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

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1ST ENGINEER BATTALION

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

1st Engineer Battalion

Maj. S. A. JOHNSON

29Apr68 - Present

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company (-)

1stLt E. G. POULIN

18Feb68 - Present

Support Company

Capt. J. M. BUTLER, JR.

12Feb68 - Present

Company "A" (Rein)

Capt. L. J. BUCHSTEINER

30Apr68 - Present

Company "B" (-)(Rein)

Capt. J. S. HACK, JR.

18Feb68 - Present

Company "C" (Rein)

Capt. L. R. CORNWELL

1Apr68 - Present

2. LOCATION1st Engineer Battalion
minus Company "A" (Rein)
and Company "B" (-)(Rein)

21Apr67 - Present

Danang, RVN

Support Company (Rein)

21Apr67 - Present

Danang, RVN

1st Platoon, Company "B"
5th Engineer Battalion

28Feb68 - Present

Danang, RVN

Company "A" (Rein)

30Mar68 - Present

Phu Bai, RVN

Company "B" (-)(Rein)

16Jan68 - Present

Phu Bai, RVN

Company "C" (Rein)

21Apr67 - Present

Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj. J. C. CHAMBLISS

30Apr68 - Present

Sergeant Major

SgtMaj. W. S. TROPE

16Apr68 - Present

S-1/Adjutant

1stLt. R. J. FORBELL

1Dec67 - Present

S-2

1stLt. R. C. CAPECI

10Apr68 - Present

S-3

Maj. S. R. SMITH
Maj. J. C. CHAMBLISS30Apr68 - 11May68
12 May68 - Present

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S-4	Capt. E. A. HARRIS, JR.	30Apr68 - Present
S-5	1stLt. J. D. BRUNE GySgt. E. W. PATTON	15Apr68 - 25May68 26May68 - Present
Supply Officer	1stLt. G. L. FADER	1Jan68 - Present
Communications Officer	1stLt. E. G. POULIN	12Jul67 - Present
Medical Officer	Lt. T. M. LOECKER	1Aug67 - Present
M. T. Officer	1stLt. B. M. HALLIMAN	2Apr68 - Present
M. T. Maintenance Officer	CWO-4 C. C. BUCEK	10Apr68 - Present
Engineer Equipment Officer	WO-1 D. T. CARROWAY	6Sep67 - Present
Utilities Officer	1stLt. J. H. WILLER	10Oct67 - Present
Construction Officer	WO-1 D. D. TAPLEY WO-1 K. E. DOUGAN	28Jun67 - 10May68 29May68 - Present

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>
35		828	2		14

PART IIINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of May 1968, the 1st Engineer Battalion (-) was committed to combat engineer support missions while simultaneously accomplishing 116 Division and Battalion Work Orders and other engineer projects, maintaining assigned mine detection and clearing sweeps and being heavily committed to land clearing operations.

Combat engineer companies reinforced by elements of Headquarters and Service Company and Engineer Support Company, provided close combat engineer support to Operations: HOUSTON, BAXTER GARDEN, BAELEARD VALLEY, ALLENBROOK, SCOTLAND II, and MAMELUKE THRUST. Engineer casualties on these operations were five WIA.

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During the reporting period 2,155,000 meters of road in the 1st Marine Division TAOR were swept for mines with 35 mines/boobytraps and two booby-trapped roadblocks being located and destroyed. Engineer sweep teams were ambushed on seven different occasions resulting in two USMC WIA.

Company "A" (Rein) continued under OPCON of the 1st Marine Regiment. In addition to supporting Operation SCOTLAND II, Company "A" (Rein) conducted two mine detection and clearing sweeps in the Khe Sanh area on a daily basis. A total of 186,000 meters of road were swept during the reporting period. Engineer support in the Khe Sanh area included improvement of existing field fortifications, bunker construction and disposal of enemy and dud ordnance. Rear elements of Company "A" (-)(Rein) in the Gia Le area continued to provide support to Task Force X-Ray units.

Company "B" (-)(Rein) continued to operate in direct support of Task Force X-Ray, supporting Operations HOUSTON and BAXTER GARDEN and maintaining assigned mine detection and clearing sweeps. Additional engineer effort during the reporting period included cantonment repairs, constructing defensive positions at combat bases and disposal of significant quantities of enemy and dud ordnance.

Company "C" (Rein) remained heavily committed in the Danang TAOR. In addition to maintaining assigned mine detection and clearing sweeps, Company "C" supported the 7th Marines on Operations BALLARD VALLEY, ALLENBROOK, and MAMELUKE THRUST as well as supporting 3d Battalion, 5th Marines on Operation ALLENBROOK. Effort during the reporting period included bunker construction, major renovation to existing cantonments, and engineer support to land clearing operations.

Additional close combat engineer support was provided by the 1st Platoon, "B" Company, 5th Engineer Battalion (Joined to Engineer Support Company of this battalion) to the 1st and 3d Battalion of the 27th Marines on Operation ALLENBROOK. Effective 210800H May 1968, one squad of 1st Platoon "B" Company, 5th Engineer Battalion was joined by this battalion. This squad had been attached to the 1st Battalion, 27th Marines since 310700H March 1968.

With the arrival of the 26th Marines (-) in the Danang area, 1st Engineer Battalion assumed OPCON of 1st Platoon, Company "A", 3d Engineer Battalion effective 190830H May 1968. During the remainder of the reporting period, this platoon supported the 1st and 3d Battalions of the 26th Marines on Operations ALLENBROOK and MAMELUKE THRUST.

