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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. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER  
LtCol. D. H. HILDEBRAND 1Aug68 - PresentSUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	1stLt. L. E. RICE 1stLt. C. D. VENUTO	10Jul68 - 12Sep68 13Sep68 - 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
Company "A"	23Aug68 - Present	Danang, RVN
Company "B" (Rein)	6Aug68 - Present	An Hoa, RVN
Company "C" (Rein)	21Apr67 - Present	Danang, RVN
1st Platoon, Company "A" 3d Engineer Battalion	21Jul68 - 17Sep68 18Sep68 - Present	Phu Bai, RVN Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj. J. C. CHAMBLISS	30Apr68 - Present
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj. A. J. RICCIARDI	8Jun68 - Present
S-1/Adjutant	1stLt. R. J. FORBELL	1Dec67 - Present

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S-2	SSgt. A. G. VALENZUELA 1stLt. S. B. THOMPSON	27Jul68 - 29Aug68 30Aug68 - Present
S-3	Capt. L. R. CORNWELL	1Jun68 - Present
S-4	Capt. G. M. VAN ORDEN	29Aug68 - Present
S-5	1stLt. P. D. BUCY	11Jul68 - Present
Supply Officer	1stLt. G. L. FADER 1stLt. G. S. MOORE	1Jan68 - 31Aug68 1Sep68 - Present
Communications Officer	1stLt. P. D. BUCY	8Jul68 - Present
Medical Officer	Lt. W. KWASS	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	1stLt. G. T. MILLER	2Aug68 - Present
Utilities Officer	1stLt. J. H. MILLER 1stLt. G. T. MILLER	10Oct67 - 8Sep68 9Sep68 - Present
Construction Officer	WO-1 K. E. DOUGAN	29May68 - Present

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
34	812	1	14	

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of September 1968, the 1st Engineer Battalion remained committed to combat engineer support missions while simultaneously completing 66 Division and Battalion Work Orders and other engineer projects, maintaining assigned mine detection and clearing sweeps, and being committed to land clearing projects.

Combat engineer companies, reinforced by elements of Headquarters and Service

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Company and Engineer Support Company provided close combat engineer support to operations: MAMELUKE THRUST, HOUSTON, DODGE VALLEY, and SUSSEX BAY. Additional combat engineer support, (47 combat engineers) was provided for eleven unnamed operations and reconnaissance inserts during the month of September 1968. Engineer casualties on these operations were one KIA and three WIA. Company sized operations increased while major operations, except for Operation MAMELUKE THRUST, diminished in activity during September 1968.

During the reporting period, 1,309,000 meters of road in the 1st Marine Division TAOR were swept for mines resulting in 31 mines/bobytraps being located and destroyed. In addition to daily and special mine detection and clearing sweeps conducted, a total of 17 rough rider convoys were supported by combat engineers of this battalion during the reporting period. Rough rider convoys to An Hoa were limited during September 1968 due to difficulties in ferry operations on the Song Thu Bon River.

Company "A" provided general combat engineer support during the month of September 1968 and maintained six daily mine detection and clearing sweeps in the 1st Marines TAOR. Additionally, Company "A" conducted land clearing operations (Project WOODPECKER III) for the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines along routes of communication to reduce mine and ambush incidents. Company "A" conducted cantonment repairs, commenced construction of a filled area involving movement of approximately 30,000 cubic yards of fill, and constructed bunkers on Division Work Orders.

Company "B" continued to provide close combat engineer support to the 5th Marines on Operations MAMELUKE THRUST, and SUSSEX BAY, during September 1968. Considerable engineer effort was provided to the 5th Marines Combat Base at An Hoa by bunker construction, improvement of camp drainage, construction of tent decks, destruction of enemy and dud ordnance, and cantonment improvements. Company "B" also provided mine sweep capabilities with "rough rider" convoys to An Hoa.

Company "C" remained committed throughout the Danang TAOR in providing general combat engineer support. An average of five mine detection and clearing sweeps were conducted on a daily basis throughout the month of September 1968. The 1st Platoon, Company "A", 3d Engineer Battalion was attached to Company "C" on 20 September 1968 when the 26th Marine Regiment (-) returned to the Danang area. Company "C" in addition to providing engineer support for the 7th Marine Regiment (-), commenced providing close combat engineer support to the 26th Marines on 20 September 1968. Major engineer construction conducted by Company "C" during the reporting period included: bunker construction, landing zone clearing, cantonment repairs, helicopter pad construction, and providing technical assistance in installation of field fortifications.

During the reporting period, land clearing operations (Project WOODPECKER III) commenced clearing operations in the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines TAOR along routes of communication to reduce mine and ambush incidents. Company "A" provided the

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project officer and combat engineer support. The land clearing team was augmented with personnel from Headquarters and Service Company, Engineer Support Company, 3d Amphibious Tractor Battalion, and the 7th Engineer Battalion. Clearing operations, during the reporting period, were conducted along Routes 13-C and 12-E. Land clearing effort during the reporting period included 3,216 man hours and 358 equipment hours. A total of 5,370,000 square meters of land were covered and cleared where permitted by the Vietnamese Government. Enemy and US ordnance discovered and destroyed during the reporting period by members of Project WOODPECKER III included: one 60 mm mortar round, four 105 mm howitzer rounds, one M-26 grenade, one 155 howitzer round, one 82 mm mortar round, one boobytrapped ammo can with TNT. One enemy bunker and two tunnel complexes were located and destroyed during the reporting period. One ammunition can containing assorted Viet Cong documents was located and turned in to the S-2, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines for processing. Two Einco tractors assigned to the land clearing team were damaged due to enemy action during the reporting period. One tractor detonated an unknown size mine and received minor damage while the second was hit with an unknown projectile (suspected to be a B-40 rocket) in the rear and was severely damaged. Casualties sustained during Project WOODPECKER III included two WIA.

On 7 September 1968 the Commanding General, 1st Marine Division visited the 1st Engineer Battalion where he received briefings by the Commanding Officer and each Staff Officer. The Assistant Division Commander visited this battalion on 21 September 1968 and received an informal briefing by the Battalion Commander.

