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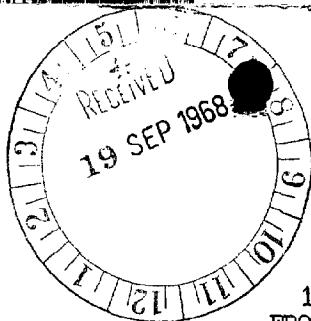
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1ST ENGINEER BATTALION COMMAND CHRONOLOGY Aug - ~~Sept~~ 1968

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(b) FMFPac 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: ✓(1) 1st Engineer Battalion Chronology

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

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

LtCol. D. H. HILDEBRAND 1Aug68 - Present

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	1stLt. L. E. RICE	10Jul68 - Present
Support Company	Capt. M. E. McPHERSON	1Aug68 - Present
Company "A" (Rein)	Capt. L. J. BUCHSTEINER	30Apr68 - Present
Company "B" (-)(Rein)	1stLt. J. W. FORMAN	4Jul68 - Present
Company "C" (Rein)	1stLt. J. T. MATTHEWS	1Jun68 - Present

2. LOCATION

1st Engineer Battalion minus Company "B" (-)(Rein)	21Apr67 - Present	Danang, RVN
Support Company (-)(Rein)	21Apr67 - Present	Danang, RVN
1st Platoon, Company "B" 5th Engineer Battalion	28Feb68 - 28Aug68 29Aug68 - Present	Danang, RVN OPCON RLT-27
Company "A" (Rein)	30Mar68 - 22Aug68 23Aug68 - Present	Phu Bai, RVN Danang, RVN
Company "B" (-)(Rein)	16Jan68 - 5Aug68 6Aug68 - Present	Phu Bai, RVN An Hoa, RVN
Company "C" (Rein)	21Apr67 - Present	Danang, RVN
1st Platoon, Company "A" 3d Engineer Battalion	21Jul68 - Present	Phu Bai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj. J. C. CHAMBLISS	30Apr68 - Present
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj. A. J. RICCIARDI	8Jun68 - Present

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11 S-1/Adjutant	1stLt. R. J. FORBELL	1Dec67 - Present
S-2	SSgt. A. G. VALENZUELA	27Jul68 - Present
S-3	Capt. L. R. CORNWELL	1Jun68 - Present
S-4	1stLt. E. A. CLARK 2dLt. F. MIGLIORINI	12Jul68 - 28Aug68 29Aug68 - Present
S-5	1stLt. P. D. BUCY	11Jul68 - Present
Supply Officer	1stLt. G. L. FADER	1Jan68 - Present
Communications Officer	1stLt. P. D. BUCY	8Jul68 - Present
Medical Officer	Lt. T. M. LOECKER Lt. W. KWASS	1Aug67 - 5Aug68 6Aug68 - 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. CARRAWAY 1stLt. G. T. MILLER	6Sep67 - 1Aug68 2Aug68 - Present
Utilities Officer	1stLt. J. H. WILLER	10Oct67 - Present
Construction Officer	WO-1 K. E. DOUGAN	29May68 - Present

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>
31		739	2		13

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of August 1968, the 1st Engineer Battalion (–) remained committed to combat engineer support missions while simultaneously completing 92 Division and Battalion Work Orders and other engineer projects, maintaining assigned mine detection and clearing sweeps, and being committed to land clearing projects.

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Combat engineer companies, reinforced by elements of Headquarters and Service Company and Engineer Support Company provided close combat engineer support to Operations: ALLENBROOK, NAPOLEON SALINE, MAMELUKE THRUST, and HOUSTON. Additional combat engineer support, (24 combat engineers) was provided for eight unnamed operations and reconnaissance inserts during the month of August 1968. Engineer casualties on these operations were three KIA and 20 WIA.

During the reporting period, 1,589,000 meters of road in the 1st Marine Division TAOR were swept for mines resulting in 27 mines/boobytraps being located and destroyed. In addition to daily and special mine clearing sweeps conducted, a total of 10 rough rider convoys were supported by combat engineers of this battalion during the reporting period.

