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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

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## COMMANDER

LtCol. D. H. HILDEBRAND 31Jul68 - Present

SUBORDINATE UNITS

1stLt. C. D. VENUTO 13Sep68 - Present

Maj. W. C. WESSEL 29Oct68 - Present

Capt. L. J. BUCHSTEINER 30Apr68 - 21Nov68  
1stLt. G. A. SCHILLER 22Nov68 - Present1stLt. J. W. FORMAN 4Jul68 - 17Nov68  
Capt. G. M. VAN ORDEN 18Nov68 - Present

1stLt. C. S. JOLLY 6Oct68 - Present

Support Company

Company "A" (Rein)

Company "A" (Rein)

Company "C" (Rein)

2. LOCATION1st 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.

18Sep68 - Present

Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj J. G. CELLI

28Oct68 - Present

Sergeant Major

SgtMaj. A. J. RICCIARDI  
SgtMaj. W. C. TRAMMELL8Jun68 - 2Nov68  
3Nov68 - Present

S-1/Adjutant

1stLt. R. J. FORBELL

1Dec67 - Present

S-2

1stLt. S. B. THOMPSON

20Aug68 - Present

S-3

Maj. L. T. NAPPI

24Oct68 - Present

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S-4	Capt. G. M. VAN ORDEN Maj. M. E. McPHERSON	29Aug68 - 2Nov68 3Nov68 - Present
S-5	1stLt. P. D. BUCY 1stLt. S. B. THOMPSON	11Jul68 - 6Nov68 7Nov68 - Present
Supply Officer	Capt. G. S. MOORE	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	1stLt. W. J. LAWSON	20Oct68 - Present
Engineer Equipment Officer	CWO-2 W. M. CARLSON	1Nov68 - Present
Utilities Officer	1stLt. G. T. MILLER	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>OFF</u>	
36	746	2	13

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of November 1968, the 1st Engineer Battalion remained committed to combat engineer support missions while simultaneously completing 95 Division and Battalion Work Orders and other engineer projects and maintaining assigned detection and clearing sweeps.

Combat engineer companies, reinforced by elements of Headquarters and Service Company and Engineer Support Company provided close combat engineer support to Operations: HENDERSON HILL, NICOLLET BAY, and MEADE RIVER. In addition, six unnamed operations were provided close combat engineer support by this battalion

During the reporting period, 1,520,230 meters of road in the 1st Marine Division TAOR were swept for mines. Mine sweeps of roads resulted in 36 mines/boobytraps being located and destroyed. In addition to daily mine detection and clearing sweeps, 15 rough rider convoys were supported by combat engineers of this battalion during the reporting period.

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Company "A" provided engineer support to the 1st Marine Regiment on Operation MEADE RIVER during the month of November 1968, and maintained six daily mine detection and clearing sweeps in the 1st Marine Division TAOR. During the month of November 1968, Company "A" was heavily committed to bunker construction and cantonment repairs with the 1st Marine Division TAOR specified by Division Work Orders. During the month of November 1968, Company "A" also provided a two man engineer team in support of 3d Battalion, 1st Marines on a one day search and destroy operation.

Company "B" continued to provide combat engineer support to the 5th Marines on Operations HENDERSON HILL, and MEADE RIVER. Company "B" also continued cantonment improvements and bunker construction for the 5th Marines at the An Hoa Combat Base. One daily mine detection and clearing sweep was maintained by Company "B".

Company "C" provided close combat engineer support for elements of the 7th and 26th Marines on Operation MEADE RIVER. Company "C" also provided close combat engineer support for five unnamed operations. Six mine detection and clearing sweeps were continued by Company "C" during the reporting period. This Company also provided general engineer support to units of the 1st Marine Division.

On 26 November 1968, the Commanding General of the 1st Marine Division and the Commanding General of Force Logistics Command visited the 1st Engineer Battalion and were briefed by the Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel

a. Gains and losses:	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Dropped:	4	47	0	2
Joined:	7	28	2	2
b. <u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>			
4	13			

2. Intelligencea. Road and Bridge Reconnaissance

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

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During the month of November 1968, the weather was characterized by primarily partly cloudy skies with light rain showers occurring during the early morning hours, with a few days of heavy rain created by Typhoon MAIME. There was a total of 13.05 inches of rain during the reporting period, temperature ranged from a high of 80 to 85° and a low of around 70°.

c. Mine Warfare

(1) Reward of 100\$ VN was paid to Vietnamese civilian for one M26 grenade.

(2) Reward of 6,200\$ VN was paid to Vietnamese civilian for three 81mm rounds, six 60mm rounds and one M79 round.

d. Ordnance destroyed

(1) One 155mm round, six 105mm rounds, five 81mm rounds, one 50 pound box mine, two 40 pound box mines, one 25 pound rock mine, three 20 pound box mines, seven 60mm rounds, six M26 grenades, two M79 rounds, one M72 LAAW, and one chicom grenade were located and destroyed on routine road sweeps in the 1st Marine Division TAOR.

