang to Hue and return, and from DaNang to Phu Bai and return.
9. Concept of Operation: one NCO and ten engineers with two P-153. one AN/PRS-4 mine detectors and 170 pounds of demolition and hand tools departed this CP at 0530 on 5 May 1967 for 1st Motor Transport Battalion CP. Departed there at 0900 on 5 May 1967, returned this CP on 2230 on 9 May 1967.
10. During the convoy the only engineer requirement was to sweep one bypass, on each leg of the trip. No mines were encountered, no enemy contact was encountered.
11. Results: Rough rider convoy proceeded with it's mission with no interference.
12. Administrative Remarks: None
13. Special Equipment and Techniques: None
14. Commanders Analysis: This was a routine Rough Rider.

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 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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 3000  
 12 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion  
 Subj: Combat After Action Report  
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1  
 (b) Map Vietnam, Sheet 6658 IV, Series L701

1. Code Name: None
2. Dates of Operation: 8 May 1967
3. Location: Bt 0365
4. Command and Control Headquarters: H&S Company, 3/1
5. Task Organization: None
6. Supporting Force: Not Applicable
7. Intelligence: 3/1 - S-2
8. Mission: To provide close engineer support for a one company search and destroy operation of two days duration.
9. Concept of Operation: Two, two man teams with ten pounds of C4 each departed the 3/1 CP with H&S Company.
10. Execution: On 8 May two engineer team departed the 3/1 CP with H&S Co, 3/1 for a two day search and destroy operation in the vicinity of BT 0365. On 8 May they blew one reinforced house using  $11\frac{1}{2}$  pounds of C4, and two 3x4x12 bunkers. On 9 May two more 3x4x12 bunkers were destroyed with ten pounds of C4 each. Operation terminated at 1600 on 9 May. Engineers returned to the 3/1 CP.
11. Results: One house destroyed,  $11\frac{1}{2}$  pounds of C4 used. Four bunkers 3x4x12 were destroyed using a total of 40 pounds of C4.
12. Administrative Remarks: This operation was cleared and approved by 1st Engineer Battalion S-3.
13. Special Equipment and Techniques: None
14. Commanders Analysis: Engineer Support was routine.

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 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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 3000  
 17 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer.  
 To: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion  
 Subj: Combat After Action Report  
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1  
 (b) Map Vietnam, Sheet 6640 I, Series L7041

1. Code Name: None
2. Dates of Operation: 11 to 12 May 1967
3. Location: Phong Ha, coor 092633
4. Command and Control Headquarters: 1st Battalion, 1st Marines  
LtCol V. D. BELL
5. Task Organization: Not Applicable
6. Supporting Force: Not Applicable
7. Intelligence: 1/1 - S-2
8. Mission: Provide close combat engineer support to "A" & "B" Co's, 1/1 for two company size search and destroy operation for a period of 2 days.
9. Concept of Operation: Six engineers with 20 pounds of C4 each and individual demolition sets left 1/1 CP with "A" & "B" Companies at 0500 on 11 May 1967 for a two day search and destroy operation. Four engineers were in support of "B" Company and two engineers were in support of "A" Co.
10. Execution: The four engineers in support of "B" Company blew eight family bunkers and six large reinforced bunkers in the village of Phong Ha. They used four 40 pound shape charges and eighty pounds of C4. The two engineers with "A" Co blew two family bunkers at 072616 with five pounds of C4 each and one reinforced bunker at 071616 with ten pounds of C4. At BT 071416 they blew one house with ten pounds of C4. At BT 076615 and 075616 they blew one 105 round with 2½ pounds of C4.
11. Results: Ten family bunkers destroyed, 7 large reinforced bunkers destroyed, 1 House destroyed, and two 105 rounds (duds) were destroyed.
12. Administrative Remarks: None
13. Special Equipment and Techniques: None
14. Commanders Analysis: A routine search and destroy operation. Engineers were used very well. The only problem was that the 1/1 S-3 did not clear it with us beforehand.