Company "A" (-(Rein) remained OPCON to the 1st Marine Regiment until 28 August 1968. One platoon from Company "A" provided direct support to Task Force X-Ray and the 26th Marines in Phu Bai. On 28 August 1968, Company "A" (-(Rein) rejoined the 1st Engineer Battalion in Danang. One platoon (Rein) remained in the Phu Bai TAOR in direct support of the 26th Marines. Five mine detection and clearing sweeps were conducted in the Cua Viet TAOR by Company "A" on a daily basis until 22 August 1968. Engineer effort during the reporting period included destruction of enemy ordnance, construction of ammunition dumps, improving access roads, and cantonment repairs.

Company "B" completed relocating to An Hoa from Phu Bai to provide direct support to the 5th Marine Regiment on 6 August 1968. On 20 August 1968, the 3d platoon of Company "B" was rejoined to Company "B" from Company "C". Engineer effort during the reporting period included combat engineer support for Operation MAMELUKE THRUST, destruction of dud and enemy ordnance, improving drainage in An Hoa combat base, bunker construction, grading sites for cantonment construction, cantonment repairs, and providing mine sweep support for "rough rider" convoys.

Company "C" remained committed throughout the Danang TAOR. Seven assigned mine detection and clearing sweeps were conducted on a daily basis during August 1968. Company "C" provided combat engineer support for Operations: ALLENBROOK, MAMELUKE THRUST and Project WOODPECKER. Engineer effort during the reporting period included cantonment repair, bunker construction, water point improvements, culvert installation, and defensive wire installation. On 20 August 1968, the 3d Platoon, Company "B" was dropped from Company "C" and rejoined by Company "B" at An Hoa.

Combat engineer support was provided by the 1st Platoon, Company "B", 5th Engineer Battalion (OPCON to this battalion from 210800H May 68 to 281200H Aug 68) continued to provide combat engineer support to the 1st and 3d Battalions, 27th Marines. Engineer effort during the reporting period included three daily mine detection and clearing sweeps and cantonment repairs. On 281200H Aug 68, OPCON of the 1st Platoon, Company "B", 5th Engineer Battalion was passed to RLT-27.

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During the reporting period, land clearing operations (Project WOODPECKER I) continued in the Go Noi Island area in support of Operation ALLENBROOK and a second land clearing team, Project WOODPECKER II, continued clearing along the east bank of the Song Yen River. Land clearing effort during the reporting period included 2,535 manhours, 748 equipment hours and expenditure of 15 line charges. Totals of 1,020,000 square meters of land were cleared in the Go Noi Island area and 571,000 square meters on the east bank of the Song Yen River during the reporting period. Enemy and U.S. ordnance discovered and destroyed in the Go Noi Island area included: five boobytrapped 55 gallon drums of fuel, one 60mm mortar round, one boobytrapped 105mm round, one 105mm dud round, one 4.2 inch dud round, two 500 pound bombs, three 250 pound dud bombs, one 82mm mortar round, and three M26 grenades. In addition to the above accomplishments, six assorted individual weapons were discovered and processed through intelligence channels, 5,255 meters of trenchline, 322 bunkers, 57 caves, and 489 spider holes were destroyed. Ordnance discovered and destroyed along the east bank of the Song Yen River included: three 122mm rocket warheads, seven 122mm rocket boosters, four 122mm rocket detonators, two 140mm rocket warheads, one 82mm mortar round, three 105mm dud rounds, one M26 grenade, and one WP grenade. Fortifications discovered and destroyed along the Song Yen River included: 60 spider holes, 712 meters of trenchline, 15 tunnel complexes, 23 bunkers and three caves. On 22 August 1968, an estimated squad of NVA sappers attacked Project WOODPECKER II resulting in four non-engineer KIA's and seven non-engineer WIA's.

Project WOODPECKER I was suspended on 23 August 1968 and moved to the Liberty Bridge (coordinates AT923535) for rehabilitation of equipment. On 24 August 1968, Project WOODPECKER II was terminated so that attached tractors could be consolidated with Project WOODPECKER I.