## (2) Total enemy ordnance destroyed

<u>140mm rockets</u>	<u>50 lb box mine</u>	<u>40 lb box mine</u>	<u>25 lb rock mine</u>	
20	1	2	1	
<u>20 lb box mines</u>	<u>82mm rounds</u>	<u>chicom grenades</u>	<u>boobytraps</u>	<u>AP mines</u>
4	1	20	8	2
<u>RPG rounds</u>	<u>small arms ammunition</u>			
9	580			

## (3) Total U. S. ordnance destroyed

<u>500 lb bomb</u>	<u>250 lb bombs</u>	<u>8" round</u>	<u>175mm round</u>	<u>155mm round</u>
1	2	1	1	5
<u>105mm rounds</u>	<u>90mm rounds</u>	<u>81mm rounds</u>	<u>60mm rounds</u>	<u>M26 grenades</u>
9	13	9	9	5
<u>M72 LAAW</u>	<u>claymore mines</u>	<u>small arms ammunition</u>		
7	12,050	4		

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### 3. Training

a. Demolitions, Land Mine Warfare and Viet Cong Boobytrap School was attended by 116 engineers, 12 personnel of 1st Shore Party Battalion, two personnel of II CAG, III MAF, six personnel of 1st Tank Battalion, and 221 infantry personnel.

b. During the month of November 1968, special one day classes were held through contact teams from the Land Mine Warfare School for 3d Battalion, 26th Marines, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, 3d Amphibious Tractor Battalion, 2d Battalion, 26th Marines, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Engineer Battalion, II CAG, III MAF, and 1st Marine Division Schools with a total attendance of 1,239 personnel.

c. Three classes were held for the Officers and Staff NCO's of the 1st Engineer Battalion during the month of November covering the following subjects:

- (1) Embarkation
- (2) Individual Responsibility
- (3) New Military Justice Bill

d. During the month of November 1968, Construction Platoon held three hours of training on Laying Forms for Concrete, and Care and Maintenance of Tools and Equipment with a total of 88 personnel attending.

e. During the month of November 1968, Utilities Platoon held three hours of instruction on Water Purification, Planning and Lay-out for Electrical work, and Water Supply, Erdlators, and 4 KW generators with a total of 98 personnel attending.

f. During the month of November 1968, Communications Section held three hours of training on Electrical Safety, and Switchboard Procedures with a total of 34 personnel attending.

### 4. Operations

a. Operation HENDERSON HILL  
23 October 1968 -  
Still in Progress

Company "B" is providing 10 engineers for close combat engineer support to the 5th Marines on Operation HENDERSON HILL which commenced on 23 October 1968 and is still in progress. Total casualties on this operation include one KIA and one WIA.

b. Operation MEADE RIVER  
20 November 1968  
Still in Progress

The 1st Engineer Battalion is providing 117 engineers for close combat engineer support to elements of the 1st, 5th, 7th, and 26th Marines on Operation

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MEADE RIVER which commenced on 20 November 1968 and is still in progress. There has been one engineer WIA to date on this operation.

- c. Operation NICOLLETT BAY  
27 October 1968 -  
17 November 1968

1st Platoon, Company "A", 3d Engineer Battalion (OPCON to 1st Engineer Battalion) provided 13 engineers for close combat engineer support to the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines on Operation NICOLLETT BAY which commenced on 27 October 1968 and terminated on 17 November 1968.

Ref: CO, "C" Co AA Rpt CSJ/dsk over 3480 of 20 November 1968

- d. Search and Destroy  
Operation  
22 November 1968 -  
26 November 1968

Company "C" provided four engineers for close combat engineer support to "B" Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Marines on a search and destroy operation which commenced on 22 November 1968 and terminated on 26 November 1968.

Ref: CO, "C" Co AA Rpt CSJ/dsk over 3480 of 29 November 1968

- e. Search and Destroy  
Operation  
16 November 1968  
18 November 1968

Company "C" provided eight engineers for close combat engineer support for Companies "B" and "D", 1st Battalion, 7th Marines on a search and destroy operation which commenced on 16 November 1968 and terminated on 18 November 1968.

Ref: CO, "C" Co AA Rpt CSJ/dsk over 3480 of 21 November 1968

- f. Search and Destroy  
Operation  
12 November 1968 -  
12 November 1968

Company "A" provided two engineers for close combat engineer support for "I" Company, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines on a one day search and destroy mission which was conducted on 12 November 1968.

