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HEADQUARTERS

3rd Engineer Battalion(Rein)  
3rd Marine Division(Rein)FMF  
c/o FPO San Francisco, California, 96601

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5750  
10 October 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division FMF  
Subj: Command Chronology for period of 1-30 September 1965

Ref: (a) Division Order 5750.1 of 10 September 1965

Encl: (1) Command Chronology for 3rd Engineer Battalion  
(2) Sample debriefing form  
(3) Compilation of debriefing reports  
(4) Copy of D/L equipment report 30 September 1965  
(5) Summary of expended ordnance for September 1965  
(6) Bn S-3 Journal, 1-30 September 1965

1. In accordance with reference (a), the subject report is submitted as enclosure (1).
2. Documentation for this report is submitted with original only as enclosures (2) through (6).

  
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## Command Chronology for September 1965

Part A: Organizational Data

1. Organization. The 3rd Engineer Battalion (Rein) consists of the following units:

- a. 3rd Engineer Battalion (T/O M1378)
- b. "C" Company, 1st Engineer Battalion (T/O M1373)
- c. "C" Company, 7th Engineer Battalion (T/O M4353)
- d. 1st Bridge Platoon (T/O M4343)

2. Location.

## a. Da Nang Enclave:

(1) 3rd Engineer Battalion minus "B" Company and 3rd Platoon "A" Company.

(2) "C" Company, 7th Engineer Battalion

a) Attached for administrative and operational control

(3) 1st Bridge Platoon, Bridge Company

a) Attached for administrative and operational control

## b. Chu Lai Enclave:

(1) "B" Company, 3rd Engineer Battalion

a) Attached for administrative control

b) Operational control of 4th Marines

(2) "C" Company, 1st Engineer Battalion (less one (1) platoon)

a) Attached for administrative control

b) Operational control pf 7th Marines

## c. Hue Phu Bai Enclave:

(1) 3rd Platoon, "A" Company, 3rd Engineer Battalion

a) Attached for administrative control

b) Operational control of 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines

## d. Qui Nhon Enclave:

(1) 1st Platoon, "C" Company, 1st Engineer Battalion

a) Attached to "C" Company, 1st Engineer Battalion for administrative control

b) Attached to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines for operational control

3. Period covered by this report: 1 September to 30 September 1965.

4. Name/rank of Commanding Officer(s) and staff/principal subordinates including T/O billet assignment:

<u>T/O Billet</u>	<u>Name</u>
Battalion Commanding Officer	LtCol Nicholas J. DENNIS 031650
Battalion Executive Officer	Major Conway J. SMITH 059929
Battalion S-1/Adjutant	CWO-2 Saville L. WILLIAMS 082726
Battalion S-2	1stLt Paul I. FAULKENBEREY 088548
Battalion S-3	Major Charles D. WOOD 061861
Battalion S-4	Captain James G. DIXON 072252
Communications Officer	Captain John L. WHALEY 081110
Heavy Equipment Officer	1stLt Larry R. ANDERSON 088751
Battalion Supply Officer	Captain Richard D. MCLAUGHLIN 060652
H&S Commanding Officer	Captain John L. WHALEY 081110
"A" Commanding Officer	Captain Lawrence A. TAYLOR 080413
"B" Commanding Officer	Captain Donald R. COMER 076492
"C" Commanding Officer	Captain Rudolph F. FAUST 072275
"C"-1 Commanding Officer	Captain William A. RENNER 076088
"C"-7 Commanding Officer	Captain Gregrey R. ROOT 074122
1st Bridge Platoon Leader	1stLt Robert R. TEALL 089452
Engineer Support Company	Captain Dwayne D. CREWS 062412

4. The average monthly strength of the Battalion (Rein) was:
- a. Da Nang Enclave: Off: 32 Enl: 670
  - b. Chu Lai Enclave: Off: 10 Enl: 272
  - c. Hue Phu Bai Enclave: Off: 1 Enl: 36
  - d. Qui Nhon Enclave: Off: 1 Enl: 42

Part B: Summary of Significant Events1. Personnel.