During the month of September 1968 the 1st Engineer Battalion began preparations for relocating to Camp FAULKNER (coordinates BT063724) from Camp PERDUE (coordinates AT948755). An advance party, consisting of one platoon, moved to Camp FAULKNER on 25 September 1968 to maintain liaison with MCB-3 who occupied the camp and to construct six ammunition bunkers.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnela. Gains and losses:USMCUSN

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Dropped:	5	47	1	2
Joined:	2	103	0	4

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2. Intelligence

a. Road and Bridge Reconnaissance During the month of September 1968, procedures whereby minesweep teams submit daily reports of road, bridge, and culvert conditions for routes being swept were continued. On 11 September 1968, the Battalion Commander, S-3 Officer, and Commanding Officer, "A" Company participated in an aerial reconnaissance of the "DODGE CITY" area to determine its suitability for land clearing operations. Results indicated that water in the area would prohibit effective land clearing until after the 1968-1969 monsoon season.

b. Weather The weather was characterized as being warm and overcast with moderate precipitation.

c. Mine Warfare

(1) 6 September 1968 - Payment of 400 \$VN to a Vietnamese boy for two M-79 rounds.

(2) 7 September 1968 - Payment of 800 \$VN to Vietnamese National for one dud 81 mm round.

(3) 10 September 1968 - Payment of 600 \$VN to a Vietnamese National for one M-26 grenade and one M-79 round.

(4) 12 September 1968 - Payment of 400 \$VN to a Vietnamese National for one M-33 grenade.

(5) 13 September 1968 - Payment of 600 \$VN to a Vietnamese National for ten rounds of M-16 ammo and one M-79 round.

(6) 15 September 1968 - Payment of 800 \$VN to a Vietnamese National for one claymore mine.

(7) 15 September 1968 - Payment of 400 \$VN to a Vietnamese boy for one M-26 grenade.

(8) 17 September 1968 - Payment of 350 \$VN to a Vietnamese National for twenty-five rounds of M-16 ammo.

(9) 18 September 1968 - Payment of 200 \$VN to a Vietnamese National for one M-79 round.

d. Total ordnance destroyed

(1) The following ordnance was located and destroyed during the month of September 1968 by engineers of Project WOODPECKER III: one 60 mm

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round, one 81 mm round, four 105 mm rounds, one 155 mm round, one M-26 grenade, and one boobytrap consisting of an ammo box containing four pounds of TNT and half full of brass.

(2) Three boobytrapped M-26 grenades, one ChiCom grenade, one anti-personnel mine, one 30 pound rock mine, one 30 pound box mine, one 40 pound box mine, one 60 pound box mine, three mines of unknown type, two 60 mm illum cannisters with trip wires (no explosives), one 60 mm dud round, two 60 mm boobytrapped rounds, five 81 mm illum rounds, five 105 mm dud rounds, three boobytrapped 105 mm rounds, and one boobytrap consisting of two rocks and one pound of black powder were located and destroyed on routine sweeps in the 1st Marine Division TAGR.

(3) Total enemy ordnance destroyed:

ChiCom grenade   ChiCom claymore   Anti-personnel mines   30 lb rock mine

28	two	one	one
<u>30 lb box mine</u>	<u>40 lb box mine</u>	<u>60 lb box mine</u>	<u>Mines, unknown type</u>
one	one	one	three
<u>B-40 rockets</u>	<u>75 mm round</u>	<u>82 mm round</u>	<u>122 mm rocket</u>
255	20	26	three
			one

### Boobytraps    ChiCom grenade boobytrap

(4) Total U. S. ordnance destroyed:

<u>.30 cal ammo</u>	<u>5.56 mm ammo</u>	<u>7.62 mm ammo</u>	<u>60 mm rounds</u>	<u>81 mm rounds</u>
1,325	23,500	83,700	32	69
<u>105 mm round</u>	<u>106 mm round</u>	<u>155 mm round</u>	<u>2.75 inch rockets</u>	<u>8 inch dud</u>
29	one	seven	20	one
<u>CORFRAM round</u>	<u>500 lb bomb</u>	<u>M-26 grenade</u>	<u>Smoke grenade</u>	<u>WP rifle grenade</u>
one	four	21	26	one
<u>CS tear gas</u>	<u>M-33 grenade</u>	<u>Rifle smoke grenade</u>	<u>M-79 rounds</u>	<u>LAAWS</u>
12.1b	ten	ten	21	15

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Claymore mines      Satchel charge, boobytrap

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two

## 3. Training

a. Demolitions, Land Mine Warfare and Viet Cong Boobytrap School was attended by 97 engineers, seven personnel from 2d CAG, III MAF, six personnel from the 3d Amphibious Tractor Battalion, 15 personnel from 1st Shore Party Battalion, two ROKMC Officers, and 81 infantry personnel.

b. During the month of September 1968, two one day classes in mine warfare were held for 95 personnel from the 1st Marine Division NCO Leadership School.

c. Special one day classes in Mine Warfare, V. C. Boobytraps, and field fortifications were conducted for 107 students from the III MAF CAG School.

d. During the month of September 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 for a total of 594 Marines.

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

- (1) Legal Matters
- (2) Technical Inspection Procedures for Motor Transport
- (3) Rules of Engagement
- (4) Research and Development

f. During the month of September 1968, the Communications Section held two classes on Preventative Maintenance and Voice Radio Procedures for a total of two hours with 25 personnel attending.

g. During the month of September 1968, the Construction Section held two classes on Little Giant Tree Feeler for a total of two hours with 44 personnel in attendance.

h. During the month of September 1968, Utilities held a school on the 600 GPH Water Purification Unit for one hour with 10 personnel in attendance.

i. During the month of September 1968, Motor Transport held two classes on Engineer Description and Maintenance of Vehicles and Accidents on Viet Nam highways for a total of two hours with 11 personnel in attendance.

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j. During the month of September 1968, Heavy Equipment conducted two classes on Construction Techniques of Employment of Equipment and Safety Equipment for a total of two hours with 44 personnel in attendance.