Ref: CO, "A" Co AA Rpt LJB/gpl over 34 80 of 14 November 1968

- g. Search and Destroy  
Operation  
9 November 1968 -  
9 November 1968

Company "A" provided two engineers for close combat engineer support to "I" Company, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines on a one day search and destroy operation which was conducted on 9 November 1968.

Ref: CO, "A" Co Rpt LJB/gpl over 3480 of 11 November 1968

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## h. Search and Destroy Operation

2 November 1968 -  
5 November 1968

Company "C" provided three engineers for close combat engineer support to "K" Company, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines on a search and destroy operation which commenced on 2 November 1968 and terminated on 5 November 1968.

Ref: CO, "C" Co AA Rpt CSJ/dsk over 3480 of 6 November 1968

## i. Search and Destroy Operation

5 November 1968  
8 November 1968

Company "C" provided four engineers for close combat engineer support to Companies "K" and "M", 3d Battalion, 7th Marines on a search and destroy operation which commenced on 5 November 1968 and terminated on 8 November 1968.

Ref: CO, "C" Co AA Rpt CSJ/dsk over 3480 of 11 November 1968

5. Water Supply. During the month of November 1968, the 1st Engineer Battalion operated 10 water points which produced 3,367,000 gallons of potable water for units throughout the 1st Marine Division TAOR.

6. Construction

a. The following 70 Division originated Work Orders were completed during the month of November 1968.

(1) Constructed roof over tray washing area for 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. 74 manhours, 265 BF of lumber, 20 sheets of roofing tin, and 20 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(2) Oiled access road to Hill 22 for 1/7. Eight manhours, four equipment hours and 2,500 gallons of bunker oil were required to complete the work order.

(3) Recoiled access road to Hill 22 for 1/7. Eight manhours, four equipment hours and 2,500 gallons of bunker oil were required to complete the work order.

(4) Conducted topographic survey to determine drainage profile for 1/1. 213 manhours were required to complete the work order.

(5) Constructed 86 packing crates and 10 mess tables for 3/1. 512 manhours, 54 sheets of plywood, 2,908 BF of lumber and 87 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

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(6) Prepared living area for M.P. unit near Hai Van Pass to include drainage grading, installation of heads and urinoils and assembly of tentdecks. 182 manhours, 26 equipment hours, 64 tentdecks, 2,837 BF of lumber, 65 pounds of nails, three urinoils and two heads were required to complete the work order.

(7) Repaired leaks in the 20th Marines Communications bunker. 60 manhours, four rolls of tar paper and 55 gallons of roofing tar were required to complete the work order.

(8) Provided 20 cubic yards of crushed rock to 1st Tank Battalion. 10 manhours, 10 equipment hours and 20 cubic yards of crushed rock were required to complete the work order.

(9) Delivered eight loads of fill to Communications Company, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division. 33 manhours, 33 equipment hours and 40 cubic yards of laterite fill were required to complete the work order.

(10) Constructed nine binder racks for Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division. 42 manhours, 45 sheets of plywood and 20 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(11) Constructed recoilless rifle platform at Cobb Bridge for 1/7. 65 manhours, 269 BF of lumber, two sheets of plywood and 50 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(12) Constructed three bunkers at O.P. Eagle for 11th Marines. 178 manhours, seven equipment hours, 894 BF of lumber, one roll of tar paper, 16 pieces of culvert and 40 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(13) Provided 100 cubic yards of crushed rock to 1st Marine Regiment Headquarters. 58 manhours, 58 equipment hours, and 100 cubic yards of crushed rock were required to complete the work order.

(14) Provided positive ground to eight culvert ammunition bunkers for 4/11. 64 manhours, 384 feet of pipe, 32 feet of copper rod, 100 feet of wire and 64 V Clamps were required to complete the work order.

(15) Issued five sheets of plywood to Division FSOC. Four manhours, two equipment hours and five sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(16) Delivered three sheets of plywood to Division Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4. Four manhours, two equipment hours and three sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

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(17) Provided 60 cubic yards of fill to 4/11 at Hill 55. 24 manhours, six equipment hours and 60 cubic yards of fill were required to complete the work order.

(18) Conducted repairs of the 4/11 cantonment. 381 manhours, 681 BF of lumber, 50 gallons of tar, and 100 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(19) Inspected and repaired bunkers for 11th Marines at Hill 34. 350 manhours, 4,650 BF of lumber, four rolls of tar paper, and 75 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(20) Provided technical assistance to 1st Armored Amphibian Company for bunker construction. 160 manhours were required to complete the work order.

(21) Oiled area around the 11th Marines helopad. Eight manhours, four equipment hours and 1,000 gallons of bunker oil were required to complete the work order.

(22) Provided 100 cubic yards of crushed rock to Headquarters, 1st Marine Regiment. 58 manhours, 58 equipment hours and 100 cubic yards of crushed rock were required to complete the work order.