During the reporting period, the 1st Engineer Battalion continued land clearing operations (Project WOODPECKER) in the 7th Marines TAOR. Effort during the reporting period included 5,420 manhours, 1,491 equipment hours and expenditure of 23 line charges. A total of 2,060,000 square meters of area was cleared along the west bank of the Song Yen River. Enemy ordnance discovered and destroyed included 20 122mm rockets, 220 Chicom grenades, 32 boobytrappeddAR mines and six box mines. Engineer casualties on Project WOODPECKER were two KIA and four WIA. Project WOODPECKER terminated operations on the east bank of the Song Yen River on 14 May 1968. Further effort during the reporting period was precluded due to other operational commitments of Security forces.

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On 30 May 1968, the Assistant Division Commander visited the 1st Engineer Battalion and was briefed on sweep team procedures and countermine programs.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel

a. Gains and losses:	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Dropped:	2	38	0	0
Joined:	1	7	0	0
b. <u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>			
2	28			

2. Intelligence

a. Road and Bridge Reconnaissance

During the month of May 1968, procedures whereby mine sweep teams submit daily reports of roads, bridges and culvert conditions for routes being swept were continued.

b. Weather. The weather was characterized as being hot and humid with minimal precipitation. Clear skies were highly predominant.

c. Mine Warfare

(1) Rewards Program.

On 28 May 1968 200\$ VN was paid to Vietnamese boy for three illumination rounds.

(2) Mine Detection.

During the reporting period the percentage of mines detected to mines encountered by this battalion was 63 %, as compared to a percentage of 52 % for the entire division.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~d. Enemy Ordnance

(1) Three boobytrapped 155mm rounds, one boobytrapped 81mm round, one 60mm mortar round, two 105mm rounds, two M26 grenades, one 8" howitzer round, two boobytrapped M79 rounds, one boobytrapped 3.5 round, three chicom grenades, one anti-tank mine, 12 anti-personnel mines, three 5 pound box mines, two 25 pound box mines, one 30 pound box mine, one 35 pound box mine, four 40 pound box mines, three 50 pound box mines, and one boobytrapped road block were located and destroyed on routine sweeps in the 1st Marine Division TAOR.

(2) Four B-40 rockets, 20 122mm rockets, one 140mm rocket, 220 chicom grenades, two 82mm mortar rounds, and five boobytrapped 105mm rounds were discovered and destroyed by engineers participating in Project WOODPECKER.

(3) Total enemy ordnance destroyed:

<u>Anti-tank mines</u>	<u>Anti-personnel mines</u>	<u>50 lb box mines</u>	<u>40 lb box mines</u>	
one	12	three	four	
<u>35 lb box mines</u>	<u>30 lb box mines</u>	<u>25 lb box mines</u>	<u>5 lb box mines</u>	<u>B-40 rockets</u>
one	one	two	three	four
<u>chicom grenades</u>	<u>122mm rockets</u>	<u>140mm rockets</u>		
223	20	one		

(4) Total U. S. ordnance destroyed:

<u>8" howitzer rounds</u>	<u>155mm rounds</u>	<u>105mm rounds</u>	<u>81mm rounds</u>	<u>60mm rounds</u>
one	five	seven	two	one
<u>M79 rounds</u>	<u>M26 grenades</u>			
two	six			

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3. Training

a. Demolitions, Land Mine Warfare and Viet Cong Boobytrap School was attended by 67 engineers, 112 infantry, 38 personnel from 2d CAG, 11 Shore Party personnel, seven personnel from the 3d Amphibious Tractor Battalion and one member of Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division.

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b. During the month of May 1968, one day classes were held for 88 Marines from the 1st Marine Division School's NCO Leadership Course.

c. Special one day classes in Mine Warfare, boobytraps, and field fortifications were conducted for 65 students of the III MAF CAG School.

d. Two engineers instructed students at 3d CAG on Viet Cong mines, boobytraps, U.S. mines and boobytraps, employment of claymore mines and field fortifications.

e. During the month of May 1968, four one hour classes were held for the Officers and Staff NCO's of this battalion covering the following subjects:

- (1) NBC
- (2) Non-standard bridges
- (3) Intelligence and Operations briefing from Battalion S-3 and S-2 Officer
- (4) 81mm Mortar and S-2 briefing

f. During the month of May 1968, Motor Transport held two classes covering Vietnamese Road Signs and Motor Vehicle Safety for a total of two hours with 17 personnel attending.

g. During the month of May 1968, the Construction Platoon held four classes covering Bill of Materials and Building of a 20' x 32' bunker for a total of four hours and 78 personnel attending.

4. Operations

a. Operation HOUSTON

1 March 1968 -
Still in Progress

Company "B" is providing one platoon (-) (Rein) for close combat engineer support of Operation HOUSTON, a combined operation which originally included 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry, and 2d Battalion, 502d Infantry. The 1st Battalion, 5th Marines are still engaged in this operation which commenced 1 March 1968 and is still in progress. Engineer casualties to date are one KIA and eight WIA.

b. Operation SCOTLAND II

15 April 1968 -
Still in Progress

Company "A" is providing three officers and 49 engineers for close combat engineer support of Operation SCOTLAND II, a search and destroy operation consisting of the 1st and 2d Battalions, 1st Marines. Operation SCOTLAND II commenced on 15 April 1968 and is still in progress. Engineer casualties to date include eight WIA.