#### 4. Operations

a. Operation HOUSTON,  
Phase II

1 May 1968 -  
12 September 1968

The 1st Platoon, Company "A", 3d Engineer Battalion which is OPCON to 1st Engineer Battalion since 190830H May 1968, provided close combat engineer support to the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines on Operation HOUSTON. Their efforts included demolition and bunker work. No engineer casualties occurred during the operation. Operation HOUSTON commenced on 1 May 1968 and terminated on 12 September 1968.

Ref: CO, "C" Co AA Rpt RCS/dep over 3480 of 14 October 1968

b. Operation SUSSEX BAY

29 August 1968 -  
9 September 1968

Company "B" provided 13 engineers in close combat engineer support to the 1st and 2d Battalions, 5th Marines on Operation SUSSEX BAY which commenced on 29 August 1968 and terminated on 9 September 1968. Engineer work included destroying enemy ordnance and boobytraps and fortifications. No engineer casualties occurred during the operation.

Ref: CO, "B" Co AA Rpt LAA/rdz over 3000 of 5 October 1968

c. Search and Destroy  
Operation

31 August 1968 -  
3 September 1968

Company "C" provided two engineers in close combat engineer support to the 2d Battalion, 27th Marines on a search and destroy operation which commenced on 31 August 1968 and terminated 3 September 1968. No engineer casualties occurred during the operation.

Ref: CO, "C" Co AA Rpt SEH/dep over 3480 of 5 October 1968

d. Operation DODGE  
VALLEY

31 August 1968 -  
3 September 1968

Company "C" provided six engineers for close combat engineer support to the 3d Battalion, 1st Marines on Operation DODGE VALLEY which commenced on 31 August 1968 and terminated 3 September 1968. No engineer casualties occurred during the operation.

Ref: CO, "C" Co AA Rpt SEH/dep over 3480 of 5 October 1968

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31 August 1968 -  
6 September 1968

Company "C" provided four engineers for combat engineer support to 1st Reconnaissance Battalion on an operation which commenced on 31 August 1968 and terminated on 6 September 1968. Engineer work included sweeping one helicopter LZ, construction of a triple concertina obstacle fence, demolitions work, and the construction of five bunkers. There were no engineer casualties during the operation.

Ref: CO, "C" Co AA Rpt AUB/dep over 3480 of 3 October 1968

f. Search and Destroy Operation

4 September 1968 -  
6 September 1968

Company "A" provided eight engineers on a search and destroy operation in support of 2d Battalion, 27th Marines. The operation commenced 4 September 1968 and terminated 6 September 1968. No engineer casualties occurred during the operation.

Ref: CO, "A" Co AA Rpt 01:LJB:rlc over 3480 of 11 October 1968

g. LZ Clearing Operation

4 September 1968 -  
7 September 1968

Company "C" provided two engineers on an operation in support of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion to clear fields of fire with demolitions and equipment. The operation commenced 4 September 1968 and terminated 7 September 1968. No engineer casualties occurred during the operation.

Ref: CO, "C" Co AA Rpt SEH/dep over 3480 of 4 October 1968

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9 September 1968 -  
11 September 1968

Company "C" provided two engineers on an operation in support of 1st Battalion, 7th Marines to destroy enemy ordnance and fortifications. The operation commenced 9 September 1968 and was terminated 11 September 1968. No engineer casualties occurred during the operation.

Ref: CO, "C" Co AA Rpt KHR/dep over 3480 of 14 September 1968

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14 September 1968 -  
23 September 1968

Company "C" provided four engineers on an operation in support of 3d Battalion, 7th Marines to destroy enemy emplacements and ordnance. The operation commenced 14 September 1968 and terminated 23 September 1968. No engineer casualties occurred during the operation.

Ref: CO, "C" Co AA Rpt CSJ/mrg over 3480 of 4 October 1968

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18 September 1968 -  
23 September 1968

Company "C" provided two engineers on an operation in support of 1st Military Police Battalion to destroy caves. The operation commenced 18 September 1968 and terminated 23 September 1968. No engineer casualties occurred during the operation.

Ref: CO, "C" Co AA Rpt SEM/dep over 3480 of 4 October 1968

k.

21 September 1968 -  
23 September 1968

Company "C" provided six engineers on an operation in support of 2d and 3d Battalions, 7th Marines to destroy enemy ordnance and boobytraps, U. S. dud ordnance, and fortifications. The operation commenced 21 September 1968 and terminated 23 September 1968.

Ref: CO, "C" Co AA Rpt GSJ/dep over 3480 of 4 September 1968

l. Search and Destroy Operation

25 September 1968 -  
29 September 1968

Company "A" provided six engineers on a search and destroy operation in support of 2d Battalion, 1st Marines. The operation commenced on 25 September 1968 and terminated 29 September 1968. No engineer casualties occurred during the operation.

Ref: CO, "A" Co AA Rpt 01:LJB:rle over 3480 of 1 October 1968

m. Operation MAMELUKE THRUST

19 May 1968 -  
Still in Progress

Company "B" continues to provide close combat engineer support for the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines on Operation MAMELUKE THRUST, which commenced on 19 May 1968 and is still in progress. Thirty seven engineers are being provided in the fourth phase of the operation. Total casualties for the operation include two KIA and four WIA.

n. 20 September 1968 -  
Still in Progress

Company "C" is providing four engineers in support of the 26th Marines for clearing of landing zones for helicopters. The operation commenced 20 September 1968 and is still in progress. No casualties have occurred to date.

5. Water Supply During the month of September 1968, the 1st Engineer Battalion operated 13 water points which produced 3,853,800 gallons of potable water and 1,406,500 gallons of shower water for units throughout the 1st Marine Division TAOR.

6. Construction

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a. The following 45 Division originated Work Orders were completed during the month of September 1968.

(1) Repaired road from Route 3 to Provost Marshall's Office. 19 man hours and 16 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(2) Provided technical assistance in installation of minefields for 3/1. 1,258 man hours were required to complete the work order.

(3) Constructed 10 plywood backings for charts for Division G-4. Four manhours and four sheets of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " plywood were required to complete the work order.

(4) Constructed trash dump for 7th Marines on Hill 55. 20 man hours and 20 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(5) Dug shelter trenches for 7th Marines on Hill 55. 80 man hours, 38 equipment hours and 360 pieces of 52" culvert were required to complete the work order.