On 19 August 1968, Colonel JUN, ROKMC Sepcials Training Branch visited the 1st Engineer Battalion and was briefed on the Land Mine Warfare School syllabus and was taken on a tour of the school by the Battalion Commander.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel

a. Gains and losses:	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Dropped:	3	48	1	1
Joined:	8	59	2	3

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

b. Weather

The weather was characterized as being hot and humid with moderate precipitation. Overcast skies were highly predominant.

c. Mine Warfare

a. 14 August 1968 - Payment of 500\$ VN to two Vietnamese boys for two M26 grenades.

b. 24 August 1968 - Payment of 600\$ VN to two Vietnamese Boys for two 122mm rockets.

d. Total ordnance destroyed

(1) The following ordnance was located and destroyed during the month of August 1968 by engineers of Projects WOODPECKER I and WOODPECKER II: 110 60mm mortar rounds, one 81mm round, 30 4.2 inch rounds, three 122mm rocket rounds, three 250 pound bombs, two 500 pound bombs, and three M26 grenades.

(2) Three 40 pound box mines, two 35 pound box mines, one 30 pound box mine, one 20 pound box mine, one 60 pound rock mine, two 45 pound rock mines, two 35 pound rock mines, one 40 pound shape charge, two AP mines, one 105mm round, one RPG round, one 81mm round, one 60mm round, six M26 grenades and two chicom grenades were located and destroyed on routine sweeps in the 1st Marine Division TAOR.

(3) Total enemy ordnance destroyed:

<u>122mm rockets</u>	<u>4.2 inch rounds</u>	<u>82mm rounds</u>	<u>B40 rockets</u>	<u>60 lb rock mine</u>
three	30	six	43	one
<u>40 lb box mines</u>	<u>35 lb box mines</u>	<u>45 lb rock mines</u>	<u>35 lb rock mines</u>	
five	two	two	two	
<u>30 lb box mine</u>	<u>20 lb box mine</u>	<u>anti-tank mines</u>	<u>anti-personnel mines</u>	
one	one	eight	two	

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(4) Total U. S. ordnance destroyed:

<u>500 lb bombs</u>	<u>250 lb bombs</u>	<u>155mm rounds</u>	<u>105mm rounds</u>	<u>90mm rounds</u>
four	18	six	14	seven

<u>81mm rounds</u>	<u>60mm rounds</u>	<u>40 lb shape charge</u>	<u>3.5 rounds</u>	<u>LAAWS</u>
28	207	one	26	15

<u>M79 rounds</u>	<u>M33 grenades</u>	<u>M26 grenades</u>
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29	two	70
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3. Training

① a. Demolitions, Land Mine Warfare and Viet Cong Boobytrap School was attended by 94 engineers, seven personnel from 2d CAG, III MAF, six personnel from the 3d Amphibious Tractor Battalion, and 90 infantry personnel.

b. During the month of August 1968, three one day classes in mine warfare were held for 104 personnel from the 1st Marine Division's NCO Leadership School.

c. Special one day classes in Mine Warfare, V.C. Boobytraps and field fortifications were conducted for 102 students from the III MAF CAG School.

d. During the month of August 1968, mobile training teams were dispatched from the 1st Engineer Battalion Land Mine Warfare School to conduct classes on land mines and V.C. Boobytraps. A total of 849 personnel attended these classes.

e. Four classes were conducted for the Officers and Staff NCOs of this battalion covering the following subjects:

- (1) Communications
- (2) Counter-intelligence Operations in Vietnam
- (3) Tactical Bridges
- (4) Legal Affairs

f. During the month of August 1968, the Communications Section held two classes on Wire Trouble Shooting and F.O. Procedures for a total of two hours with 34 personnel attending.

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g. During the month of August 1968, Motor Transport held a school on the new M151 Utility Truck and licensed eight personnel.

4. Operations

a. Operation HOUSTON,
Phase II

1 May 1968 -
Still in Progress

1st Platoon, Company "A", 3d Engineer Battalion which is OPCON to 1st Engineer Battalion is providing close combat engineer support to the 26th Marines on Operation HOUSTON, Phase II which commenced on 1 May 1968 and is still in progress.

b. Operation ALLENBROOK

4 May 1968 -
24 August 1968

Project WOODPECKER I became OPCON to the 27th Marines on 5 June 1968 for land clearing operations in support of Operation ALLENBROOK. On 3 August 1968, OPCON of Project WOODPECKER I was passed to the 5th Marines which relieved the 27th Marines on that date. Project WOODPECKER I continued land clearing operations until the termination of Operation ALLENBROOK on 24 August 1968. In addition, Engineer Support Company and "C" Company provided close combat engineer support to Operation ALLENBROOK as required. Total engineer casualties on this operation included two KIA and 13 WIA.