(23) Repaired roof of Communications bunker for 7th Marines at Hill 55. 16 manhours and materials provided by 7th Marines were required to complete the work order.

(24) Installed two drinking fountains and fuel lines in the Hill 10 messhall for 1/7. Eight manhours, 24 feet of pipe and 10 plumbing fixtures were required to complete the work order.

(25) Constructed messhall crates for 2/11. 59 manhours, 1,370 BF of lumber, 19 sheets of plywood and 20 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(26) Constructed non-standard mount out boxes for 1/11. 54 manhours, 3,732 BF of lumber, 123 hinges, 62 hasps and loops and 63 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(27) Provided floodlight unit at Namu Bridge for 1/26. 120 manhours, 20 KW floodlight unit, 68 gallons of diesel fuel and 10 quarts of oil were required to complete the work order.

(28) Repaired wiring system at Namu Bridge for 1/26. 416 manhours, 318 assorted electrical fixtures, 2,670 BF of lumber, 6,000 feet of wire, 100 pounds of nails and 47 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

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(29) Designed and constructed bunkers, observation post and stabilized tower for 11th Marines. 177 manhours and 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(30) Provided "Do Not Drink" signs for all non-potable water bath units for 2/1 and 1/1. Six manhours, one equipment hour, 1 quart of paint and one sheet of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(31) Constructed one 24' x 24' ammunition bunker for 1/7 at Hill 10. 308 manhours, and six complete 8' x 8' x 8' bunker packages were required to complete the work order.

(32) Constructed map board with plexiglass cover and installed in the 1st Marine Division COC bunker. 74 manhours, three sheets of plexiglass, six sheets of plywood, three pounds of screws, 16 pounds of nails and four fluorescent light fixtures were required to complete the work order.

(33) Constructed 80 mount out box lids for 3/26. Six manhours, and 40 sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(34) Provided 100 cubic yards of gravel and 110 cubic yards of sand to 1/1 to mix cement and assisted in laying 50 yards of cement. 96 manhours, 74 equipment hours, 140 cubic yards of sand and 100 cubic yards of gravel were required to complete the work order.

(35) Relocated map board for Division G-2 at the 1st Marine Division CP. 10 manhours were required to complete the work order.

(36) Delivered four loads of sand to 1st Marine Division Schools. 12 manhours, nine equipment hours and 20 cubic yards of sand were required to complete the work order.

(37) Provided TD-15 tractor to 1/13 to level gun pits, clear 30,000 meters of brush and dig holes for bunkers. 32 manhours, and 28 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(38) Constructed six bunkers for 1/11. 347 manhours, and six complete 8' x 8' x 8' bunkers were required to complete the work order.

(39) Constructed wire mesh cage at 1st Marine Division Post Office. 90 manhours, 287 BF of lumber, 630 square feet of wire mesh, four hinges, and eight sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(40) Installed 70 feet of culvert for drainage at the 2/1 CP. 167 manhours and 35 sections of 36" culvert were required to complete the work order.

(41) Provided an Elmco tractor and demolition team to support a 2/1 Company patrol base. 110 manhours and 32 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

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(42) Constructed mount out boxes for Commanding Général's mess, Headquarters Battalion. 28 manhours, 556 BF of lumber, 18 sheets of plywood, and 25 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(43) Remodeled Division COC bunker, 1st Marine Division. 550 manhours, 880 BF of lumber, 72 sheets of plywood, two doors, 50 pounds of nails and four gallons of paint were required to complete the work order.

(44) Constructed generator shed for 3/26. 240 manhours, three equipment hours, 1,324 BF of lumber, 32 bags of cement, 156 square feet of wire mesh, 16 sheets of plywood, and 20 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(45) Performed cantonment repairs at the 2/7 CP. 400 manhours, 3,847 BF of lumber, 228 sheets of plywood, 20 rolls of screen wire and 155 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(46) Provided three strongbacked tent decks to 1st Hospital Company. Two manhours and three complete strongbacked tent decks were required to complete the work order.

(47) Constructed one strongbacked tent deck at Hill 10 for 1/7. 54 manhours and one complete strongbacked tent deck were required to complete the work order.

(48) Constructed 80 box lids for Headquarters Battalion. Four manhours, 663 BF of lumber and 25 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(49) Constructed six heads for 5th Marines at An Hoa. 90 manhours, 1,920 BF of lumber, 72 sheets of plywood, 30 sheets of tin, two rolls of screen wire and 50 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(50) Performed repairs at the 1st Marine Division Air Office. Eight manhours, 16 BF of lumber, two pounds of nails and one standard size door were required to complete the work order.