a. The personnel strength for the month of September reflected an increase of 6 officers and 19 enlisted. The increase of officer strength gave the Battalion an appreciative assist in critical billets: Major Charles D. WOOD joined 5 September 1965 and was assigned duty as S-3 Officer; Captain Robert THOMLEY joined 5 September 1965, and was assigned duty as Executive Officer, Engineer Support Company; Captain Donald L. HICKS joined 3 September 1965, he was assigned duty as assistant S-3; Captain Larry L. O'LAUGHLIN joined 11 September 1965 and was assigned duty as assistant S-4; Lieutenants Richard BENTLY and Kenneth WILSON joined 27 September 1965 and assigned duties as platoon leaders. Lieutenant John L. STRALEY was evacuated from the Republic of Viet Nam as a result of wounds. He received multiple schrapnel wounds in the arms and legs when a VC booby-trap exploded. Two company First Sergeants were joined during the month. They were assigned to "A" Company and "C" Company, these companies have been without First Sergeants for approximately two months.

The Battalion suffered eight enlisted WIA's; LCpl Douglas J. BRANNET, 1 September 1965; LCpl Merhe R. KRUGER, 1 September 1965; PFC John I. AMES, 15 September 1965; Pvt John E. MAZZA, 9 September 1965; LCpl William T. CHACONAS, 9 September 1965; LCpl Jared E. STARKS, 13 September 1965; PFC Manuel L. GONZALES, 12 September 1965; PFC John W. MCCOY, 12 September 1965; LCpl John STEPHANS was KIA 13 September 1965 as a result of gunshot wounds inflicted by the Viet Cong while on combat operations.

Morale remained high. The R&R program is a primary contributing factor. Twenty-eight promotions PFC through Sergeant, were effected. Sergeant Robert C. WALKER 1962326 received a meritorious promotion to his present rank; LCpl Roy G. WATSON 1982842 received a meritorious combat promotion to his present rank.

1stLt Stephan M. CLEARY 088804 received a letter of appreciation from the Commanding Officer, 3rd Marine Regiment for professional excellence; Sergeant John L. SAULNIER 1477143 received a letter of appreciation from the Commanding General for meritorious service in instructing in Mines and Booby-traps to members of the 3rd Marine Division; PFC Roy G. WATSON 1982842 received a letter of commendation from the Commanding General for Combat Valor. Sergeant John KEENAN 1568527 and LCpl James W. FLEMING 2066917 were awarded Meritorious

Mast for outstanding performance of duty.

One Special Courts Martial was conducted. No major disciplinary problems were encountered.

## 2. Intelligence.

a. The Battalion S-2 section became more active in the period in the collection and dissemination of engineer intelligence. Particular emphasis was placed on information on VC mines and booby-traps. A new debriefing form was put into use for extracting detailed information from mine sweep/demo teams. A sample form is included as encl (2). A compilation of debriefing reports is included as encl (3).

## 3. Training.

a. Training within the battalion consisted of short sessions for certain specialists such as surveyors and radio operators, troop indoctrination lectures, briefings by battalion staff members and a great deal of on the job training. Heavy work commitments negated any possibilities of an elaborate formal training program, although planning was started for a "minimum essential" type of training schedule for the following month. The battalion presented its 2-day course on VC Mines and Booby-traps to personnel of the Division as follows:

3rd Marines.....142

9th Marines.....54

Special 4-hour classes were conducted for 45 men from the 12th Marines. This program has received many accolades and a great deal of interest outside. Major GOETZMAN, USA of MACV (Tests & Eval. Saigon) visited the battalion on 19 September 1965 to extract information from the school.

b. A program of training engineer crew members for the LVTE-1 was initiated by "C" Company on 15 September 1965. By rotating personnel, "C" Company trained 2 squads. The troops being trained were considered in an operational stand-by status for employment as either LVTE crewmen or mine/demo teams. This program was so successful that plans were made to continue the program with "A" Company personnel during October.