Ref: CO, "C" Co AA Rpt CJG/mrg over 3480 of 21 May 1968

Ref: CO, "C" Co AA Rpt JJS/mrg over 3480 of 3 June 1968

Ref: CO, Spt Co AA Rpt MJF/pnb over 3480 of 30 June 1968

c. Operation MAMELUKE
THRUST

19 May 1968 -
Still in Progress

Company "B" is providing 37 engineers for close combat engineer support to the 5th Marines on Operation MAMELUKE THRUST which commenced on 19 May 1968 and is still in progress. Engineer casualties to date includes one KIA and five WIA.

d. Operation BANISH
BEACH

5 August 1968
5 August 1968

Company "C" provided four engineers for close combat engineer support to the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines on Operation BANISH BEACH which commenced on 5 August 1968 and terminated on 5 August 1968.

Ref: CO, "C" Co AA Rpt EAK/dep over 3480 of 10 August 1968

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e. Search and Destroy Operation

8 August 1968 -
8 August 1968

Company "C" provided three engineers for close combat engineer support to the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines on a search and destroy operation which commenced on 8 August 1968 and terminated on 8 August 1968.

Ref: CO, "C" Co AA Rpt EAK/dep over 3480 of 10 August 1968

f. Operation SUSSEX BAY

29 August 1968 -
Still in Progress

Company "B" is providing close combat engineer support to the 2d and 3d Battalions, 5th Marines on Operation SUSSEX BAY which commenced on 29 August 1968 and is still in progress.

5. Water Supply. During the month of August 1968, the 1st Engineer Battalion operated 15 water points which produced 5,429,000 gallons of potable water and 1,242,000 gallons of shower water for units throughout the 1st and 3d Marine Divisions.

6. Construction

a. The following 44 Division originated Work Orders were completed during the month of August 1968.

(1) Provided four rolls of screen wire and random length of 4" x 4" lumber to 5th Marines. One manhour, one equipment hour, four rolls of screen wire and 580 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(2) Constructed one collapsable easel for 1st Marine Division CP. Two manhours, 20 BF of lumber and $\frac{1}{2}$ pound of nails were required to complete the work order.

(3) Cleared messhall drains at 3/11. 16 manhours, two equipment hours, and 21 feet of pipe were required to complete the work order.

(4) Oiled roads in the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion CP. Two manhours, two equipment hours and 1,200 gallons of oil were required to complete the work order.

(5) Provided road grader assistance for 11th Motor Transport Battalion. Six manhours and four equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(6) Repaired COC bunker for 1/7 on Hill 10. 35 manhours, 750 BF of lumber and 40 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(7) Repaired tank at 4/11 messhall. Six manhours, one equipment hour, 100 feet of pipe and eight assorted plumbing fixtures were required to complete the work order.

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① (8) Constructed generator shed at Esso combat base for 3/1. 26 manhours, 300 BF of lumber, one roll of roofing paper, and 40 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(9) Covered footrest bar on table at 1st Marine Division G-4 Office. Four manhours, and 1 sheet of metal were required to complete the work order.

(10) Fabricated and installed grease trap at 1/7 messhall. 21 manhours, 80 feet of pipe, 10 pounds of welding rods and four 55 gallon drums were required to complete the work order.

(11) Constructed flooring in 7th Marines Communications bunker. 921 BF of lumber, 60 pounds of nails and 30 manhours were required to complete the work order.

(12) Conducted tests on drinking water at 3d 8" Howitzer Battery. Four manhours were required to complete the work order.

(13) Constructed one map board for 1st Marine Division G-3 Office. Five manhours, and one sheet of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(14) Constructed reefer shelter for 1/7 on Hill 10. 32 manhours, 682 BF of lumber and 20 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

② (15) Provided materials to CBMU-301 Detachment for ammunition revetments. Four manhours, two equipment hours, and 200 feet of culvert were required to complete the work order.