- c. Operation BALLARD VALLEY Company "C" provided one officer and 21 engineers for close combat engineer support of Operation BALLARD VALLEY, a search and destroy operation conducted by the 2d Battalion, 7th Marines. Operation BALLARD VALLEY commenced on 29 April and terminated on 3 May 1968.

Ref: CO, "C" Co AA Rpt CJG/mrg over 3480 of 20 May 1968

- d. Operation ALLEN BROOK Engineer Support Company is providing five engineers and "C" Company is providing nine engineers for close combat engineer support of the 3d Battalion, 27th Marines, and 3d Battalion, 5th Marines on Operation ALLEN BROOK which commenced on 4 May 1968 and is still in progress. Engineer casualties to date include three WIA.
- e. Operation MAMELUKE Company "C" is providing one officer and nine engineers and Company "A", 3d Engineer Battalion, is providing one officer and 16 engineers in support of 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, and 3d Battalion, 26th Marines on Operation MAMELUKE THRUST which commenced on 19 May 1968 and is still in progress. Engineer casualties to date include one WIA.

5. Water Supply. During the month of May 1968, the 1st Engineer Battalion operated 11 water points which produced 5,012,000 gallons of potable water and 952,000 gallons of shower water for units throughout the 1st and 3d Marine Divisions.

6. Construction

a. The following 59 Division originated Work Orders were completed during the month of May 1968:

(1) Conducted electrical survey at 7th Marines CP on Hill 55 to determine material requirements to run power lines to 3/11 CP located in the 7th Marines CP. Results of survey submitted to DEO on 1 May 1968. Six manhours were required to complete the work order.

(2) Constructed a movable barrier for security of main gate at 2/27 CP. 16 manhours, 340 BF of lumber and 15 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

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(3) Constructed one strongback tent frame and deck on Hill 10 for 1/7. 96 manhours, 1,178 BF of lumber, and 100 pounds of assorted nails were required to complete the work order.

(4) Provided five tent decks to 1/27 and shower unit with duck boards. Two manhours, and five eight foot sections of prefab duckboards were required to complete the work order.

(5) Hauled 32 cubic meters of crushed rock to 175mm gun position on Supporting Arms Hill. 24 manhours, 16 equipment hours and 32 cubic meters of rock were required to complete the work order.

(6) Performed electrical repairs to 1/7 messhall at hill 10. No repairs necessary, technical advice was given. Three manhours were required to complete the work order.

(7) Oiled Route 12 from Tu Cau Bridge to 3/27 CP. 48 manhours, 20 equipment hours, and 12,000 gallons of waste oil were required to complete the work order.

(8) Wired the 7th Marines COC and BAS bunkers on Hill 55. 21 manhours, two equipment hours, 230 feet of wire, three light fixtures, 23 connectors and assorted electrical fixtures were required to complete the work order.

(9) Covered existing trash dump and dug new dump on Hill 41 for 1/7. Eight manhours and five equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(10) Oiled Route 1D from Ha Dong Bridge to Liberty Bridge and the roads within the 7th Marines CP. 16 manhours, eight equipment hours and 9,000 gallons of waste oil were required to complete the work order.

(11) Installed water heater in the 27th Marines messhall. Two manhours, 20 feet of pipe and two reducers were required to complete the work order.

(12) Evaluated the necessity to make improvements on 3/7 cantonment property. Evaluation submitted to DEO; four manhours were required to complete the work order.

(13) Graded temporary helopad for the 3d Amphibious Tractor Battalion. 454 manhours, 330 equipment hours, 1,188 cubic yards of fill and 3,000 gallons of waste oil were required to complete the work order.

(14) Oiled Route 1C from Route 1B to Ha Dong Bridge for 27th Marines. 24 manhours, 12 equipment hours and 4,500 gallons of waste oil were required to complete the work order.

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(15) Upgraded and improved the entrance road into the 1st Tank Battalion cantonment. 49 manhours, 26 equipment hours, 312 cubic yards of fill and 750 gallons of waste oil were required to complete the work order.

(16) Prepared defensive positions at Golden Gate Bridge for 3/7. 12 manhours, and 9 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(17) Constructed one FDC bunker and three perimeter bunkers for 2/13 on Supporting Arms Hill. 512 manhours, 24 equipment hours 12,220 BF of lumber, 48 pieces of culvert and 350 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(18) Constructed two strongback tent decks and frames for 1/7 on Hill 41. 152 manhours, 2,214 BF of lumber and 100 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(19) Replaced bridge at AT932578 on Route 14. 360 manhours, 29 equipment hours, 10,624 BF of lumber and 300 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(20) Fabricated two shipping crates for DEO. Six manhours, and 80 square feet of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(21) Established a water point at the Liberty Bridge combat base for 3/7. 30 manhours, one erdlator, one 550 gallon pump, one PU-586, two 3,000 gallon tanks, and one M-62 water distribution set were required to complete the work order.

(22) Furnished material to construct targets for Division Schools. 12 manhours, and 140 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(23) Conducted a survey to determine means of conserving water in the Hoa Loc area for 2/7. Results submitted to the DEO, 29 manhours and three equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(24) Repair damaged buildings at 2/27 CP. 222 manhours, 1,227 BF of lumber, 80 pounds of nails, and 50 pieces of tin were required to complete the work order.