#### 4. Operations.

a. General. Operations of the Battalion were highly diversified and very intense during the period. The battalion was in general support to the Division, but provided close combat engineer support to infantry units on a continuing basis. In addition, construction and utilities tasks were performed on a large scale.

b. Combat Support. Mine warfare and demolitions support were performed by "A" Company and "C" Company to 3rd Marines and 9th Marines respectively. During the period, an average of 28 men/day were on mine sweep or demolition teams. On at least two occasions, sweep personnel discovered a charge implanted in a village gate pillar at La Chau #2 on 19 September 1965, and two mortar rounds embedded under a bridge near La Chau #1 on 23 September 1965. "C" Company personnel discovered a mine in the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines area on 2 September 1965.

Demolitions were expended primarily in destroying caves, tunnels and bunkers and blowing mines and booby-traps. A total of 793 pounds of demolitions (TNT and C-4) were expended during the period in this manner.

Due to increased Division casualties from mines during the period, greater emphasis was placed on both visual and deliberate sweeps. As a matter of SOP, engineer teams cleared main routes to the south of the Song Cau Do and Song Tuy Loan Rivers on a daily basis. Deliberate sweeps with mine detectors were found to have limited application in operations with infantry units. The aggressiveness of the infantry often meant getting well ahead of the detector operators.

#### c. Road and Bridge Construction.

(1) 2/9 - 3/9 MSR: This project started in late August, continued through the month of September. It consisted of building a road to the immediate east of an existing elevated railroad bed, from (AT998705) to Duong Son #2 (AT990676). This route offered terrain slightly above the paddies which flank the railroad bed and was the best site other than the railroad bed itself. During the first two weeks of September work proceeded satisfactorily. One bridge was built and 7 culverts installed. 725 cubic yards of laterite were hauled and spread on the roadway. Work on the project was completed on 13 September 1965. A combination of rain, starting on 16 September 1965, and the heavy traffic of 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines support operations caused the road to deteriorate rapidly and it became

untrafficable to all except light and tracked vehicles. On 17 September work resumed by the 3rd Platoon, "C" Company under the command of 2ndLt T. M. RODRIGUEZ, who had been assigned originally. The period of 17-21 September was spent in repairing the damage done and opening the road vital traffic. This consisted of scraping the road and draining standing water. Since laterite by itself had proved to be a poor material for all-weather road base (although with good weather, the best available due to the scarcity of crushed rock), a combination use of this fill and sand was started and by 21 September 1965 the road was open to 15 T traffic. Fill and grading operations continued until 26 September 1965. 815 cubic yards of fill distributed on the road. On 25 September 1965 permission was obtained to use the railroad itself and work was started removing the rails and ties. By 30 September 1965 all sections of rail had been unbolted and 400 yards of rail and crossties removed and stockpiled. During this period the original road was improved and kept open to all traffic.

(2) Hoa Cam Road: (AT992733 to 943704) On 5 September 1965 work was started on improving the existing road to support operations of the 3rd Marines. The initial road improvement consisted of improving 4500 meters of road (AT992733 to 953714) and included the installation of 9 culverts and the reinforcing and widening of 6 bridges. Work was essentially completed on 20 September 1965, although the combination of rain and heavy traffic required road maintenance throughout the month.

On 11 September 1965 the above project was expanded to the Song Tuy Loan River (AT947700). The 2nd Platoon, "A" Company under the command of 1stLt Stephan M. CLEARY with equipment and personnel augmentation from Support Company began reinforcing and widening the six bridges along the expanded route while continuing work on the original project. This expansion was necessary to provide a supply route for 3rd Marines operations to the south to Hill 41 (AT934-662) and Hill 22 (AT953688) and tied in with an additional project named below. A weak point in the entire route was the bridge at (AT947700) across the Song Tuy Loan River. Due to the material deterioration of this old French Eiffel type bridge, vehicular traffic was limited to 4 T. On 22 September 1965 authority was obtained for the installation of an M4T6 float bridge by the 1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineers and 2nd Platoon, "A" Company was assigned to prepare the approaches. By 25 September, 200 yards of fill were hauled to complete the approaches, and the bridge was installed to the



immediate east of the existing bridge. By the end of the month, the road was open to 30 T. traffic, but restricted to an eight foot width by a through truss bridge at (AT948705). It is possible for vehicles to bypass this restriction.