(6) Corrected electrical deficiencies in the 3/7 messhall. 139 man hours, 10 equipment hours, 1,050 feet of wire, 23 fluorescent fixtures, 96 fluorescent tubes, one pound of nails and 18 assorted electrical fixtures were required to complete the work order.

(7) Installed water line to BAS for 1/7. Eight man hours, 80 feet of pipe and 10 assorted plumbing fixtures were required to complete the work order.

(8) Provided suitable flooring in Division School's COO bunker. Seven man hours, 245 BF of lumber, and two pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(9) Repaired damage to structures for 2/1. 110 man hours, six sheets of plywood, 165 BF of lumber, two rolls of screen wire and 20 pieces of eight foot tin were required to complete the work order.

(10) Blast fighting holes on Hill 244 for Headquarters Battalion. 16 man hours, 75 pounds of TNT, and 50 blasting caps were required to complete the work order.

(11) Provided demolition team to 1st M. P. Battalion. 160 man hours, 1,040 pounds of C-4, 2,500 feet of detonating cord, one shape charge, and 14 blasting caps were required to complete the work order.

(12) Rebuilt/replaced messhall doors and cleared drain for 3/7. 65 man hours, two equipment hours, 80 BF of lumber and five rolls of screen wire were required to complete the work order.

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(13) Constructed chemical launcher for 1st Marine Division G-3. Two man hours, three equipment hours, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  sheet of sheet metal were required to complete the work order.

(14) Provided 20 yards of sand and 37 yards of gravel to Headquarters Battalion. 43 man hours, 15 equipment hours, 20 yards of sand and 37 yards of gravel were required to complete the work order.

(15) Provided equipment to dig trenches and clear fields of fire for 7th Marines. 84 man hours, and 60 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(16) Constructed barn for rifle range for 7th Marines. 20 man hours and 16 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(17) Constructed one SEA hut for Headquarters Battalion. 980 man hours and 1,116 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(18) Constructed roof over COC bunker and repaired conference room for 7th Marines. 142 man hours, 1,205 BF of lumber, 50 pounds of nails, and two rolls of screen wire were required to complete the work order.

(19) Conducted electrical and carpentry survey of the 1st Marine Division Clubs Warehouse for DEO. Two man hours were required to complete the work order.

(20) Constructed coffee mess table for Division G-4. 10 man hours, 21 BF of lumber,  $\frac{1}{2}$  sheet of plywood and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(21) Constructed six culvert bunkers for 4/11. 728 man hours, 17,640 BF of lumber, 180 pieces of culvert and 100 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(22) Provided drainage and constructed two ammunition bunkers for 3/7. 280 man hours, 5,945 BF of lumber, and 100 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(23) Repaired ladder to observation tower at Sea Bee Bridge. One man hour, 4 BF of lumber, and 1 pound of nails were required to complete the work order.

(24) Dug 7 fighting trenches at 1st Tank Battalion. 99 man hours and 33 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(25) Issued 12 pieces of 52" culvert material to Regimental S-4, 1st Marines. 12 pieces of 52" culvert were required to complete the work order.

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(26) Oiled roads in 1st Hospital cantonment. 2 man hours, 2 equipment hours, and 1,500 gallons of road oil were required to complete the work order.

(27) Conducted electrical survey to determine back up power requirements for 11th MT Battalion. 5 man hours were required to complete the work order.

(28) Delivered and set up 20 KW generator at Song Gau Do Bridge. Four man hours and three equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(29) Provided temporary hook up of 60 KW generator to 26th Marines. 16 man hours, 2 equipment hours, 50' of wire, and 21 electrical accessories were required to complete the work order.

(30) Salvaged material from 1st Marine Division rear warehouse at 11th MT Battalion. Placed materials in stock at S-4 lot, 1st Engineer Battalion. 200 man hours were required to complete the work order.

(31) Constructed bunkers for 3/11 at Hill 65. 364 man hours, 16 equipment hours, 5,913 BF of lumber, 3 rolls of roofing paper, and 200 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(32) Repaired road from coordinates AT948745 to AT942751 for Headquarters Battalion. Five man hours and five equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(33) Assembled two tent decks at Hill 55 for 3d 8" Howitzer Battery. 25 man hours, 4 equipment hours, 2 tent decks, and 24 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(34) Delivered 5 loads of fill to Communications Company on Hill 244. 7 man hours and 6 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(35) Conducted inspection of TSFC on Hill 34 for 7th Communications Battalion. Two man hours were required to complete the work order.

(36) Provided engineer technical representative to accompany Headquarters Battalion staff on tour of fighting defences at Hill 244. Two man hours were required to complete the work order.

(37) Make necessary repairs to 3/7 cantonment at Hill 55. 720 man hours, 30 sheets of plywood, 5 gallons of roofing tar, 64 BF of lumber, 4 rolls of screening wire, and 15 pieces of roofing tin were required to complete the work order.

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(38) Hauled 15 loads of gravel to 1/1 messhall. 43 man hours, and 33 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(39) Provided 1st Tank Battalion with one can tar and one roll roofing paper for OP Panther. Two man hours, two equipment hours, one can of tar, and one roll of roofing paper were required to complete the work order.

(40) Built mount out boxes for 26th Marines. 39 man hours, 558 BF of lumber, and 20 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(41) Constructed one stand up desk for ADC. Eight man hours, 45 BF of lumber, and 1 sheet of 3/4" plywood were required to complete the work order.

(42) Hauled 60 cubic yards 5" minus crushed rock to "L" Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines. 72 man hours and 12 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(43) Dug trash pits on Hill 10 and Hill 22 for 1/7. 90 man hours and 50 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(44) Conducted electrical survey of messhall at An Hoa. Four man hours were required to complete the work order.

(45) Rebuilt Division MARS Station. 768 man hours were required to complete the work order.

b. The following 21 Battalion originated Work Orders were completed during the month of September 1968:

(1) Moved ammo bunker from billeting area for 1st Engineer Battalion. 45 man hours, 1,971 BF of lumber, 20 pounds of nails, and six rolls of roofing paper were required to complete the work order.

(2) Fabricated 10 fire barrels for H&S Company, 1st Engineer Battalion. One manhour and one equipment hour were required to complete the work order.