(25) Oiled roads by the Regimental Headquarters, 7th Marines. 16 manhours, eight equipment hours and 3,600 gallons of waste oil were required to complete the work order.

(26) Oiled road from Route 13C to the 3/27 CP entrance. 12 manhours, six equipment hours, and 3,000 gallons of waste oil were required to complete the work order.

(27) Delivered material to Task Force X-Ray. Four manhours, one equipment hours, eight sets of prefab steps and 1,118 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(28) Constructed a landing zone at the 3d Amphibious Tractor Battalion. 128 manhours, 40 engineer stakes, and 47 bundles of M8A1 matting were required to complete the work order.

(29) Oiled roads within the Mortar Battery of 3/11 at Hill 55. 22 manhours, 11 equipment hours and 3,600 gallons of waste oil were required to complete the work order.

(30) Repaired the Comm bunker for the 3d 8" Howitzer Battery, 11th Marines. Eight manhours, 20 pounds of nails and 240 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(31) Constructed two mount out boxes for G-2, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division. Four manhours, 36 BF of lumber and two pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(32) Installed two water coolers for 7th Marines messhall on Hill 55. 18 manhours, 22 feet of pipe and 25 assorted plumbing fixtures were required to complete the work order.

(33) Delivered three heads to 1/26. Four manhours, and four equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(34) Installed lights and electrical outlets in the 1st Tank Battalion COC bunker. 26 manhours, two equipment hours, 920 feet of wire and 28 electrical fixtures were required to complete the work order.

(35) Corrected electrical wiring in the 3d 8" Howitzer Battery messhall. No materials required, one manhour required to complete the work order.

(36) Constructed BAS bunker and installed lights for 1st Tank Battalion. 304 manhours, two equipment hours, 4,448 BF of lumber, 110 pounds of nails, three rolls of roofing paper and 130 feet of wire were required to complete the work order.

(37) Provided crane with backhoe to dig defensive trenches near the Golden Gate Bridge for 3/7. 160 manhours and 80 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(38) Constructed mount out boxes for Comm Company, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division. 212 manhours, 1,975 BF of lumber and 50 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(39) Picked up and disposed of one TD-25 dozer blade at 2/27 CP. Eight manhours, and eight equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(40) Oiled the area around the Headquarters Supply building, 1st Marine Division. 20 manhours, 10 equipment hours, and 3,600 gallons of waste oil were required to complete the work order.

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(41) Provided three line charge containers to Division Surgeon, 1st Marine Division. One manhour, one equipment hour and three containers were required to complete the work order.

(42) Rehabilitated the messhall at 27th Marines CP. 74 manhours, and two equipment hours were required to complete the work order. Materials were provided by 27th Marines.

(43) Removed well pump from Happy Valley Rock Quarry and delivered it to NSA Utilities, China Beach. Eight manhours and two equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(44) Assigned generator operator to 1st Hospital Company for operation and maintenance of generators and air conditioners. 72 manhours were required to complete the work order.

(45) Delivered five bunkers to Task Force X-Ray. Eight manhours, four equipment and five complete 10 x 24 x 8 bunkers were required to complete the work order.

(46) Constructed two standard foot lockers for the 1st Marine Division CP. 24 manhours and 2 sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(47) Provided water supply equipment and instructions for use to 7th Marines, 27th Marines, and 26th Marines. 19 manhours, five 250 gallon pods, and assorted plumbing fixtures were required to complete the work order.

(48) Constructed one standard foot locker for Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division. 12 manhours, and one sheet of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(49) Constructed one cabinet for the Division Comptroller, 1st Marine Division. 16 manhours, one pound of nails and two sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(50) Constructed one demolition bunker for the 1st Engineer Battalion. 74 manhours, 1,971 BF of lumber, one roll of roofing paper, and 65 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(51) Installed two double throw switch boxes at the 1st Marine Division CP. 108 manhours, 21 equipment hours, 425 feet of wire and two switch boxes were required to complete the work order.

(52) Constructed one strongback, one storage shed and installed tent deck for 27th Marine Regiment. 168 manhours, one prefab tent deck, two rolls of screen, 515 BF of lumber and 15 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

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(53) Constructed one box and provided one sheet of plywood to S&C, 1st Marine Division CP. 16 manhours, one pound of nails and two sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(54) Constructed COC bunker for 7th Communications Battalion. 392 manhours, 10,770 BF of lumber, 350 pounds of nails and six rolls of roofing paper were required to complete the work order.

(55) Oiled access road leading into 3d Amphibious Tractor Battalion CP and all interior roads. 40 manhours, 20 equipment hours and 6,000 gallons of waste oil were required to complete the work order.

(56) Oiled the landing zone at the 7th Marine Regiment LSA. 16 manhours, eight equipment hours, and 4,500 gallons of waste oil were required to complete the work order.

(57) Replaced and extended the culvert at the entrance to the Colonel's quarters, 1st Marine Division. 180 manhours, 19 equipment hours, five bags of cement, and 110 feet of culvert were required to complete the work order.

(58) Delivered two bunkers to Task Force X-Ray. Six manhours, and four equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(59) Delivered three bunkers to Task Force X-Ray. Six manhours, and two equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

b. The following 57 Battalion Work Orders were completed during the month of May 1968:

(1) Assisted 1/27 in assembling 40 tent decks. 1,575 manhours, 100 equipment hours, 40 prefab decks, 2,228 BF of lumber and 450 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(2) Repaired the pipe behind the 1st Engineer Battalion Messhall. 19 manhours, and utilization of material on site were required to complete the work order.