(3) 3rd Marines MSR from the Song Tuy Loan River (AT947700) to Hill 41 (AT934662) and Hill 22 (AT953668): On 11 September 1965, 1st Platoon, "A" Company under the command of 2ndLt Berton M. RANTA commenced route improvement from the southern approach to the Song Tuy Loan (AT947700) to Hills 41 and 22 in order to resupply 3rd Marine Strong points on these hills. Included in the project were the reinforcing and/or repair of 11 bridges (many of which had been blown by the VC), and the installation of 10 culverts, and the filling of 2 series of six VC road cuts.

From 11 September 1965 until 27 September 1964, the operations were limited to providing for expedient light vehicle traffic due to the inability to haul fill or move equipment south over the Song Tuy Loan Bridge. During this period, six of the bridges requiring limited reinforcement and repair were completed, by-passes around the other more extensively damaged bridges provided, and the VC road cuts filled. Of note is the incident of 22 September 1965, when the northern approach to bridge (AT943675) was destroyed by an electrically detonated mine. This marked the first occasion of VC bridge destruction after 3rd Engineer Battalion repair.

On 27 September 1965, taking advantage of the M4T6 bridge across the Song Tuy Loan, the 1st Platoon, "A" Company with equipment and personnel augmentation moved out to Hill 41 and established a base of operation, including the opening of a borrow pit. Work then commenced toward the more deliberate improvement of the route including the distribution of 300 yards of fill and the placement of 7 sections of 42" reinforced concrete culvert. By the end of the month, the project was 47% complete.

(4) Bridge at Hue Phu Bai: On 13 September 1965, the 3rd Platoon, "A" Company under the command of 1stLt Ido D. PISTELLI commenced reinforcing of a Class Q French Truss bridge just west (8 miles) of Hue. SSgt Raymond J. LYNCH, Operations Chief of this organization had been flown up to Hue Phu Bai to serve as NCOIC.

This project involved the installation of two

intermediate supports and an inverted "A" frame support and was completed on 16 September 1965. Shortly after completion six M109 SP successfully crossed the bridge.

d. Fortifications. Work continued on the Division Command Post Bunker during the entire month. A two shift schedule was maintained during the latter part of the period. Progress was determined largely by the availability of construction materials. The arrival of critical materials, notably timbers, on or about 22 September, accelerated the placement of the roof timbers. The roof area of 11,460 square feet was completely covered with 8"x8" timbers and three layers of 3"x12" timber decking. Internal partitioning and utilities work commenced on 25 September. Placement of 385 cubic yards of rock fill behind the backwall was being accomplished by hand-loading of dump trucks. Progress was slow during several days of heavy rain in the latter part of the month. 1stLt Robert GADWILL was appointed as Project Officer on 20 September. During the month, 7,990 man hours were devoted to this project. On 30 September, the project was 57% complete.

e. Cantonment: The construction of the HqBn Cantonment was a major project during the month. Various tasks, previously assigned to the battalion were assumed by 7th Engineer Battalion and MCB-3 (subsequently replaced with MCB-5 about 25 September). Tasks remaining with the 3rd Engineer Battalion were the completion of 280 strongbacks for GP tents, (16'x32'), shower buildings, 20 head enclosures, 20 washstands, one heli-pad and the placement of a 5000 gallon water tank. During the month the strongbacking was performed on a day/night shift operation except for one week of bad weather. The shower building decks were formed and poured and the heads and washstands were fabricated. Captain Geoffry H. ROOT remained as overall project officer.

f. Utilities: The Utilities Platoon was hampered during the first three weeks of the month by lack of materials to perform electrical and plumbing services. During the last week, they commenced full time employment of projects within the HqBn Cantonment. During the period, the platoon wired 253 strongbacks and three miscellaneous buildings. Work was started on the electrical requirements for the Div. CP Bunker at the close of the period. Four water points were kept in continuous operation during the period. A total of 2,876,537 gallons of water (potable) and 435,515 gallons of water (raw) for showers was distributed.