(3) Removed unserviceable sink and installed new one in the 1st Engineer Battalion messhall. Three man hours were required to complete the work order.

(4) Made necessary repairs to the 1st Engineer Battalion outdoor theatre. 240 man hours, 62 sheets of plywood, 675 BF of lumber, 100 pounds of nails, 21 gallons of paint, and four pair of hinges were required to complete the work order.

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(5) Replaced ladder on bunker for Headquarters Battalion. Ten man hours, 60 BF of lumber, and four pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(6) Inspected COG bunker for 1st Recon Battalion. One man hour was required to complete the work order.

(7) Corrected electrical discrepancies in the "A" Company area, 1st Engineer Battalion. 58 man hours, 48 assorted electrical fixtures, and one roll of wire were required to complete the work order.

(8) Removed tree from 11th Motor Transport Battalion perimeter. Three man hours, 20 pounds of TNT, and 20 feet of detonating cord were required to complete the work order.

(9) Cut 500 grade stakes for D&S, 1st Engineer Battalion. 24 man hours and 200 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(10) Provided technical assistance for replacement of tactical wire to 1st Recon Battalion. 436 man hours and 20 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(11) Cleared messhall drain at 1st Marines CP. Three man hours and one equipment hour were required to complete the work order.

(12) Installed shower heads for 1/1. Four man hours and 12 shower heads were required to complete the work order.

(13) Inspected COG bunker at 11th MT Battalion. One man hour was required to complete the work order.

(14) Replaced stringer on NamO Bridge. Six man hours and 75 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(15) Sanded and cleaned B-40 rocket launcher for ADC. 12 man hours were required to complete the work order.

(16) Repaired light fixtures in Hut 2279 at 1st Engineer Battalion. Four man hours were required to complete the work order.

(17) Rebuilt Vietnamese concession destroyed by typhoon. 147 man hours were required to complete the work order.

(18) Destroyed dud ordnance for Headquarters Battalion. One man hour was required to complete the work order.

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(19) Constructed perimeter bunkers at Hill 55 as required by 7th Marines. 280 man hours were required to complete the work order.

(20) Set 30' telephone pole for Division MARS Station. 16 man hours, 8 equipment hours, and one telephone pole were required to complete the work order.

(21) Removed beach matting from 1st Hospital Company LZ and replaced with M8A1. 162 man hours, 7½ equipment hours, 50 engineer stakes, and 43 bundles of M8A1 matting were required to complete the work order.

#### 7. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

a. Medical assistance was rendered to 1,700 Vietnamese Nationals during the month of September 1968 by the staff of the Hoa Phu Medical Clinic. The clinic was in need of one case of merthiolate aerosol, which was donated by S-5, 1st Engineer Battalion.

b. During the month of September 1968, civil actions included distribution to underprivileged children of Hoa Phu five packages of clothing from donors in the United States, a sixteen year old girl from Hoa Phu started public nurse's school in Danang through \$139 donated from this battalion. Construction Platoon, Support Company provided scrap lumber for fire wood during Typhoon Bess, and 75 books were donated to the schools in Hoa Phu for the first through third grades.

#### 8. Religious Affairs

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

b. One service was held by the 1st Engineer Battalion Chaplain at 1st Tank Battalion during the month of September.

c. Two memorial services were held in the 1st Engineer Battalion Chapel during the month of September.

9. Research and Development During the month of September 1968, experimentation with Fuel Air Explosive Devices continued in conjunction with 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. On 1 September 1968 four FAE devices were employed on Hill 146 to clear fields of fire for 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. The area cleared contained grass and brush approximately three feet in height. The FAE's employed on Hill 146 effectively cleared an area with a radius of 50 feet from the device.

On 12 and 13 September 1968 a total of six fuel air explosive devices were

employed on Hill 146 for 1st Reconnaissance Battalion to clear additional fields of fire. Of the six FAE's employed, one was a dud and failed to detonate. During this operation, FAE's were found to give better clearance if the detonator paths are cleared along the side of the slope instead of up and down the slope. It was found that when used on slopes, the best clearing is obtained down slope from the FAE device. Up slope, good clearance can be obtained for about 15 feet from the device while down slope, good clearance is obtained up to about 30 feet from the device. Along the sides of a slope, clearing is accomplished up to 25 feet from the device.

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 14 October 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines  
 Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion

Subj: Combat After Action Report

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1  
 (b) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 Series 6641 III

1. Code Name. None
2. Dates of Operation. 28 September 1968 - 8 October 1968
3. Location. Quang Phu Loc Province, RVN
4. Command and Control Headquarters.  
 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines  
 4th Plt, Co "C", 1st Engr. Bn.
5. Task Organization. N/A
6. Supporting Forces. N/A
7. Intelligence. ISUMS 3/26
8. Mission. To provide combat engineer support to Kilo Co 3/26
9. Concept of Operation. Four engineers went in support of "K" 3/26 to clear a LZ.
10. Execution. On 28 Sep 68 four engineers went in support of "K" 3/26. On 1 Oct 68 20 lbs of C-4 was used to clear a LZ. On 8 Oct 68 the engineers returned from the operation.
11. Results. A landing zone was cleared at 865924 using 20 lbs of C-4.
12. Administrative Remarks. N/A
13. Special Equipment and Techniques. N/A
14. Commander's Analysis. N/A
15. Recommendations. None

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From: Commanding Officer  
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 Subj: Combat Operation After Action Report  
 Enccl: (1) Execution and Results; report of Delta Company 1/5  
 (2) Execution and Results; report of 2/5

1. Code Name: Sussex Bay
2. Date: 29 August 1968 through 9 September 1968
3. Location: Quang Nam Province
4. Control or Command Hq: 2nd Bn 5th Marines
5. Task Organization: "B" Company, 1st Engineer Battalion had (11) engineers attached to 2nd Bn 5th Marines and (2) engineers attached to Delta Co, 1/5.
6. Supporting Forces: N/A
7. Intelligence: during the operation no significant engineer intelligence was obtained.
8. Mission: to provide engineer support for the 2nd Bn 5th Marines and (1) unit of 1st Bn 5th Marines.
9. Concept of Operations: to clear area of mines and booby traps and to destroy dud ordnance.
10. Execution: see enclosures (1) and (2).
11. Results: see enclosures (1) and (2).
12. Administration Matters: N/A
13. Special Equipment and Techniques: N/A
14. Analysis: No unusual problems were encountered and the demolition work was routine.
15. Recommendations: None

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## 1. Execution and Results for Delta Company 1/5

29 Aug 68 - Engineers moved out with Delta Company 1/5 and came across a fortified village. The Company was pinned down so called in artillery and air support and set in for the night.