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 19 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion  
 Subj: Combat after action report  
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1  
 (b) Map Vietnam, 1:50,000 Sheet 6640 I, Series L7014

1. Code Name: Union
2. Dates of operation: 131615 H May67 to 171630 H May67
3. Location: Thang Binh, RVN
4. Command and Control Headquarters:  
 1st Battalion, 11th Marines - LtCol Venicy  
 A Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines - Capt Drum
5. Task Organization: N/A
6. Supporting Force: N/A
7. Intelligence: 1st Battalion, 11th Marines - S-2
8. Mission: Provide close combat engineer support to 1st Battalion, 11th Marines to enable "A" Battery, 11th Marines to move to Thang Binh and return. Also provide engineer support for resupply convoy.
9. Concept of Operation: One SMC and nine men with 200lbs of demolitions, two mine detectors, hand tools and demolition sets left this C.P. at 131307 H May67 and joined up with the convoy at 1/1 at 131545 H May67. From there they proceeded to Thang Binh. The team consisted of nine men from 2nd Platoon "A" Company, 1st Engineer Battalion.
10. Execution: The sweep team departed 1/1 C.P. at 131615 H May67 for Thang Binh. The sweep team found one 20lb box mine at Coor 134472 and blew mine in place. Just prior to finding mine, convoy took one incoming 60mm round. at Coor 123485. Convoy could not make Thang Binh that night, set up camp at Coor 150455, broke camp at 140630 H May67 and proceeded to Thang Binh. Arrived Thang Binh at 141200 H May67 and proceeded to string concertina wire around battery position. Finished stringing wire at 141530 H May67. Engineers were assigned perimeter guard at night. At 151530 H May67 left Thang Binh to pick up escort resupply convoy. Picked them up at Coor BT 092550 and returned to Thang Binh without incident. On 160600 H May67 left Thang Binh to pick up and escort resupply convoy. Received small arms fire possible M-79 or 60mm at end of convoy at Coor BT 075530. Unloaded at Thang Binh, empty trucks and two M-51's returned to DaNang. Operation secured on 17May67. Departed Thang Binh at 171500 H May67, came upon mined area at grid sq. 1248, convoy Commander would not take time to blow mines and used rice paddy as bypass and continued on. Came upon next mined area, adviser to ARVN engineers said road was clear as they removed eight mines in that strip of road. Convoy proceeded back to DaNang without further incident. Returned to Engineer C.P. at 171630 H May67.
11. Results: (1) 20lb box mine destroyed  
 (2) 48,000 meters of road was swept
12. Administrative Remarks: NONE
13. Special Equipment and Techniques:

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19 May 196713. Special Equipment and Techniques:

(1) P-153	100lbs TNT
(1) ANF/RS-3	Hand tools
(1) ANF/RS-4	M-60 M.G.
80lbs C-4	(2) M-51's with fill

14. Commanders analysis: Convoy Commander would not let sweep team sweep road properly, felt they sweep to slow. He ordered the two dump trucks up front to move in the lead, using trucks to detonate possible mines. If they want to use a sweep truck, let them use one of their own.

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COMPANY "A"  
 1st Engineer Battalion  
 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF

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 3000  
 23 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion  
 Subj: Combat After Action Report  
 Ref: (a) DivO 3420.1  
 (b) Map Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheet 6640 III Series L7014

1. Code Name: None
2. Date of operation: 130100 May67 to 141630 May67
3. Location: Chau-Lau Grid 9860
4. Command and control Headquarters: 2nd Battalion 1st Marines - Capt BANKS
5. Task Organization: Not applicable
6. Supporting Forces: Not applicable
7. Intelligence: 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines S-2
8. Missions: To provide close combat engineer support to "F" Company 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines for a two day operation.
9. Concept of Operation: One NCO and two men with five pounds demolition and one mine detector were in direct support of "F" Company 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines. This team consisted of men from 1st Platoon of Company "A", 1st Engineer Battalion.
10. Execution: A three man engineer team departed this C.P. at 130100 May67 to furnish support to "F" Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines. Operation commenced at 130100 May67.  
 A 105mm dud was destroyed at coordinates 995604 with  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pounds of C-4 on 130730 May67. Two 105mm dud were destroyed at coordinates 999606 with  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pounds of C-4 on 130800 May67. Two 105mm dud destroyed at coordinates 987604 on 140830 May67 with  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pounds of C-4.  
 Destroyed one small water wheel at coordinates 988608 on 140930 May67 with 10 pounds of C-4. Destroyed one 250 pounds bomb, one pontoon and two large water wheels at Coordinates 987607 on 141130 May67 with 16 pounds of C-4.
11. Results: One 250 pound bomb and 5 105mm duds, one pontoon and 3 water wheels were destroyed using  $32\frac{1}{2}$  pounds of C-4
12. Administrative Remarks: None
13. Special Equipment and Techniques: None
14. Commanders analysis: No unusual problems encountered and demolition work was routine.