(51) Provided demolition assistance to Headquarters Battalion to clear defensive line. 120 manhours, 18 cases of bangalore torpedoes, four cases of 15 pound shape charges and 200 pounds of TNT were required to complete the work order.

(52) Replaced drainage pipe extending from 3/1 messhall. 36 manhours, 30 feet of pipe, 10 feet of oakum, and one bag of cement were required to complete the work order.

(53) Repaired 3/7 ammunition storage area, installed culvert and leveled road surface. 18 manhours, two equipment hours and 40 sections of culvert were required to complete the work order.

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(54) Provided ten tent decks to 7th Marines. Four manhours, two equipment hours and 10 complete tent decks were required to complete the work order.

(55) Constructed one ammunition berm adjacent to LZ for 1/26. Four manhours, and two equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(56) Constructed two ammunition bunkers for 3/7. 64 manhours, one equipment hour and two complete 8' x 8' x 16' bunkers were required to complete the work order.

(57) Repaired electrical circuits in the Hill 55 messhall for 7th Marines. 1,800 feet of wire, 209 electrical fixtures, two equipment hours and 161 manhours were required to complete the work order.

(58) Constructed a 16' x 48' Post Office at Hill 55 for 7th Marines. 276 manhours, 2,580 BF of lumber, 42 sheets of plywood, 114 sheets of tin, 195 feet of wire, and 22 electrical fixtures were required to complete the work order.

(59) Constructed 10 tent decks for 5th Marines at An Hoa. 400 manhours, and 10 complete tent decks were required to complete the work order.

(60) Provided materials to 3/11 to extend BAS and install roof over emergency BAS bunker on a Self-Help basis. Four manhours, two equipment hours, 540 BF of lumber, 12 sheets of plywood, 60 sheets of tin, and 40 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(61) Constructed one standard desk for Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, 1st Marine Division. Eight manhours, one sheet of plywood, 11 BF of lumber and one pound of nails were required to complete the work order.

(62) Provided material to Headquarters Battalion for field fortifications. One manhour and 175 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(63) Repaired roof of Disbussing Office at Hill 55 for 7th Marines. 130 manhours, 430 BF of lumber, 140 sheets of tin, 10 sheets of plywood and 32 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(64) Provided fill to 4/11 at Hill 65. 20 manhours, 10 equipment hours, and 25 cubic yards of crushed rock were required to complete the work order.

(65) Repaired leaking roof 7th Marines COC bunker. 26 manhours, eight rolls of tar paper, 110 gallons of tar and 20 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

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(66) Constructed 70 box lids for 3/26. Three manhours, and 35 sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(67) Provided crushed rock to 11th Marines for gun pads at Hill 65. 112 manhours, 112 equipment hours, and 80 cubic yards of crushed rock were required to complete the work order.

(68) Repaired electrical circuits at the 3d 8" Howitzer Battery messhall. 48 manhours, two equipment hours, 40 feet of wire and four ground rods were required to complete the work order.

(69) Delivered and assisted in construction of 10 pre-fabricated tent decks for 1st Marines. 46 manhours, 10 pre-fabricated tent decks and five pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(70) Remodeled Division S & C Files office at 1st Marine Division CP. 90 manhours, one door, 160 BF of lumber, 18 sheets of plywood, two gallons of paint, 40 pounds of nails and one sheet of plexiglass were required to complete the work order.

b. The following 25 Battalion originated Work Orders were completed during the month of November 1968:

(1) Constructed six ammunition bunkers for 1st Engineer Battalion at Camp Faulkner. 4,140 manhours, 16,224 BF of lumber, 420 pounds of nails, 38,000 sandbags, and six rolls of roofing paper were required to complete the work order.

(2) Installed 225 feet of culvert at TTC-28 pad. 864 manhours, 56 equipment hours, 130 sections of 36" culvert and four bags of cement were required to complete the work order.

(3) Replaced defensive wire at Namo Bridge for 26th Marines. 36 manhours, 38 engineer stakes and six rolls of barbed wire were required to complete the work order.

(4) Constructed sign for Division Unit Post Office at Camp Faulkner. Eight manhours, and one-half sheet of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(5) Constructed eight battery storage boxes for 1st Engineer Battalion. 32 manhours, four sheets of plywood and two pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(6) Conducted bridge reconnaissance within 1st Marines TAOR. 21 manhours were required to complete the work order.

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(7) Constructed and painted 19 signs for 1st Engineer Battalion messhall. 20 manhours, and 10 sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(8) Constructed one hot locker for 1st Engineer Battalion Drafting and Surveying Section. 20 manhours, six sheets of plywood, 16 BF of lumber and three pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(9) Provided panelling and screen to S-1, 1st Engineer Battalion for remodeling on a Self-Help basis. One manhour, one roll of screen, four pounds of nails, 23 sheets of 1/2" panelling and 125 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(10) Fabricated 500 stakes for 1st Engineer Battalion Drafting and Surveying Section. Five manhours and scrap materials were required to complete the work order.