(16) Leveled area on Hill 244 for generator site for Headquarters Battalion. 10 manhours, and 10 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(17) Rehabilitated wiring in the 27th Marines messhall. Eight manhours and two equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(18) Provided electrical wiring for four strongbacks and two bunkers for 1/7. 104 manhours, 14 equipment hours, 6,000 feet of wire, 12 fluorescent fixtures, 160 BF of lumber and two pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(19) Repaired road from Route 3 to Commanding General's Quarters, 1st Marine Division. 160 manhours, 30 cubic yards of fill and 80 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(20) Repaired Special Services Building at 3/1 CP. 52 manhours, 600 BF of lumber and 20 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(21) Increased revetment at 7th Marines Motor Transport Lot. Eight manhours and eight equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

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1 (22) Inspected bunkers at the 11th Marines CP. Two manhours were required to complete the work order.

(23) Rehabilitated wiring in the 27th Marines messhall. Eight manhours and two equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(24) Provided two loads of rocks to the 3d Amphibious Tractor Battalion. 18 manhours, six equipment hours and two loads of rocks were required to complete the work order.

(25) Constructed two storage boxes for DEO. 20 manhours, one sheet of plywood and one pound of nails were required to complete the work order.

(26) Installed revetments and drainage for TTC Vans for Headquarters Battalion. 1,020 manhours, 130 cubic yards of concrete, five rolls of reinforcing wire, 1,050 feet of pipe and 300 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(27) Provided 10 urinoils to 1/7 and assisted in installation of urinoils. Six manhours, one equipment hour, and 10 urinoils were required to complete the work order.

(28) Made repairs on two buildings for 3/1. 24 manhours, 110 BF of lumber and five pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

1 (29) Provided and assembled 10 tent decks for 3/7. 40 manhours, 10 tent decks and 1,100 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(30) Dug trenches for Communications Battalion on Supporting Arms Hill. 24 manhours, and 18 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(31) Constructed 20 urinoils for units of the 1st Marine Division. 15 manhours, 20 55 gallon drums, 30 pounds of welding rods, and 120 feet of pipe were required to complete the work order.

(32) Installed light fixtures in the 3/1 COC bunker. 65 manhours, 2,100 feet of wire, 12 fluorescent light fixtures and eight junction boxes were required to complete the work order.

(33) Cleared fields of fire for 1st Tank Battalion. 48 manhours, and 48 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(34) Replaced spot light fixture at Tu Cau Bridge for 3/7. Nine manhours, two equipment hours, one floodlight fixture and 20 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(35) Provided 50 cubic yards of crushed rock to 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. 64 manhours, and 16 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

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① (36) Delivered five heads to 5th Marines at An Hoa. One manhour and two heads were required to complete the work order.

(37) Constructed sit-up board for the Assistant Division Commander, 1st Marine Division. Four manhours and one sheet of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(38) Provided 120 cubic yards of fill to the 3d 8" Howitzer Battery. 28 manhours, 24 equipment hours, and 120 cubic yards of fill were required to complete the work order.

(39) Provided and assembled 20 tent decks for 1/27. 408 manhours, 20 tent decks and six equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(40) Installed stair tread on stairs leading to Commanding General's office. One manhour was required to complete the work order.

(41) Cleared the 3/27 messhall drain. One manhour and one equipment hour were required to complete the work order.

(42) Wired shelter for reefer at 1/7 messhall. 24 manhours, 120 feet of wire, and 17 assorted electrical fixtures were required to complete the work order.

① (43) Repaired air conditioner rack on dental van at Division CP. 10 manhours and five equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(44) Constructed deck in the 3/11 Communications bunker. 30 manhours, 921 BF of lumber and 60 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

b. The following 48 Battalion originated Work Orders were completed during the month of August 1968.

(1) Provided screening to 3/7 on Hill 37 as required. 12 manhours, three equipment hours and five rolls of screen were required to complete the work order.