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23 May 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion

Subj: Combat after action report

Ref: (a) DivO 3480, 1  
(b) Map Vietnam 1:50,000, Sheet 6640 IV, Series L7014

1. Code Name: NONE
2. Dates of operation: 090600 H May 1967 to 101300 H May 1967
3. Location: Vicinity of Grid square 0160
4. Command and Control Headquarters: "F" Company, 2/1 Capt Banks
5. Task Organization: N/A
6. Supporting Force: N/A
7. Intelligence: 2/1 S-2
8. Mission: To provide close combat engineer support to "F" Company, 2/1 for a two day operation.
9. Concept of Operation: Two engineers with five pounds of C-4 each were in support of "F" Company, 2/1. This team consisted of men from the 1st Platoon, "A" Company, 1st Engineer Battalion.
10. Execution: Two engineers departed "F" Company, 2/1 C.P. at 090800 H May 1967 to furnish combat engineer support to "F" Company, 2/1. One M-16 mine was destroyed on 091100 H May 1967. Two more M-16 mines were destroyed on 100930 H May 1967. The operation terminated at 101300 H May 1967 and the two man team returned to the C.P.
11. Results: Three M-16 mines were destroyed using five pounds of C-4.
12. Administrative Remarks: NONE
13. Special Equipment and Techniques: NONE
14. Commanders Analysis: No unusual problems were encountered other than the suspected enemy mine field we encountered. The demolition work was routine.

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Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1  
 (b) Map Vietnam 1:50,000, Sheets 6640 I and 6640 II, Series L7014

1. Code Name: Union
2. Dates of operation: 130400 H May 1967 to 161600 H May 1967
3. Location: Thang Binh Coor 168415
4. Command and Control Headquarters: Echo Company, 2/1 Capt Gleason
5. Task Organization: N/A
6. Supporting Force: N/A
7. Intelligence: 2/1 S-2
8. Mission: To provide close combat engineer support to Echo Company, 2/1 for a four day operation.
9. Concept of Operation: One NCO and three men with  $7\frac{1}{2}$  pounds of demolition in direct support of Echo Company, 2/1. Personnel consisted of Men from "A" Company, 1st Platoon, 1st Engineer Battalion.
10. Execution: A four man engineer team from 2/1 C.P. at 030400 H May 1967 to furnish close combat support to Echo Co. 2/1. On 13 May 1967, first day of operation a 155 dud at coor 136373 was destroyed using 1 lb of C-4. 15 May 1967 destroyed two 155 duds, two 60mm rounds at Coor 145432. They were about 100 meters apart using  $7\frac{1}{2}$  lbs of C-4. The operation terminated at on 16 May 1967 and teams returned to this C.P. at 161600 H May 1967.
11. Results: Three 155 duds and two 60mm rounds destroyed using  $8\frac{1}{2}$  lbs of C-4.
12. Administrative Remarks: NONE
13. Special Equipment and Techniques: NONE
14. Commanders analysis: No unusual problems were encountered and the demolition work was routine.

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Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1  
 (b) Map Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheet 6640 II, Series L7014

1. Code Name: None

2. Dates of Operation: 13 through 17 May 1967

3. Location: Coor 091357

4. Command and Control Headquarters: "D" Co, 1/1 - Lt AMMNS

5. Task Organization: Not Applicable

6. Supporting Force: Not Applicable

7. Intelligence: 1/1 - S-2

8. Mission: To provide close combat engineer support to "D" Company, 1/1 for a five day operation.

9. Concept of Operation: One NCO and one man with 20 pounds of demolition each were in direct support of "D" Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. This team consisted of men from the 2nd Platoon of "A" Company, 1st Engineer Battalion.

10. Execution: A two man engineer team departed "D" Co, 1/1 area at 0130 on 13 May 1967 and went to Hoi An to get on helicopters. Left Hoi An at 0230 and arrived at site of operation about 0300 13 May 1967. At 0530 on 13 May 1967 the operation began. No demolition was used on the first day of the operation. At 1845 on 14 May 1967 one 60mm WP mortar round was blown with 2½ pounds of C4. On 15 May 1967 at 0805 the team blew three 81mm mortar rounds using 5 pounds of C4. At 1000 15 May 1967 the team blew two 57mm recoilless rifle rounds with 2½ pounds of C4. At 1030 15 May 1967 blew two M26 grenades, one chicom, one 60mm mortar round, one M79 round and one fuse marked WP M15, used 7½ pounds of C4. At 1230 on 15 May 1967 blew 60 short 7.62 and 30 cal rounds and two carbine magazines using 1½ pounds of C4. At 1330, 15 May 1967 blew a chicom grenade using 1 pound of C4. On 16 May at 0900 blew four LAWs that wouldn't fire and one M26, one chicom using 7½ pounds of C4. Every thing that was blown during the operation was U.S. made except for the chicom grenades.