(3) Cleared fields of fire for 1/7. 18 manhours, 60 pounds of C-4, 100 feet of detonation cord and 20 non-electric blasting caps were required to complete the work order.

(4) Installed fluorescent fixtures in the S-1, 1st Engineer Battalion office. 26 manhours, 11 fluorescent light fixtures, 40 feet of wire and two junction boxes were required to complete the work order.

(5) Relocated the bus stop stand outside the 1st Engineer Battalion cantonment. Six manhours and one equipment hour were required to complete the work order.

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(6) Installed six fluorescent fixtures in the BAS, 1st Engineer Battalion. 20 manhours, six fluorescent fixtures, 60 feet of wire and six switches were required to complete the work order.

(7) Constructed 30 lids for fire barrels for H&S Company, 1st Engineer Battalion. 11 manhours, four pounds of nails and 200 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(8) Constructed one head for the female employees of the Steam Bath and Exchange of the 1st Engineer Battalion. 64 manhours, 307 BF of lumber, one roll of screen, and seven pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(9) Replaced drainage pipe and installed a sump at the 1st Engineer Battalion Messhall. 249 manhours, 30 equipment hours, 504 feet of pipe, one bag of cement, 20 pounds of welding rods, and one 55 gallon drum were required to complete the work order.

(10) Constructed shower rack for the Land Clearing Team, 1st Engineer Battalion. Three manhours, and 176 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(11) Renovated defensive wire around the 1st Engineer Battalion cantonment. 1,576 manhours, 33 equipment hours, 25 rolls of concertina wire, 540 stakes, and 25 rolls of barbed wire were required to complete the work order.

(12) Fabricated and erected 1st Engineer Battalion emblem on the water tank at the 1st Engineer Battalion messhall. 45 manhours and one sheet of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(13) Performed emergency electrical repairs at the 3/27 cantonment. 60 manhours, seven rolls of wire, 24 switches, 10 lampholders and four circuit breakers were required to complete the work order.

(14) Installed two power outlets and four light fixtures in the 1st Engineer Battalion Comm garage. 10 manhours, 190 feet of wire, four lampholders, two outlets and one circuit breaker were required to complete the work order.

(15) Painted and lettered the top of the 1st Engineer Battalion messhall water tank. Eight manhours, and one gallon of paint were required to complete the work order.

(16) Constructed extension for 1st Engineer Battalion S/NCO Hut 2319. 76 manhours, 3,398 BF of lumber, 100 pounds of nails and two rolls of screen were required to complete the work order.

(17) Extended existing culvert in the 1st Engineer Battalion Industrial area. 100 manhours, eight equipment hours and 42 feet of culvert were required to complete the work order.

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(18) Constructed defensive positions and installed deck for laundry unit at Golden Gate Bridge for 3/7. 168 manhours were required to complete the work order. Materials provided by 3/7.

(19) Constructed a water control gate at Hill 10 for 3/7. 30 manhours, 12 pieces of culvert and 200 sandbags were required to complete the work order.

(20) Rescreened the 1st Engineer Battalion Commander's hut. 16 manhours, and one roll of screen were required to complete the work order.

(21) Provided 200 grade stakes for Task Force X-Ray Officer. Four manhours, and 130 lineal feet of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(22) Installed eight additional shower heads at the location of the 1st Engineer Battalion Steam Bath. 58 manhours, 25 feet of pipe and 52 assorted plumbing fixtures were required to complete the work order.

(23) Installed a vegetable peeler and sink in the 1st Engineer Battalion messhall. 21 manhours, 25 feet of pipe and seven assorted plumbing fixtures were required to complete the work order.

(24) Repaired road leading to the 1st Engineer Battalion Chapel. Two manhours, two equipment hours and 32 cubic yards of fill were required to complete the work order.

(25) Installed wiring at the Dai La water plant to connect several in line chlorinators. Material furnished by See Bee's, one manhour was required to complete the work order.

(26) Installed floodlights in the 1st Engineer Battalion S-4 Lot. 40 manhours, 14 equipment hours, one pole and 1,200 feet of wire were required to complete the work order.

(27) Replaced first layer of decking on the Dai La Pass bridge. 56 manhours, 1,536 BF of lumber and 50 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(28) Repaired foul weather flap on northeast side of 1st Engineer Battalion messhall. Six manhours, and 48 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(29) Provided 300 lineal feet of batten strips to Hoa Phu School for 1st Engineer Battalion S-5. Six manhours and 50 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(30) Constructed a bookcase and rifle rack for the 1st Engineer Battalion Steam Bath. Eight manhours and assorted pieces of plywood on hand were required to complete the work order.

(31) Provided 288 lineal feet of stripping to 1st Engineer Battalion Support Company. 12 manhours, and 25 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(32) Installed wiring in the 1st Engineer Battalion, "C" Company storage building. 30 manhours and 100 feet of wire were required to complete the work order.

(33) Repaired the 1st Engineer Battalion basketball court. 12 manhours, six stakes, and two bags of cement were required to complete the work order.

(34) Constructed one bunker in the 1st Engineer Battalion Support Company area for storage of 81mm mortar rounds. 40 manhours, 1,560 BF of lumber and 50 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(35) Constructed and installed duckboards in the 1st Engineer Battalion Steam Bath shower room, 12 manhours and scrap material were required to complete the work order.