(11) Performed electrical renovation of 1st Engineer Battalion Staff NCO Club. 34 manhours, 200 feet of wire, and 13 electrical fixtures were required to complete the work order.

(12) Conducted bridge reconnaissance within the 7th and 26th Marines TAOR. 72 manhours were required to complete the work order.

(13) Fabricated 250 surveying stakes for 1st Engineer Battalion Drafting and Surveying Section. 15 manhours and 214 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(14) Erected privacy screens around urinoils in the H&S Company area, 1st Engineer Battalion. 40 manhours, 616 BF of lumber and 20 sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(15) Erected two privacy screens around urinoils in the "C" Company area, 1st Engineer Battalion. 20 manhours, 10 sheets of plywood and 308 BF of lumber were required to complete the work order.

(16) Conducted electrical survey of the 3/1 messhall. Four manhours and four equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

(17) Constructed swinging doors for 1st Engineer Battalion warehouse. 36 manhours, 140 BF of lumber, four sheets of plywood and 10 pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(18) Constructed screen door and file cabinet for the 1st Engineer Battalion Motor Transport Officer. 15 manhours, 30 BF of lumber, four sheets of plywood and four pounds of nails were required to complete the work order.

(19) Conducted survey of 1st Marine Division Air Office to determine material requirements for remodeling. Two manhours and two equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

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(20) Constructed security type storage locker for 1st Engineer Battalion Aid Station. 28 manhours, four hinges, one hasp and loop, 54 BF of lumber and nine sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(21) Pre-cut three heads to be erected at Hill 37 for 3/7. 32 manhours, 975 BF of lumber and 36 sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(22) Pre-cut two heads to be erected for 3/26. 32 manhours, 625 BF of lumber, and 24 sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(23) Pre-cut one head to be erected for "H" Battery, 4/11 at Hill 55. 16 manhours, 325 BF of lumber and 12 sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(24) Pre-cut two heads to be erected at Hill 34 for 4/11. 32 manhours, 650 BF of lumber and 24 sheets of plywood were required to complete the work order.

(25) Hauled 400 55 gallon drums to 1st Engineer Battalion from Danang Public Works. 48 manhours, and 18 equipment hours were required to complete the work order.

#### 7. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

During the month of November 1968, no civic affairs activities were conducted due to boundary alternations set by 1st Marine Division Headquarters.

#### 8. Religious Affairs

a. Four Catholic and four Protestant services were held at the 1st Engineer Battalion Chapel during the month of November 1968 at 0915 and 1030 respectively.

b. All Saints Day was celebrated on 1 November 1968 at the 1st Engineer Battalion Chapel during the reporting period. Thanksgiving Day services were held at the 1st Engineer Battalion .

c. A total of eight Sunday masses and 27 daily masses were held by the 1st Engineer Battalion Chaplain at the 1st Engineer Battalion, 3d Amphibious Tractor Battalion and 2d Battalion, 1st Marines during the month of November 1968.

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d. Three memorial services were held at the 1st Engineer Battalion Chapel during the month of November 1968.

#### 9. Research and Development

During the month of November 1968, experimental use of the Fuel Air Explosive (FAE) devices were continued. On 5 November 1968, two FAE devices were employed on Hill 146 to clear fields of fire for the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. One device was utilized in an area of thick ground brush two to four feet in height and cleared a radius of approximately 40 feet. The second device, utilized in an area of less density cleared a radius of 50 feet. Both FAE device detonations were of high order.

#### PART IV

#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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 3480  
 29 November 1968

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

Subj: Combat After Action Report

Ref: (a) Map Vietnam 1:50000 Series L7014

1. Code Name. None
2. Date of Operation. 221400HNov68 to 261200HNov68
3. Location. Dong Den mountain Range
4. Command & Control Headquarters.  
 "B" Co. 1st Bn 26th Mar. - 2nd Lt O'Shay  
 2nd Plt. "C" Co. 1st Engr Bn - LCpl KOVACH
5. Task Organization. N/A
6. Supporting Forces. USMC
7. Intelligence. N/A
8. Mission. Two 2 man combat Engineer teams provided support for Bravo company 1/26, engineer teams provided by 2nd Plt. "C" Co.
9. Concept of Operation. The engineers team performed basic engineer work such as destruction of enemy emplacements and ordnance.
10. Execution. At 221400HNov68 two engineers were attached to "B" Co. 1st Bn 26th Mar. This company and the attached engineers were on a sweep type operation in the Dong Den mountain range, coordinates from 835 to 803.
11. Results. The engineers used 40 pounds of C-4 to destroy 2 "L" shaped trench lines, 5 fighting holes and 3 launch sites.
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  
 To: Commanding Officer 1st Battalion, 7th Marines