11. Results: Two 60mm rounds, three 81mm rounds, two 57 mm recoilless rifle rounds, four M26 grenades, three chicom grenades, four LAW's, one M79 round, sixty 7.62 rounds and 30 caliber rounds, two carbine magazines and one unknown fuse were destroyed using a total of 27½ pounds of C4.

12. Administrative Remarks: None

13. Special Equipment and Techniques: None

14. Commanders Analysis: While on this operation we ran across some rocket pods and most of the rockets were destroyed except for the HE heads laying around. We asked permission to blow them and permission was denied. Otherwise no unusual problems were encountered and the demolitions work of the engineers was routine.

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Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1  
 (b) Map Vietnam 1:50,000, Sheet 6640 I, Series L7014

1. Code Name: NONE
2. Dates of operation: 19 May 1967
3. Location: Coor 155595
4. Command and Control Headquarters: "A" Company, 1/1
5. Task Organization: N/A
6. Supporting Force: N/A
7. Intelligence: 1/1 S-2
8. Mission: Provide engineer support to "A" Company, 1/1 for a one day operation.
9. Concept of Operation: One NCO and one man with no demolition were in support of "A" Company, 1/1. 50 lbs of TNT and 15-15 lb shape charges were on position. This team consist of men from the 2nd Platoon of "A" Company, 1st Engineer Battalion.
10. Execution: A two man engineer team departed 1/1 C.P. at 190630 H May 1967 and arrived at CAC 2 at 190700 H May 1967. 20 Bunkers were blown at Coor 155595 with 50 lbs of TNT and 15 shape charges. The operation terminated at 191400 H May 1967.
11. Results: 20 bunkers destroyed using 50lbs of TNT and 15 shape charges.
12. Administrative Remarks: NONE
13. Special Equipment and Techniques: NONE
14. Commanders analysis: No unusual problems were encountered and the demolitions work of this engineer team was routine.

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Ref: (a) Div O 3480.1  
 (b) Map Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheet 6641 III, Series L7014

1. Code Name: Rough Rider
2. Dates of Operation: 19 through 20 May 1967
3. Location: DaNang to Phu Bai and return
4. Command and Control Headquarters: 11th Motor Transport Battalion  
 1stLt BLACK
5. Task Organization: Not Applicable
6. Supporting Force: Not Applicable
7. Intelligence: 11th Motor Transport Battalion - S-2
8. Mission: To provide close engineer support to 11 Motor Transport Battalion for Rough Rider Convoy from DaNang to Phu Bai and return.
9. Concept of Operation: One NCO and nine men with one AN/PRS-3 and one AN/PRS-4 mine detectors, 180 pounds of demolitions and hand tools. This team consisted of men from the 2nd platoon of "A" Company, 1st Engineer Battalion.
10. Execution: A ten man engineer team departed this CP at 0700 19 May 67 to furnish support to a 11th Motor Transport Battalion Rough Rider Convoy going from DaNang to Phu Bai and return. The only engineer requirement was to sweep the exit of a bridge which had been blown up when a civilian vehicle started to cross it. Encountered two more civilian vehicles which had hit mines. Engineers were not needed. The operation terminated at 1600 on 20 May 1967.
11. Results: Rough Rider Convoy proceeded with its mission with no interference.
12. Administrative Remarks: None
13. Special Equipment and Techniques: None
14. Commanders Analysis: Engineer Support was routine and no unusual problems were encountered.