(2) Constructed headwalls on culverts for 3/11. 240 manhours, 30 bags of cement, 14 sheets of plywood, 160 BF of lumber, 20 pounds of nails and 18 cubic yards of mix were required to complete the work order.

(3) Provided assistance and materials for bunker construction to 3/1. 130 manhours, 1,650 BF of lumber and 100 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(4) Erected roof over dental trailer at 1st Engineer Battalion BAS. 78 BF of lumber, 21 manhours, 14 sheets of tin and 20 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

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(5) Constructed roof on tower at Ha Dong Bridge. 30 manhours, six sheets of plywood, 10 pounds of nails, and 188 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(6) Rehabilitated the Land Mine Warfare School for 1st Engineer Battalion. 104 manhours, 55 pounds of nails, 100 sheets of tin, and 1,030 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(7) Constructed platform for 3,000 gallon water tank at Liberty Bridge water point. 30 manhours, 10 equipment hours, 1,590 BF of lumber and 100 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(8) Corrected electrical discrepancies in the 1st Engineer Battalion BAS. 19 manhours, one line pole, 400 feet of wire and 21 assorted electrical fixtures were required to complete the work order.

(9) Installed two water tanks near washroom for 1st Engineer Battalion. 17 manhours, 21 feet of pipe and 10 various plumbing fixtures were required to complete the work order.

(10) Constructed a gate and walkway for 1st Engineer Battalion IRO. 16 manhours, 75 BF of lumber and one roll of barbed wire were required to complete the work order.

(11) Conducted electrical survey and installed spotlight at 1st Engineer Battalion S/NCO Club. 15 manhours, 36 BF of lumber, two flood lights and two lampholders were required to complete the work order.

(12) Fabricated 24 benches for 1st Engineer Battalion LMWS. 120 manhours, and 240 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(13) Constructed cover for 2/27 messhall reefer. 72 manhours, 469 BF of lumber, 14 sheets of tin and 10 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(14) Relocated fence around the 1st Engineer Battalion helopad. 84 manhours, 150 engineer stakes and 24 rolls of barbed wire were required to complete the work order.

(15) Assembled a 600 cubic feet reefer for the 7th Marines messhall. 40 manhours were required to complete the work order.

(16) Installed lightning rods on the 1st Engineer Battalion COC, BAS and Comm bunkers. 32 manhours, three equipment hours, 250 feet of wire and 252 feet of pipe were required to complete the work order.

(17) Installed coffee urn and cleared drains at the 1st Engineer Battalion messhall. 126 manhours, 407 feet of wire and 54 assorted plumbing fixtures were required to complete the work order.

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1 (18) Constructed fuel tank tower for 1/7 messhall. 10 manhours, 1,325 BF of lumber and 50 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(19) Issued 10,000 sandbags to H&S Company, 1st Engineer Battalion for repair of defensive positions. Two manhours were required to complete the work order.

(20) Installed three doors in the 1st Engineer Battalion S/NCO Club. 19 manhours, four sheets of plywood and 44 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(21) Repaired living quarters in the Support Company area, 1st Engineer Battalion. 42 manhours, and six BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(22) Issued 80 pieces of culvert to "B" Company, 1st Engineer Battalion. Two manhours and 80 pieces of culvert were required to complete the work order.

(23) Installed well casing at 2/27 well. 115 manhours, 19 sheets of homogenous steel, 112 equipment hours and 80 feet of 2" diameter steel bar were required to complete the work order.

1 (24) Poured concrete slab and installed shelves in the 1st Engineer Battalion Utilities Shop. 48 manhours, 14 bags of cement, 10 sheets of plywood and 300 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(25) Constructed defensive perimeter fence for 11th Motor Transport Battalion. 4,338 manhours, 3,589 engineer stakes and 100 rolls of barbed wire were required to complete the work order.

(26) Constructed bunker for 7th Marines on Hill 55. 550 manhours, and materials provided by 7th Marines were required to complete the work order.

(27) Constructed roof over BMGS bunker on Hill 10 for 7th Marines. 40 manhours, 110 pieces of tin and 645 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(28) Repaired doors and screens on LMWS billeting huts, 1st Engineer Battalion. 12 manhours and one roll or screen were required to complete the work order.