(36) Installed new service drop and circuit breakers in the 1st Engineer Battalion messhall. 98 manhours, 23 equipment hours and 1,400 feet of wire were required to complete the work order.

(37) Rewired huts in the 2/27 cantonment. 46 receptacles, four fuse boxes, 10 amp boxes and labor furnished by 2/27 were required to complete the work order.

(38) Repaired the guard rail at the Ha Dong Bridge, for 2/27. 32 manhours, 160 BF of lumber and 15 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(39) Corrected the electrical deficiencies at the 1st Engineer Battalion Officer's Club. 115 manhours, 1,400 feet of wire, 12 lampholders, five feet of pipe, two receptacles and three utility boxes were required to complete the work order.

(40) Fabricated an ice chest for the 1st Engineer Battalion Officer's Club. 24 manhours, five pounds of nails and four sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(41) Accomplished minor repairs to the 1st Engineer Battalion Officer's Club. Five manhours, one sheet of plywood, six feet of pipe, and two pair of hinges were required to complete the work order.

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(42) Moved H&S Company gear to S-4 Lot, 1st Engineer Battalion. Two manhours and two equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(43) Constructed a hut in the 1st Engineer Battalion S-4 Lot for the Battalion S-5. 40 manhours, 474 BF of lumber and 15 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(44) Constructed a shower for the 2/7 cantonment. 53 manhours, 960 BF of lumber, 100 feet of pipe, 14 bags of cement and 17 assorted plumbing fixtures were required to complete the work order.

(45) Constructed a retainer wall for the well at the 3/27 cantonment. Four manhours, four equipment hours and 40 feet of 6" pipe were required to complete the work order.

(46) Constructed one hut and duckboards for 2/27 water point personnel. 512 manhours, 3,110 BF of lumber and 100 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(47) Installed three overhead fans in the 1st Engineer Battalion COC bunker. 12 manhours, three fans, 150 feet of wire and three switches were required to complete the work order.

(48) Replaced mail sorting table at the Division Unit #6 Post Office. Two manhours, and scrap material were required to complete the work order.

(49) Replaced rotted floor joists in Hut 2421 of the 1st Engineer Battalion. Eight manhours, and 32 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(50) Performed electrical repairs in the 1st Engineer Battalion Staff NCO Club. 11 manhours, 30 feet of wire, six lampholders, and one junction box were required to complete the work order.

(51) Constructed an outdoor movie screen for the 1st Engineer Battalion Officer's Club. 46 manhours, 30 feet of pipe, 100 feet of wire rope, and two bags of cement were required to complete the work order.

(52) Constructed two hot lockers for the storage of two 81mm mortars for the 1st Engineer Battalion. Three manhours, and three sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(53) Constructed two ammunition bunkers for the 1st Engineer Battalion. 24 manhours, 565 BF of lumber, 25 pounds of nails and one roll of roofing paper were required to complete the work order.

(54) Corrected drainage problems in the 2/27 messhall and showers. 60 manhours were required to complete the work order.

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(55) Fabricated one urinoil for the 1st Engineer Battalion S-5. Two manhours, two equipment hours, one 55 gallon drum and five feet of pipe were required to complete the work order.

(56) Fabricated one urinoil for the vicinity of the 1st Engineer Battalion Staff NCO Club. Two manhours, two equipment hours, one 55 gallon drum, and five feet of pipe were required to complete the work order.

(57) Relocated three electrical outlets and two fluorescent fixtures in the 1st Engineer Battalion BAS. Five manhours, 250 feet of wire and one receptacle were required to complete the work order.

7. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

a. During the month of April 1968 the school at Hoa Phu Village was nearly completed, remaining work consisting of finishing touches such as painting the window shutters, doors and classrooms and construction of additional desks and cabinets. This will be completed when paint and materials become available.

b. In addition to the school house at Hoa Phu, another school building was started and completed by the villagers of Truc Dong Hamlet. 1st Engineer Battalion assistance on this project consisted of providing materials.

c. Project sheets for reconstruction of a medical clinic located at Hoa Phu have been approved and material is now on hand. Work is scheduled to commence on 1 June 1968.

8. Religious Affairs

a. Catholic and Protestant Services were held at the Battalion Chapel each Sunday at 0830 and 1000 respectively.

b. Four Protestant Services were held in the 1st Engineer Battalion Chapel during the month of May 1968. Four Services were also held at the 11th Motor Transport Battalion.

c. Memorial services were held for three members of the battalion during the month of May 1968.

d. The Chaplain of the 1st Engineer Battalion sponsored a cultural tour through the city of Danang with 31 personnel attending.

9. Research and Development

During the reporting period no research and development projects were conducted.