30 Aug 68 - The following were destroyed in the fortified positions with 70 lbs. of C-4:

1. Two (2) Chicom boobytraps
2. Three (3) punji pits
3. Three (3) 105 rds - boobytrapped
4. One (1) satchel charge - boobytrapped
5. Two (2) 155 rds - boobytrapped
6. One (1) 500 lb. bomb - boobytrapped
7. Seven (7) bunkers

31 Aug 68 - No significant action.

1 Sep 68 - No significant action.

2 Sep 68 - The following were destroyed with 5 lbs. of C-4:

1. One (1) 105 rd. - boobytrapped
2. Four (4) Chicom grenades - boobytrapped
3. One (1) satchel charge - boobytrapped

3 Sep 68 - Received typhoon warning, moved to high ground and set in.

4 Sep 68 - 8 Sep 68: Stayed in static position because of weather. No significant action.

9 Sep 68 - Secured operation.

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## 1. Execution and Results for 2nd Battalion/5th Marines

29 Aug 68 - No significant action

30 Aug 68 - No significant action

31 Aug 68 - 2 Sep 68: The following items were destroyed with  
150 lbs. of C-4:

1. Twenty (20) bunkers
2. Two (2) 500 lb. bombs
3. One (1) Claymore mine booby trapped
4. Four (4) fighting holes
5. One (1) corfram rd.
6. Three (3) LAAMS
7. 500 rds of 30 cal. ammunition

3 Sep 68 - The following items were destroyed with 30 lbs. C-4:

1. One (1) dud 500 lb. bomb
2. Destroyed two (2) 81mm mortar - boobytrapped
3. Ten (10) dud 81mm mortar rds.

Received typhoon warning, moved to high ground and set in.

4 Sep 68 - 8 Sep 68: Stayed in static position because of weather.

9 Sep 68 - Secured operation.

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, Second Battalion, 27th 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

1. Code Name. None
2. Dates of Operation. 31 August 1968 - 3 September 1968
3. Location. Quang Nam Province, RVN
4. Command and Control Headquarters.  
 2d Battalion, 27th Marines  
 4th Flt, Co "C", 1st Engr. Bn.
5. Task organization. N/A
6. Supporting Forces. N/A
7. Intelligence. ISUMS 2/27
8. Mission. To provide close combat engineer support to a search and destroy sweep.
9. Concept of operation. To provide close combat engineer support to perform sweeping and demolition.
10. Execution. On 31 August 1968 two engineers went in support of 2/27. On 1 September 1968 5 lbs of C-4 was used to destroy 2 105mm dud rounds. On 2 September 1968 one chicom grenade was destroyed with 1 lb C-4. On 3 September 1968 the engineers returned from the operation.
11. Results. A total of 2 dud 105mm rds and one chicom grenade were destroyed with 5 lbs of C-4.

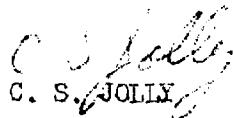
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12. Administrative Remarks. N/A
13. Special Equipment and Techniques. N/A
14. Commander's Analysis. N/A
15. Recommendations. None

  
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 To: Commanding Officer, Third Battalion, First Marines  
 Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion  
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 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1  
 (b) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 series L7014

1. Code Name. Dodge Valley
2. Dates of Operation. 31 August 1968 - 3 September 1968
3. Location. Elephant Valley, Quang Nam Province, RVN
4. Command and Control Headquarters.  
 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines  
 2nd Plt., Co "C", 1stEngrBn—Cpl. BISSON
5. Task Organization. N/A
6. Supporting Forces. N/A
7. Intelligence. ISUMS 3/1
8. Mission. To provide close combat engineer support in the area of operation.
9. Concept of Operation. Three two (2) man teams went in support of 3/1 to provide basic combat engineer work.
10. Execution. On 31 Aug 1968 six engineers went in support of 3/1 to the area of operation. No engineer was performed on 31 Aug 1968 or 1 September 1968. On 2 September 1968 15 lbs. of C-4 was used to destroy excess "C" rations. On 2 September 1968 all units returned to hill 55 and secured from operation.
11. Results. A total of 15 lbs of C-4 was used to destroy excess "C" rations.
12. Administrative Remarks. N/A

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13. Special Equipment and Techniques. N/A

14. Commander's Analysis. N/A

15. Recommendations. None

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 To: Commanding Officer, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
 Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion  
 Subj: Combat After Action Report  
 Ref: (a) DivO B100.1  
 (b) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 Series L7014

1. Code Name. None
2. Dates of Operation. 310830H Aug 68 to 061400H Aug 68
3. Location. 026453 Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN.
4. Command and Control Headquarters.  
 1st Recon, Helo Co.----Capt. WHITE  
 1st Plt, "C" Co., 1st Engin---Sgt. MAIS
5. Task Organization. N/A
6. Supporting Forces. N/A
7. Intelligence. ISUMS 1st Recon
8. Mission. The four man engineer team was provided to sweep 1 LZ for helicopters, to supervise in the construction of 1 triple concertina obstacle fence, to blow shape charges and cratering charges, and to supervise in the construction of 5 fighting bunkers.
9. Concept of Operation. The combat engineer team performed work pertaining to the 1371 Field such as listed on section eight above.
10. Execution. At 310830H Aug 68, "C" Co. departed 1st Recon Bn. and proceeded to An Hoa. Later after an air strike had been held on coordinates 026453, we were inserted into this area. No enemy ordnance was uncovered and the engineer team proceeded to supervise in the construction of the concertina barrier, etc. When items listed in section eight were completed we were brought back to 1st Recon Bn.