Subj: Combat After Action Report

Ref: (a) Map Vietnam 1:50000 Series L7014  
 (b) Divo 3480.1

1. Code Name. None
2. Date of Operation. 160400HNov68 to 181630HNov68
3. Location. Dia Loc Province, RVN
4. Command & Control Headquarters.  
 "B" Co, 1stBn 7thMar - 1stLt HOFFMAN  
 "D" Co, 1stBn 7thMar - 1stLt RAMSEY  
 1stPlt, "C" Co, 1st EngrBn - 1stLt REISENER
5. Task Organization. N/A
6. Supporting Forces. USMC
7. Intelligence. ISUMS 1/7
8. Mission. Two 4 man combat engineer teams were provided by 1st Platoon, "C" Co., 1st Engineer Battalion to provide close combat support as required.
9. Concept of Operation. The engineers team performed basic engineer work such as destruction of enemy emplacements and ordnance.
10. Execution. At 0400 15Nov68, "B" Co. and "D" Co., 1stBn 7thMar, departed Hill 10 and Hill 41 respectively and at 0600 were in position by Bo Bon, 968698 and Phu Son, 942636. "B" Co. proceeded to sweep in a southerly direction, while "D" Co. proceeded to sweep in a northerly position. At 161700HNov68 at 944701, destroyed one dud 155mm round, using 2 1/2 lbs. of C-4. At 171100HNov68 at 962692, destroyed one enemy tunnel complex, using 10 lbs. of C-4. At 171300HNov68 at 961693 destroyed 20 140mm rockets, using 10 lbs. of C-4. At 180900HNov68 at 959699 destroyed 2 enemy bunkers, using 8 lbs. C-4. At 181300HNov68 at 951683 destroyed 3 enemy boobytraps, using total of 1 1/4 lbs. of C-4. At 181600HNov68 at 959663 destroyed one reinforced concrete enemy bunkers, using 25 lbs. of C-4.

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At 160730HNov68 at 941629 destroyed one 105mm round using  $1\frac{1}{4}$  lbs. C-4. At 160800HNov68 at 950648 destroyed one 105mm and 7 81mm illumination rounds using  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. C-4. At 161300HNov68 at 949032 destroyed two 60mm rounds using  $1\frac{1}{4}$  lbs. of C-4. At 161300HNov68 destroyed one 8" round using  $1\frac{1}{4}$  lbs. of C-4. At 161430HNov68 at 950657 destroyed two enemy bunkers using 10 lbs. of C-4. At 171100HNov68 at 966662 destroyed one 105mm round using  $1\frac{1}{4}$  lbs. of C-4. At 180730HNov68 at 961673 destroyed enemy cave using 5 lbs. of C-4. At 181100HNov68 at 958674 destroyed two enemy trenches using 15 lbs. of C-4.

11. Results. The engineers destroyed one 155mm round, one 8" round, 8 enemy bunkers, 2 enemy tunnels, 20 enemy 110mm rockets, 3 boobytraps, 3 105mm rounds, 1 enemy cave, 7 81mm illum., and 2 60mm rounds, using a total of 104.75 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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3480  
14 Nov 1968

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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: N/A
2. Date of Operation: 12 November 1968
3. Location: Quang Nam Province (coordinates YD 995697)
4. Command Headquarters: 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines
5. Reporting NCO: Cpl M. P. WETZONIS 2148478/1371 USMC
6. Task Organization: N/A
7. Supporting Forces: N/A
8. Intelligence: N/A
9. Mission: Two engineers to go on company size sweep with "I" Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, through village at YD 995697.
10. Concept of Mission: Two engineers in direct support of "I" Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines left 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines' position at 1400 hours and returned at 2100 hours 12 November 1968.
11. Execution: Same as paragraph 10 above
12. Results: Negative
13. Administrative Matters: Each engineer carried 20 lbs. C-4
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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Tab C

COMPANY "A"  
 1st Engineer Battalion  
 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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01:LJB:apl  
 3480  
 11 Nov 1968

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

1. Code Name: N/A
2. Dates of Operation: 9 Nov 1968
3. Location: Quang Nam Province (coordinates YD 953637)
4. Command Headquarters: 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment
5. Reporting NCO: Cpl Michael P. WATZONIS 2148478/1371 USMC
6. Task Organization: N/A
7. Supporting Forces: N/A
8. Intelligence: 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment S-2
9. Mission: Two engineers equipped with one P153 mine detector sweep through hamlet with "I" Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines to locate mines and boobytraps.
10. Concept of Operation: Two engineers in direct support of "I" Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, departed the Command Post at 0930 and returned at 1745 9 November 1968.
11. Execution: Same as paragraph 10. above
12. Results: The following ordnance was disposed of:

QUANTITY	TYPE	D.M.O.
1	4x4 bunker	3 lbs.
1	M 14	1 lb.
1	175mm dud	1 lb.
1	81mm dud	1 lb.