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Tab. B (Added from Aug 68) Co "C" AA Rpt CJG/mrg 3480 of 21 May 68
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COMPANY "C"
1st Engineer Battalion
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

CJG/mrg
3480
20 May 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion 7th Marines
Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion

Subj: Combat After Action Report

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1
(b) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 Series L7014, Sheet 66401V

1. Code Name. Operation Ballard Valley.
2. Dates of Operation. 291200H April 68 to 031200H May 68.
3. Location. Charley Ridge, Dai Loc-Hieu Duc, Republic of Vietnam.
4. Command and Control Headquarters.
2nd Battalion, 7th Marines LtCol MUELLER
2nd Platoon, Company "C", 1stLt C.J. GANNON
1st Engineer Battalion
5. Task Organization. N/A.
6. Supporting Forces. N/A.
7. Intelligence. ISUMS 7th Marines.
8. Mission. To provide close combat engineer support to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, in the area of operation.
9. Concept of Operation. One combat engineer team with each company and the command group will destroy all foreign ordnance, boobytraps, and enemy structures encountered in the area of operation.
10. Execution. On 30 April engineers in support of Company "E" cleared an LZ at 829621 with 10 lbs of C-4 and the Remington Chain Saw. Engineers in support of "H" Company cleared an LZ at 812628 using 20 lbs of C-4 and the Remington Chain Saw. On 29 April engineers in support of Company "A" destroyed 4 M26 grenades and two dud artillery rounds (155mm) with 10 lbs of C-4 at 825604.

On 1 May engineers in support of Company "E" cleared an LZ at 829631 utilizing a chain saw and 20 lbs of C-4. On 2 May engineers in support

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"E" company cleared an LZ at 829631 utilizing 20 lbs of C-4, axes and brushhooks.

11. Results. 4 landing zones were cleared by the engineers, using a total of 70 lbs of C-4. 10 lbs of C-4 was used on dud [REDACTED] at the initial LZ.

12. Administrative Remarks. N/A.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. Axes and brushhooks carried on packboards (2 per team) and Remington 754G chain saws with gas and oil carried on packboards (one per axis of advance). Fuel for chainsaws carried in canteens.

14. Commanders Analysis. N/A.

15. Recommendations. That an engineer liaison unit be established at the ISA for the duration of the operation to control the flow of applicable items to engineers in the field. This unit should consist of an Officer or NCO and an appropriate number of personnel. Experience has taught that though the infantry procures engineer supplies, the distribution should be controlled by experienced combat engineers who comprehend the problems connected with field demolitions. This liaison team will also be valuable when chain saws are employed, because of the needs that arise whenever special equipment is employed, such as proper fuel mixture and hasty repair of damaged equipment.

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 21 May 1968

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines
 Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion

Subj: Combat After Action Report

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

1. Code Name. Operation Allen Brook.
2. Dates of Operation. 031200H May 68 to 151900H May 68.
3. Location. Go Noi Island Dien Ban, Republic of Vietnam.
4. Command and Control Headquarters.
 2nd Bn, 7th Marines LtCol. MUELLER
 2nd Plt., Company "C", 1st Lt. C. J. CANNON
 1st Engineer Bn
5. Task Organization. N/A.
6. Supporting Forces. N/A.
7. Intelligence. ISUMS 7th Marines
8. Mission. To provide close combat engineer support to 2nd Bn, 7th Marines in the field on Operation Allen Brook.
9. Concept of Operation. One combat engineer team with each company and the command group will destroy all foreign ordnance, boobytraps, and enemy structures encountered in the area of operation.
10. Execution. On 3 May engineers in support of the command group cleared a 20 feet wide path through the perimeter defensive wire to provide an axis for the armor with the battalion.
 On 4 May engineers in support of G company destroyed a boobytrapped M26 and 105mm artillery round at 933523 using 2 1/2 lbs. of C-4.
 On 5 May engineers in support of G company destroyed two dud 250 lb. bombs at 945534 using 8 lbs of C-4.

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On 6 May engineers in support of G company destroyed 3 booby traps (M26 type) and one 500 lb. bomb at 973537 using 9 lbs of C-4.

On 7 May engineers in support of G Company destroyed two M74 LAWS at 995540 with 2½ lbs. of C-4. Engineers in support of E Company destroyed four 60mm mortar rounds and three 82mm mortar rounds at 974542 with 5 lbs. of C-4.

On 8 May engineers in support of G Company destroyed a boobytrapped 105mm artillery round at 001543 with 2½ lbs. of C-4. Engineers in support of E Company destroyed 500 rds of 5.56 ammunition, 400 rds of 7.62 ammunition, 15 3.5 inch rocket rounds, 20 60mm mortar rounds, several water cans and cases of C rations abandoned by the battalion when it was necessary to react to an ambush G company was in; destroyed at 998545 with 20 lbs of C-4.

On 9 May engineers in support of G Company destroyed an M33 grenade and a 105mm artillery round at 978536 using 2½ lbs. of C-4. Engineers in support of E Company destroyed a 250 lbs. bomb with 5 lbs. of C-4 at 979532. Engineers in support of the command group destroyed a 500 lb. bomb (Probably booby-trapped) at 991531 with 3 lbs. of C-4. Also destroyed at this location with 1 lb. of C-4 was a 105mm artiller round. Found a 90 mm round at 963545, and destroyed it with 2 lbs. of C-4.

10 May engineers in support of G Company destroyed a M74 LAWS and a rocket pod containing 6 live rockets at 978532 using 6 lbs. of C-4. 5 lbs. of C-4 was used to destroy a box of M26 grenades at 972545. Also destroyed a cave at 977543 with 50 lbs. of C-4.

11 May engineers in support of G Company destroyed four B-40 rocket rounds and 5 3.5 inch rocket rounds found in a spider hole with 10 lbs. of C-4 at 978532. Engineers in support of E Company destroyed an M26 grenade at 998544 with ½ lb. of C-4. They also destroyed a 250 lbs bomb with four lbs. of C-4 at 001541.