## 5. Communications:

a. The Battalion Command Net was activated on 12 September 1965 to provide operational communications with "A" and "C" Company units operating away from the CP area. The net was also used to pass administrative traffic to "B" Company and "C" Company, 1st Engineer Battalion at Chu Lai. Traffic was heavy from the start and "check in" times had to be reduced from each hour to each half hour to make the net responsive to the needs of the Battalion. No technical difficulties were encountered in the operation of the net with AN/MRC 83 radios.

## 6. Logistics:

a. Throughout the month of September, cantonment materials for Headquarters Battalion and 3rd Engineer Battalion were drawn from the 30th NCR lumber yard and transported 24 miles round trip to the 3rd Engineer Battalion lumber yard. Here they were precut and issued to the appropriate construction agencies. The program consisted of over 411,000 board feet of lumber, 9,300 sheets of plywood, and 11,200 pounds of nails.

b. On 7 October 1965, 200 pounds of soda ash, 750 pounds of diatomaceous earth and 200 pounds of HTH were shipped to "B" Company, 3rd Engineer Battalion in Chu Lai to meet critical water supply chemical needs. This was the third such shipment in a two week period.

c. On 18 September 1965, authority was requested to requisition 8-M54 cargo trucks in lieu of waiting indefinitely for redistributions of subject items. The M54's were to have been made available upon phase out of the 155 towed guns from the 12th Marines. This has not been accomplished. 3rd Engineer Battalion is short 8-M54's from the T/E authorization. Approval of the request was forthcoming and the document was submitted.

d. On 18 September 1965, a memorandum was submitted to Asst Chief of Staff (G-4) on NIS Cantonment materials which required improvisation design alteration and work schedules adjustment. The items have not yet been issued.

e. On 13 September 1965, CWO-2 Clarence L. GUTHRIE Jr. was sent to Okinawa to expedite procurement and shipment of critical materials for the Division Command Post Bunker, CG and ADC quarters, and various Headquarters Battalion Cantonment improvement materials.

f. On 22 September 1965, Captain L. L. O'LAUGHLIN was sent to Saigon in attempt to procure roofing paper which was an extremely critical item required for continued work upon the CP Bunker. He was unsuccessful in obtaining any and returned on 24 September.

g. Throughout the month in an effort to continue construction projects that were closely tied to availability of materials, a SNCO spent 10 hours daily attempting to discover local open procurement sources for substitution of non-available supply system item.

h. The deadlined engineer equipment and motor Transport equipment decreased by 9 over the 30 day period. Enclosure (4) is representative of the D/L status which existed throughout the period. The high deadline rate existant during the month of September has been existant previously and is attributable to the following:

(1) Overage equipment: CMC letter CSX-4-cgc of 17 March 1965 and CMC letter AO4K-md-6 of 15 February 1965 authorized the disposal and replacement of many overage or R-3 coded items. Deployment of the 3rd Engineer Battalion to RVN precluded implementation of the cited authority.

(2) Extended use of equipment: The initial 3rd Engineer Battalion elements arrived in RVN during February 1965, and the entire Battalion was consolidated in RVN on 11 July 1965. Constant use of the equipment has contributed to the high deadline rate. Loan of equipment to MCB-10 to expedite the completion of the SATS strip at Chu Lai further aggravated this problem.

(3) Lack of Supply Support:

a) The supply support for the TD-15 tractor has been extremely limited. The initial repair parts and the thirty day operating allowance of parts were not received.

b) The same general problem exists for the TD-18 series tractor except for different reasons. These items are being phased out of the system, and consequently, repair parts are not available. Cannibalization by FLSG was authorized by CMC msg 281824Z July, provides only temporary relief.

c) Engineer equipment is normally difficult to support to the density of makes, models, and types of end items.

d) About 30% of the M-51 dump trucks have inoperable hoist dump assemblies. Repair parts have not been readily available. The extended usage has contributed to this and other causes of deadlining.

e) The M-274 mules have been deadlined throughout the month awaiting repair parts. This has been a status factor for the month.

f) In summations the high deadline rate can be attributed to problem type and item and lack of availability of 2nd and 3rd echelon repair parts.