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 To: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion  
 Subj: Combat After Action Report  
 Ref: (a) Div0 3480.1  
 (b) Map Vietnam, 1:5,000, Sheets 6640 IV & 6640 I, series L7014

1. Code Name: None
2. Dates of Operation: 24 and 25 May 1967
3. Location: Hamlets of Hai An (1) & (2), Grid Square 0567
4. Command and Control Headquarters: 3rd Battalion (-), 1st Marines
5. Task Organization: Not Applicable
6. Supporting Force: Not Applicable
7. Intelligence: 3/1 - S-2
8. Mission: To provide engineer support to 3/1 for a two day search and destroy operation in the area of Hai An Hamlets (1) & (2).
9. Concept of Operation: One Team of engineers with 20 pounds of demolition each were directed to support Co K, 3/1 to locate and destroy VC Guerilla force in objective area and conduct psychological warfare operation among the populace. The team consisted of two men from the 3rd Platoon, "A" Co. 1st Engr Bn
10. Execution: A two man engineer team departed the 3/1 CP at 1300 on 24 May 1967 to furnish close combat engineer support. Blew one reinforced cave, two M26 grenades and one booby trap at coordinates 0669 and 0708 using 15 pounds of C4. On 25 May 1967 departed the 3/1 CP at 1000, blew one punji pit and 2 caves using 10 pounds of C4. Returned to 3/1 CP that afternoon.
11. Results: Destroyed three caves, one punji pit, two M26 grenades and one booby trap using a total of 25 pounds.
12. Administrative Remarks: None
13. Special Equipment and Techniques: None
14. Commanders Analysis: The work of the engineers was routine and there no problems encountered on this operation.

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment  
 Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion  
 Subj: Combat after action report  
 Ref: (a) Div 0 3481  
 (b) Map Viet Nam 1:50,000 Series 70E, sheets 6640 IV, 6641 III  
 6541 II

1. Code Name: Operation "DUVALL"
2. 1300 19 May 1967 to 1600 25 May 1967
3. Location: Hiep Duc District Quang Nam Province
4. Command and Control Headquarters  
 1stBn 7th Marines ( ) (Rein) LtCol J. D. ROWLEY  
 Co "C" 1st Platoon 1stEngBn( ) SSgt J. COUCH
5. N/A
6. N/A
7. Intelligence ISUMS 1/7
8. Mission. To provide close combat engineer support to the 1stBn 7th Marines in the area of the operation and to maintain a clear route from all mines and booby traps from coordinates AT 792925 to coordinates AT 132846.
9. Concept of Operation. The 1stBn 7th Marines reinforced by M Co 3/7 and Co C 1st Platoon 1st Engineer Battalion searched the area from Coordinates AT 828858 to coordinates AT 132846, clearing the area of all VC and establishing two (2) LZ's for future operations at coordinates AT 131846 and coordinates AT 132846.
10. Execution. At 1030 on 19 May 1967, a meeting was called by 1stBn 7th Marines and commanders were informed that operation "DUVALL" would go into effect at 1300, of that same day, and that all units concerned would be prepared to leave at 1300. At 1400 hours all elements departed 1stBn 7th Marines CP area to coordinates 828899.

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411 units were transported by 3rd Arctrack Battalion to coordinates AT 828858 from coordinates AT 822899 where the Battalion CP was set up the first night.

On May 20, 1967 all units were briefed by LtCol ROWLEY. Two teams of engineers were dispatched, one to A Co 1/7 and one team to B Co 1/7, these teams consisted of 4 men each. One team of 3 men was also sent to M Co 3/7. SSgt J. COUCH and five men swept the road from Coordinates AT 828858 to coordinates AT 892925 for the Artracks who were to remove an M-54 truck which had been damaged by a VC mine in an area on 19 May 1967 which had not been cleared by an engineer team.

On May 21st four engineers were returned to the company area because of heat exhaustion. Five (5) engineer replacements were heli lifted to the engineers from 1st Platoon CP at coordinates AT 621972.

The Battalion was relocated on 22 May to coordinates 822899 where it remained, running patrols from that position.

A truce was adhered to on 23 May 1967 in observance of Buddahs birthday. During the day of 23 May 1967, the engineers cleared an area for two (2) LZ's at coordinates 131846 and 135843. A total of 1600 pounds of C-4 was used to clear the two (2) LZ's.

11. Results. No men were lost as a result of KIA or WIA, but 4 men were evacuated because of heat exhaustion. The size of each LZ is approximately 120 feet long and 60 feet wide. A total of 1600 pounds of C-4 explosive was used to clear the two (2) Landing Zones.

12. Administrative Remarks. Resupply of engineers items and all other items was adequate.

13. Special equipment and techniques- None

14. Commanders analysis. The area encountered on 21 May as listed in this report was the first time that it had been thoroughly scouted. The engineers team sucessfully established two (2) LZ's and made the area more easily available for future operations.

15. Recommendations. It is recommended that Landing Zones in this area be checked, as the situation permits, before landing helicopters to determine if the zone is booby trapped or mined.

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