12 May engineers in support of G Company destroyed 4 bunkers (5'x 5'x4') at 991543 using 20 lbs. of C-4. Engineers in support of E Company employed P-153 mine detectors to clear a path for the tanks; nothing found.

13 May engineers in support of G Company destroyed 3 Chi-Com grenades at 978528 with 1 lb. of C-4. Engineers in support of E Company destroyed 3 metal AT mines found while sweeping a tank trail with P-153 mine detectors. The mines were at 984533, 977534, and 973537; two lbs. of C-4 was used to destroy each mine. A wooden box mine was also found and destroyed at 972538 with 2 lbs. of C-4.

On 14 May engineers in support of G Company destroyed four 90 mm rounds, one metal box mine and 100 rounds of 30 cal ammunition at 006547 with 5 lbs. of C-4. Engineers in support of E Company destroyed 1 metal mine at 966543 and one wooden box mine (964546) with 2 lbs. of C-4 on each. Found a dud 105mm round at 969545 and destroyed it with 5 lbs. of C-4. Destroyed a dud 105mm W.P. round with 5 lbs. of C-4 at 968545. Also found a bunker at 968545 and destroyed it at 968545 with 10 lbs. of C-4.

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On 15 May engineers in support of G Company Destroyed two 60mm mortar rounds (booby-trapped) at 947530 with 5 lbs. of C-4. Engineers in support of E Company destroyed a metal AT mine at 949538 with 2 lbs. of C-4 and a similar mine at 932528, with 2 lbs. of C-4. Engineers in support of A Company destroyed three booby-trapped M26 grenades a metal box mine, and a daisy chain of 5 60mm mortar rounds, all within 10 meters of each other at 938532, 10 lbs. of C-4 was used. A dud 105mm round was destroyed at 962540 with 5 lbs. of C-4. Also a dud 105mm round was found and destroyed with 4 lbs. of C-4 at 962540.

On May 16, one Chi-Com grenade was found and a boobytrap and were destroyed with 1 lb. of C-4 at 957937. A M26 grenade and a boobytrap were destroyed with 2 lbs of C-4 at 957537, and a anti-tank mine was destroyed with 5 lbs. of C-4 at 957537.

11. Results. A total of 125 lbs. of C-4 was used to clear 40 booby-traps and 8 dud rounds of aviation ordnance. Seven metal AT mines were also destroyed as were two wooden box mines. These mines were 12"x8"x6" and contained 20 to 30 lbs. of Composition B.

12. Administrative Remarks. N/A.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. N/A.

14. Commanders Analysis. N/A.

15. Recommendations. It is recommended that combat engineers be familiarized with aviation and artillery ordnance, especially recognition and fuzing of these rounds, due to the frequency with which duds are encountered in the field.

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3 June 1968

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To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion 7th Marines
Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion

Subj: Combat After Action Report

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1
(b) Map VietNam 1:50,000 Series

1. Code Name. Operation Allen Brook.
2. Dates of Operation. 152400HMay68 to 181615HMay68.
3. Location. Phu Loc, Dai Loc, RVN.
4. Command and Control Headquarters.
3rd Battalion, 7th Marines - Lt. Col. BERNARD
3rd Platoon, Co "C", 1st EngrBn - 1st Lt. J. TASULO
5. Task Organization. N/A.
6. Supporting Forces. N/A.
7. Intelligence. ISUMS 7th Marines & 27th Marines.
8. Mission. A two man engineer team was furnished by 3rd Platoon, Co "C", 1st EngrBn, for each of the three infantry companies to provide close combat engineer support. There was also an engineer officer and NCO attached to the command group of the operation.
9. Concept of Operation. The engineer teams were to perform all combat engineer work within their capabilities, not to include E.O.D. work.
10. Execution. On 152400HMay68, Operation Allen Brook officially started at the Phu Loc Area. The engineer team attached to "I" Co, destroyed two 60mm dud rounds, two B-40 rocket launchers, six B-40 rockets, eight Chicoms, 200 rds of AK-47 ammo, and thirty AK-47 magazines using 8 lbs. of C-4. This ordnance was destroyed on 161600HMay68 at 965534 with this being the only engineer work performed by the engineer teams supporting "I" Co.

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On 172130H May 68 at 966552, the engineer team attached to "G" Co. destroyed 18 B-40 rockets, 22 61mm mortar rounds, 28 Chicoms, 19 B-40 rocket boosters, 12 booby traps and 6 rocket launchers using 32 lbs. of C-4. On 181100H May 68, this same engineer team destroyed 8 B-40 rockets, 10 Chicoms and 14 AK-47 magazines using 6 lbs. of C-4. This ordnance was found and destroyed in the same general area as the one found the day before. No further engineer work was performed by this engineer team.

On 171100H May 68 at 975534, a member of the engineer team supporting "I" Co. was MIA during a friendly air strike on close enemy positions. At 2300 that night, the wounded engineer was recovered.

11. Results. There was one engineer MIA receiving shrapnel in his left elbow. Two 60mm dud rounds, 8 B-40 rocket launchers, 32 B-40 rockets, 56 Chicoms, 200 rds of AK-47 ammo, 14 AK-47 magazines, 22 61 mm mortar rounds, 12 Boobytraps, and 19 B-40 rocket launchers were destroyed using a total of 46 lbs of C-4.

12. Administrative Remarks. N/A.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. N/A.

14. Commanders Analysis. N/A.

15. Recommendations. None.

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