13. Administrative Matters: None

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14. Special Equipment and Techniques: Engineers utilized one F153 mine detector and carried 30 lbs. of C-4.
15. Commanders Analysis: The work of the engineers was routine and no unusual problems were encountered.
16. Recommendations: None

  
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6 November 1968

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

Subj: Combat After Action Report

Ref: (a) Map Vietnam 1:509000 Series L7014  
 (b) Divo 3480.1

1. Code Name. None.
2. Dates of Operation. 020700HNov68 to 050700HNov68
3. Location. Quan Dai Loc
4. Command & Control Headquarters.  
 3rdBn 7thMar - Capt. FAGEN  
 3rdPlt, "C"Co., 1stEngrBn - Pfc DAVIS
5. Task Organization. N/A
6. Supporting Forces. USMC.
7. Intelligence. N/A
8. Mission. One 2 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 020700HNov68 Kilo Company, 3rdBn, 7thMar departed Hill 37, and proceeded to coordinates 910538. The company then moved to line of departure at coordinates 911539. Shortly thereafter, at coordinates 934548, the engineers destroyed one bunker, one trenchline and one M-26 grenade, using 65 and 3/4 lbs. of C-4. On 3 Nov at coordinates 933553, the engineers destroyed one spider hole, one 82mm dud and one 500 lb. bomb using 25 1/4 lbs. of C-4. On 4 Nov., Kilo company 3rdBn 7thMar, moved to coordinates 930551 where the engineers destroyed a boat landing and one spider hole using 8 and 3/4 lbs. of C-4. On 050700HNov68 the operation was secured and all personnel returned to Hill 37.

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11. Results. The engineer team destroyed 1 bunker, 1 82mm dud, 1 trenchline, 1 M-26 grenade, 1 500 lb. bomb, 2 sniper holes and 1 boat landing using 102½ lb s. of C-4 with good results. There were no casualties.

12. Administrative Remarks. N/A

13. Special Techniques and Equipment. N/A

14. Commander's Analysis. N/A

15. Recommendations. None

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 11 November 1968

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

Subj: Combat After Action Report

Ref: (a) Map Vietnam 1:50000 Series L7014  
 (b) Divo 3460.1

1. Code Name. None
2. Date of operation. 050800HNov68 to 080500HNov68
3. Location. Dodge City Area
4. Command & Control Headquarters.  
 "H" Co, 3rd Bn 7th Mar - Capt. VAN RIEPER  
 "B" Co, 3rd Bn 7th Mar - Capt. FIDAN  
 3rd Plt, "C" Co, 1st Eng Bn - 1Cpl GARNER
5. Task Organization. N/A
6. Supporting Forces. USMC
7. Intelligence. N/A
8. Mission. Two 2-man combat engineer teams provided by 3rd Platoon "C" Co. provided close combat support as required.
9. Concept of operation. The engineers team performed basic engineer work such as destruction of enemy emplacements and ordnance.
10. Execution. At 050800HNov68 four engineers were attached to 2 companies from 3rd Bn, 7th Marines. Two engineers went to Kilo company and two went to Mike company. These two companies were on a sweep type operation in the Dodge City Area, coordinates from 9557 to 9856.
11. Results. The engineer team with Kilo company 3rd Bn 7th Marines destroyed 19 bunkers, 10 tunnels, 1 250 lb. bomb, 4 155 rounds and 5 boobytraps using 40 lbs, C-4 with good results. There were no casualties.

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The engineer team with Mike company 3rdBn 7th Marines destroyed 8 bunkers, 1 250 lb. bomb, 1 toe popper AP mine, 1 M-79 round, 1 M-16 mine and 5 trenchline, using 120 lbs. of C-4 with good results.

12. Administrative Remarks. Pfc J. R. COTTEN 2408165, had his rifle destroyed by an incoming 62mm round.

13. Special Techniques and Equipment. N/A

14. Commander's Analysis. N/A

15. Recommendations. None

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines

Ref: (c) Lan Vietnam 1-5000 Series 17014

8. Assigned. Three 4 man combat engineer teams were provided by 1st Platoon, Co. C, 3rd Engineer Battalion to provide close combat support as required.

10. Execution. At 0700 on Oct 68 13 engineers were attached to A Co, 3rd Bn 25th Ar. This company and the attached engineers were on a sweep type operation in the Dodge City area coordinates from 0950 to 0150

12. Administrative Order, 1/2

1. Computer's Analysis, 7/4

15. Recommendations, 1975

Tab G