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11. Results. The engineer team swept (1) one LZ, constructed (1) one triple concertina fence, blew approximately (15) fifteen 30 lbs. shape charges, and approximately (10) ten 40 lbs cratering charges. Thirty feet of time fuse was used.

12. Administrative Remarks. N/A13. Special Equipment and Techniques. N/A14. Commander's Analysis. N/A15. Recommendations. N/A*C. S. Jolley*  
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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1A

1. Code Name: None2. Dates of Operation: 4 to 6 September 19683. Location: Quang Nam Province4. Command Headquarters: 2nd Battalion 27th Marines5. Reporting NCO's: Cpl Terry R. MAGARCLE 2309099/1371 USMC and LCpl Raul AGUIRRE, JR. 2335917/1371 USMC6. Task Organization: Not applicable7. Supporting Forces: Not applicable8. Intelligence: 2nd Battalion, 27th Marines S-29. Mission: Eight engineers in close combat support of 2nd Battalion, 27th Marines.10. Concept of Operation: Two engineer teams consisting of one NCOIC and 3 engineers in support of 2nd Battalion, 27th Marines on a search and destroy operation. Each engineer carried 20 lbs of C-4 explosive.11. Execution: The engineer teams departed the command post at 0700 and arrived at 2nd Battalion, 27th Marines command post at 0830, 4 September 1968. The operation commenced on 4 September and terminated on 6 September 1968.12. Results: The following items were destroyed during the operation:

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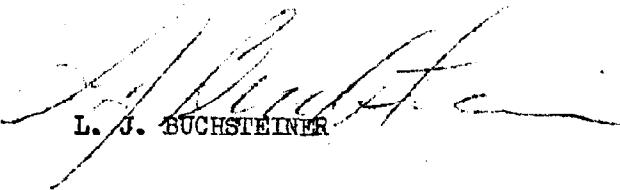
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4Sep	1	105mm round	BT 652053
6Sep	1	105mm round	BT 637068

13. Administrative Matters: None

14. Special Equipment and Techniques: None

15. Commanders Analysis: The work of the engineers was routine and no unusual problems were encountered.

16. Recommendations: None

  
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 Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion  
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 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1  
 (b) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 series L7014

1. Code Name. None
2. Dates of Operation. 4 September 1968 - 7 September 1968
3. Location. 867682 Quang Nam Province, RVN
4. Command and Control.  
 1st Recon Bn.  
 2nd Plt., Co "C", 1st Engr. Bn. — PFC ABBARNO
5. Task Organization. N/A
6. Supporting Forces. N/A
7. Intelligence. ISUMS 1stReconBn
8. Mission. To provide combat engineer support to 1stReconBn.
9. Concept of Operation. Two engineers went in support of 1stReconBn to clear around the LZ.
10. Execution. On 4 September 1968 two engineers went in support of 1stReconBn to a LZ at coordinates 867682. From 4 September 1968 to 7 September 1968 they worked clearing fields of fire with chain saw and 20 lbs of C-4.
11. Results. The fields of fire were clear at LZ at coordinates 867682 using 20 lbs. of C-4.
12. Administrative Remarks. N/A
13. Special Equipment. N/A

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14. Commander's analysis. N/A

15. Recommendations. None

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 Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion  
 Subj: Combat After Action Report  
 Ref: (a) DivO 3/80.1  
 (b) Map Vietnam 1:50000 series L7011 Sheet 6610 IV

1. Code Name: None
2. Dates of Operation. 091800HSep68 to 111800HSep68
3. Location. 80612 Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
4. Command and Control Headquarters.  
 1st Bn, 7thMar-----Lt. Col. FAGAN  
 1st Plt. "C" Co, 1stEngrBn---LCpl AGOSTINELLI
5. Task Organization. N/A
6. Supporting Forces. N/A
7. Intelligence. ISUMS 1/7
8. Mission. One 2 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 in destroying enemy storage sites, ordnance, and tunnels.
10. Execution. At 091800HSep68, "C" Co. departed 1stBn, 7thMar. CP and proceeded to coordinates 906723. On 10Sep68 at coordinates 883712 a bomb shelter and 1 chicom grenade were found and destroyed. Later on 10Sep68 at coordinates 883713 2 tunnels 15' long were destroyed, along with a tunnel 5' long and 4' wide. These tunnels contained the following ordnance, which was confiscated: 31 blasting caps and 28 firing devices. No additional engineer work was required, and by 111800HSep68 the operation secured and returned to the 1stBn, 7thMar CP.

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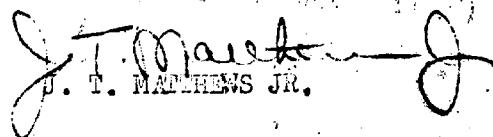
11. Results. The engineer team destroyed 1 bomb shelter, 3 tunnels, and captured 31 blasting caps and 28 firing devices. A total of 35 lbs. of C-4 explosive was used.

12. Administrative Remarks. N/A

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. N/A

14. Commanders Analysis. N/A

15. Recommendations. N/A

  
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 Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion  
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 Ref: (a) Map Vietnam 1:509000 Series L7014  
 (b) Div0 3480.1

1. Code Name. None.
2. Dates of Operation. 141300HSep68 to 231700HSep68.
3. Location.
4. Command & Control Headquarters.  
 3rdBn 7thMar - - LtCol QUINN  
 3rdPlt, "C" Co., 1stEngrBn - - Cpl FREDERICK
5. Task Organization. N/A.
6. Supporting Forces. USMC.
7. Intelligence. ISUMS 3/7.
8. Mission. One 4 man combat engineer team was provided by 3rd Platoon "C" Co. to provide close combat support as required.
9. Concept of Operation. The engineer team performed basic engineer work such as destruction of enemy emplacements and ordinance.
10. Execution. At 141300HSep68 Lima and Mike Companies, 3rdBn, 7thMar departed Hill 37, and proceeded to coordinates 910538. The companies then moved to line of departure at coordinates 911539. Shortly thereafter at coordinates 915542, the engineers destroyed two 155mm duds, one 82mm dud, one Chicom grenade, and 200 lbs of ordnance, using 5 lbs of C-4. On 15 & 16 Sep the engineers stayed at coordinates 915542 with infantry to act as a blocking force. On 17Sep at coordinates 915542 the engineers destroyed 19 steel reinforced bunkers using 155 lbs of C-4. On 18Sep the 3rdBn, 7thMar moved to coordinates 951565 where they remained until the afternoon of 21 Sep. On 211530 the 3rdBn, 7thMar moved to coordinates 002573 and set up defensive position. On 22Sep68, the engineers

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destroyed 28 steel reinforced bunkers, 6 spider holes, 65 feet of tunnel complex, 3 ChiCom grenade booby traps, and 155mm dud using 160 lbs of C-4. On 231700HSep68 the operation was secured and all personnel returned to Hill 37.