(29) Fabricated display boxes and signs for 1st Engineer Battalion LMWS. 20 manhours, and two sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(30) Constructed one office desk for 1st Engineer Battalion S-3. 20 manhours and three sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

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(31) Constructed curfew sign for 1st Engineer Battalion. 10 man-hours, and one sheet of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(32) Remodelled S/NCO Club for 7th Marines at Hill 55. Materials provided by 7th Marines and 462 manhours were required to complete the work order.

(33) Constructed 10 tent frames for 1/7. 150 manhours, 280 BF of lumber and 40 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(34) Constructed two culvert bunkers for 1/7. 48 manhours, 960 BF of lumber, 32 pieces of culvert and 60 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(35) Installed drain for coffee urn in 1st Engineer Battalion mess-hall. Four manhours, 10 feet of hose and five plumbing fixtures were required to complete the work order.

(36) Constructed one file cabinet for 1st Engineer Battalion Motor Transport Officer. Nine manhours and three sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(37) Constructed sign for 1st Engineer Battalion Steam House. One manhour and one-half sheet of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(38) Poured concrete slab and installed shower in 1st Engineer Battalion Motor Transport Maintenance Shop. 36 manhours, six bags of cement and eight feet of pipe were required to complete the work order.

(39) Constructed charts for 1st Engineer Battalion Communications Section. Four manhours and one sheet of paper chart were required to complete the work order.

(40) Constructed water tank platform for 11th Motor Transport Battalion. Materials provided by 11th M.T. Battalion and 70 manhours were required to complete the work order.

(41) Relocated shelves in the 1st Engineer Battalion messhall storage building. 56 manhours were required to complete the work order.

(42) Fabricated two signs for the 1st Engineer Battalion Exercise building. Four manhours, two pints of paint and one-half sheet of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(43) Constructed one hot locker for the 1st Engineer Battalion Dentist. 12 manhours and three sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(44) Repaired foundations of two billeting huts in the 1st Engineer Battalion. 48 manhours and 16 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

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(45) Replaced deteriorated steps on H&S Company billeting hut, 1st Engineer Battalion. 60 manhours and 226 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(46) Repaired steps to the 1st Engineer Battalion outdoor Theatre/Stage. 12 manhours and 120 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(47) Repaired storage building in "A" Company area, 1st Engineer Battalion. 35 manhours, 12 pounds of nails and 136 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(48) Cleared drains in the 1st Engineer Battalion Steam Bath House. Four manhours were required to complete the work order.

7. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

a. During the month of August 1968, civil actions were hampered due to increased enemy activity. However, the Truc Dong Hamlet Elementary School on which work commenced in July 1968, was completed during the month of August 1968.

b. Medical assistance was rendered to 1,420 Vietnamese nationals during the month of August 1968 by the staff of the Hoa Phu Medical Clinic.

8. Religious Affairs

a. Catholic and Protestant Services were held at the 1st Engineer Battalion Chapel each Sunday at 0815 and 1000 respectively.

b. Four Catholic Services were held in 1st Engineer Battalion Chapel during the month of August 1968. Four services were also held at the 1st Tank Battalion.

9. Research and Development

During the month of August 1968, experimental culvert ammunition bunkers were constructed. Each of the constructed bunkers is approximately 16' x 17'8" x 6'10" and will store as much ammunition as a standard 10' x 24' x 8' timber constructed bunker. Some of the advantages gained by using culvert construction are: bunkers have a longer life, they can be constructed with a minimum quantity of scarce lumber required, and ammunition storage bays are formed by the culvert siding.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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TAB A	CO, "C" Co AA Rpt CJG/mrg over 3480 of 21 May 1968
TAB B	CO, "C" Co AA Rpt JJS/mrg over 3480 of 3 June 1968
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TAB F	Daily SITREPS 215-68 thru 245-68 (Filed Sep)

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COMPANY "C"

1st Engineer Battalion
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO: San Francisco, California 96602EAK/dep
3480

10 August 1968

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

Subj: Combat After Action Report

Ref: (a) DivO 13-68
(b) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 Series L7014 Sheet 66101V