11. Results. The engineer team destroyed 47 bunkers, 65 ft of tunnel complex, 6 spider holes, (2) 155mm duds, (1) 82mm dud, 1 ChiCom grenade, and 3 booby traps using 320 lbs of C-4 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. None.

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 To: Commanding Officer, 1st MP Battalion  
 Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion

Subj: Combat After Action Report

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1  
 (b) Map Vietnam 1:500,000 series L7014

1. Code Name. None
2. Dates of Operation. 18 September 1968 - 23 September 1968
3. Location. 075708 Marble Mountain, Quang Nam Province, RVN
4. Command and Control.  
 1st Military Police Battalion  
 3rd Plt, Co "C", 1stEngBn---LCpl Bill
5. Task Organization. N/A
6. Supporting Forces. N/A
7. Intelligence. ISUMS 1stMPBn
8. Mission. To provide combat engineer support to 1st MPBn. in the area of operation.
9. Concept of Operation. Two (2) engineers went in support of 1st MPBn. to perform demolition work in assigned areas.
10. Execution. On 18 September 1968, two engineers went in support of 1st MPBn. On 19 September 1968 one cave was blown with 340 lbs. C-4 at coordinates 075078. On 20 September 1968 one cave was blown with 580 lbs C-4 at coordinates 075078. On 23 September 1968 one cave was blown at one opening with 500 lbs. C-4 and (1) 40 lb. shape charge and at the other opening with 500 lbs. C-4 at the same coordinates.
11. Execution. Three caves were blown using 2100 lbs of C-4 and (1) 40 lb. shape charge.
12. Administrative Remarks. N/A

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13. Special Equipment and Techniques. N/A

14. Commanders Analysis. N/A

15. Recommendations.

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 Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines  
 Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion  
 Ref: (a) DivO 13-68  
 (b) Map Vietnam 1:500,000 Series L 7014

1. Code Name. None
2. Dates of Operation. 211500H Sep 68 - 231700H Sep 68
3. Location. 002575 Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
4. Command and Control Headquarters.  
 2nd Bn., 7th Mar. ---  
 3rd Bn., 7th Mar. --- Lt. Col. QUINN  
 3rd Plt. "C" Co., 1st Engr. Bn. --- 1st Lt. JOLLY
5. Task Organization. N/A
6. Supporting Forces. USAF
7. Intelligence. ISUMS 1/7 & 3/7
8. Mission. One 6 man combat engineer team from 3rd plt., "C" Co., 1st Engr. Bn. to provide close combat support as required.
9. Concept of Operation. The Combat Engineers performed basic combat engineer work such as destruction of dud ordnance, enemy ordnance and supplies, and emplacements
10. Execution. At 211500H Sep 68, 6 engineers were assigned and reported to the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines at coordinates 002575 where defensive positions were taken for the night. During the day of 22 Sept 1968 at coordinates 002575 a total of 100 enemy bunkers were destroyed of which approximately 72 were steel reinforced, using 600 lbs C-4. Also on 22 Sept 1968 (3) three booby traps, and two 81mm mortar duds were destroyed using 4 lbs of C-4. At 221530H Sep 68, th 2nd Bn., 7th Mar. was replaced by 3rd Bn., 7th Mar. and all engineers remained with 3/7. On 23 Sept 28 bunkers, three 122mm rocket mortars, one 122mm war head, one 155 dud, three m-26 grenades, one chicom grenade, and one 8 inch dud were destroyed

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using 120 lbs of C-4. At 231700H Sep 68 the operation was secured and all personnel returned to hill 37.

11. Results. The engineer team destroyed 128 bunkers, one 155 dud, two 81mm duds, one 8 inch dud, three 122 mm rocket mortars, one 122 mm war head, three m-26 grenades, one chicom grenade and three booby traps using 72 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs. of C-4 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. N/A

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 To: Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion  
 Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report  
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1A  
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1. Code Name: None
2. Dates of Operation: 25 to 29 September 1968
3. Location: Marble Mountain, Quang Nam Province
4. Command Headquarters: 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines
5. Reporting NCO: Cpl Raymond F. EDWARDS 2266591/1371 USMC
6. Task Organization: Not applicable
7. Supporting Forces: Not applicable
8. Intelligence: 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines S-2
9. Mission: Six engineers in close combat support of 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines.
10. Concept of Operation: Six engineers in support of 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines on a search and destroy operation. One NCO in charge of a 6 man team. Each engineer carried 20 lbs of C-4 explosive.
11. Execution: The engineer team departed the command post at 1530 and arrived at 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines command post at 1630, 25 September 1968. The operation commenced on 26 September and terminated on 29 September 1968.
12. Results: The following items were destroyed during the operation:

DATE	QUANTITY	ITEM	COORDINATES
26Sept	1	Cave (estimated as platoon size)	BT 069711

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DATE	QUANTITY	ITEM	COORDINATES
26Sept	1	M79 round	BT 069711
27Sept	1	Cave (estimated as a reinforced company size)	BT 069711
	1	M79 round	BT 069711
28Sept	1	Cave (estimated as platoon size)	BT 069711
	1	WP rifle grenade	BT 069711
	1	M26 grenade	BT 069711
	1	60mm round	BT 069711
	1	M79 round	BT 069711
	8 lbs	CS tear gas	BT 069711

13. Administrative Matters: None

14. Special Equipment and Techniques: None

15. Commanders Analysis: The work of the engineers was routine and no unusual problems were encountered.

16. Recommendations: None

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