1. Code Name. Operation Banish Beach
2. Dates of Operation. 050500H Aug 68 to 051100H Aug 68
3. Location. 906695 Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
4. Command and Control Headquarters.
1st Bn, 7thMar --- Lt. Col. BAGAN
1st Plt. "C" Co, 1st EngrBn --- LCpl AGOSTINELLI
5. Task Organization. N/A
6. Supporting Forces. U.S.A.F.
7. Intelligence. ISUMS 1/7
8. Mission. Two 2 men combat engineer teams were provided by 1stPlt, "C" Co, 1stEngBn to provide close combat support as required.
9. Concept of Operations. The combat engineers performed basic combat engineer work such as destruction of dud ordinance, enemy ordinance, and supplies, and emplacements.
10. Execution. At 050500H Aug 68, "A" and "B" Companies, 1stBn, 7thMar departed Hill 10, and proceeded to coordinates 916695. The companies then moved to the Line of Departure at coordinates 906695. Shortly thereafter (050830H Aug 68), at coordinates 903694, an 81mm mortar round (dud) was found and destroyed with one-half pound of C-4. At 050930H Aug 68, a 105mm round (dud) was destroyed with one-half pound of C-4 at coordinates 902694. In the same area, a 250 pound bomb (dud) was destroyed with 3 pounds of C-4. An enemy cave (one man hole) was also destroyed at 050945H Aug 68 in the same general area using 2 pounds of C-4.

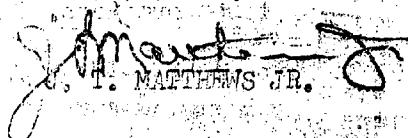
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No additional engineer work was required of the two combat engineer teams. While portions of Companies "A" and "B" remained in the operational area, the engineer teams returned to the 1stBn, 7thMar area CP at 051100H Aug 68.

11. Results. The engineer teams destroyed one 81mm mortar round, one 105mm howitzer round, one 250 pound bomb, and one enemy cave. A total of six (6) pounds of C-4 were used with good results. There were no engineer casualties.
12. Administrative Remarks. N/A
13. Special Techniques and Equipment. N/A
14. Commanders Analysis. N/A
15. Recommendations. "A" Co. should be encouraged to provide security teams to assist combat engineers in the destruction of ordinance, etc. As evidenced by reports of several engineer personnel, no security has been provided to date, and many times these attached engineer units have been left to fill the demolition requirements, while the infantry units continue to move. On several occasions, there has been considerable difficulty in relocating supported infantry units.


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COMPANY "C"

1st Engineer Battalion

1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

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10 August 1968

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

Subj: Combat After Action Report

Ref: (a) Search and Destroy Mission (Company size)
 (b) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 Series L7014 Sheet 6640IV

1. Code Name. None2. Dates of Operation. 080500H Aug 68 to 081830H Aug 683. Location. 875706 Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN.4. Command and Control Headquarters.

1st Bn, 7thMar, Alpha Co. --- Capt. OLIN

1st Plt. "C" Co, 1st EngrBn. --- Col. DAVIS

5. Task Organization. N/A

1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

6. Supporting Forces. N/A

7. Intelligence. ISUMS 1/7

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8. Mission. One 3 man combat engineer team was provided by 1stPlt, "C" Co, 1stEngrBn to provide close combat engineer support as required.

9. Concept of Operation. The combat engineer team performed basic combat engineer work such as destroying enemy storage sites and rendezvous points.

10. Execution. AT 080500H Aug 68, "A" Co. departed 1stBn, 7thMar CP and proceeded to coordinates 875706. In this general area, 12(twelve) caves, and 4 (four) chicon grenades found therein, were destroyed. Other enemy ordnance and weapons were found, but were handled by the supported infantry unit. No additional engineer work was required, and all units secured the operation and returned to the 1stBn., 7thMar. CP.

11. Location. 875706 Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN.12. Command and Control Headquarters.

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11. Results. The engineer team destroyed 12(twelve) caves and 4(four) chicom grenades. A total of 26(twenty-six) pounds of C-4 and 100(One-hundred) feet of det cord were used.

12. Administrative Remarks. N/A

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. N/A

14. Commander's Analysis. N/A

15. Recommendations. N/A

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