4. On 24 and 25 September 1965, 266 rolls of roofing paper were drawn from MCB-9 to utilize on the Division Command Post Bunker roof.

5. Enclosure (5) reflects the Class V consumption of this organization for the month of September.

6. Civil Affairs:

a. The Battalion Civil Affairs program was concentrated in the two villages located near the Battalion CP, Da Son and Khanh Son. The two villages comprise a total population of approximately 1500.

A very good relationship has been established with the Village Chief and the villagers. The Battalion Aid Station established an Aid Station in a building built by the villagers. The Battalion Surgeon Lt A. R. FRANKEL treats patients three days a week. A total of 368 patients were seen during the month. Cases ranged from serious burns and finger amputations to minor abrasions. Unusable scrap lumber is being delivered to the village. Over two hundred pounds of clothing and four cases of soap were made available to the village chief through "Operation Handclasp". In addition the Battalion has received 50 dolls, 5 cases of soap, 1150 pounds of bulgar and 500 pounds of cornmeal through USOM. A program is being developed to encourage self-help in all areas. Steps are being taken to insure that only those who are truly needy receive clothing and food on a "gift" basis. This is being accomplished through the assistance of the Village Chief. Preliminary steps were taken to hire 14 men to work as non-food handlers, in the Battalion Mess, and 8 women for a Battalion laundry. It is anticipated this program will expand into other areas of employment.

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A number of foreign claims have been made as a result of Engineer Construction, primarily from widening existing roads. These claims are given immediate attention and processed as expeditiously as time permits. An interpreter has been requested to further enhance this program.

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**ENGINEER ACTION REPORT  
RETURN TO S-2**

1. Type of action \_\_\_\_\_

2. Co-ordinates \_\_\_\_\_ Map Reference \_\_\_\_\_

3. Members of detail (If more space is needed, attach list to back)	NAME	COMPANY
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

4. Supported Unit \_\_\_\_\_

5. Time of Departure \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Time of Return \_\_\_\_\_

7. Routes (Out and Back)

8. Task/Mission

9. Casualties                      Friendly                      VQ

KIA  
WIA  
MIA  
Weapons

10. Obstacles Encountered/Destroyed

- (a) Bunkers
- (b) Tunnels
- (c) Caves
- (d) Mines
- (e) Booby Traps
- (f) Punji pits/Stakes
- (g) Other (describe)

11. Demolitions used

12. New/unusual devices employed or encountered. (include new or different demolitions employment) (Sketch on reverse side)

13. Short but thorough narrative of entire operation. Attach sketch of operational area. (On reverse side)

ENCLOSURE(2)

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26 September 1965

From: S-2, 3d Engineer Battalion  
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Engineer Battalion

Subj: Mine & Booby Trap Study (compiled from reports by Engineer clearing teams.)

Encl: Enclosures (1) through (13) are drawings of the various mines and booby traps mentioned throughout this study.

1. The most common type of booby trap thus far encountered is the type utilizing a Chi Com handgrenade. These grenades have been employed effectively and ingeniously in every area in which we have been employed. The following are the more common manners of employment.

- (a) In VC controlled or well infiltrated areas these grenades have been detonated electrically. The grenades are buried in well traveled areas. Being electrically detonated they can be controlled to the point that local people walk back and forth over the booby trap. When Marines are in the area of the trap and local people safely distant, VC or VC Sympathizers detonate the booby trap. Long lead wires provide the person detonating the device to be well clear of the area at the time of detonation or immediately thereafter. The grenades are sometimes buried in groups, producing the same effect as anti-personnel mines.
- (b) Most often VC booby traps employ a pull type friction fuze consisting of crooked wire imbedded in phosphorus. The fuze is connected to cat gut or camouflage nylon thread or even vines, which are used for trip wires. The friction produced by the wire ignites the phosphorus and the grenade. Booby traps have most often been found at grave yards, gates, in booby trapped panjipits around helicopter landing zones, and on paths leading to and from unsecured hamlets. Various types of detonating devices and booby traps are described and illustrated on enclosures (1) through (13).

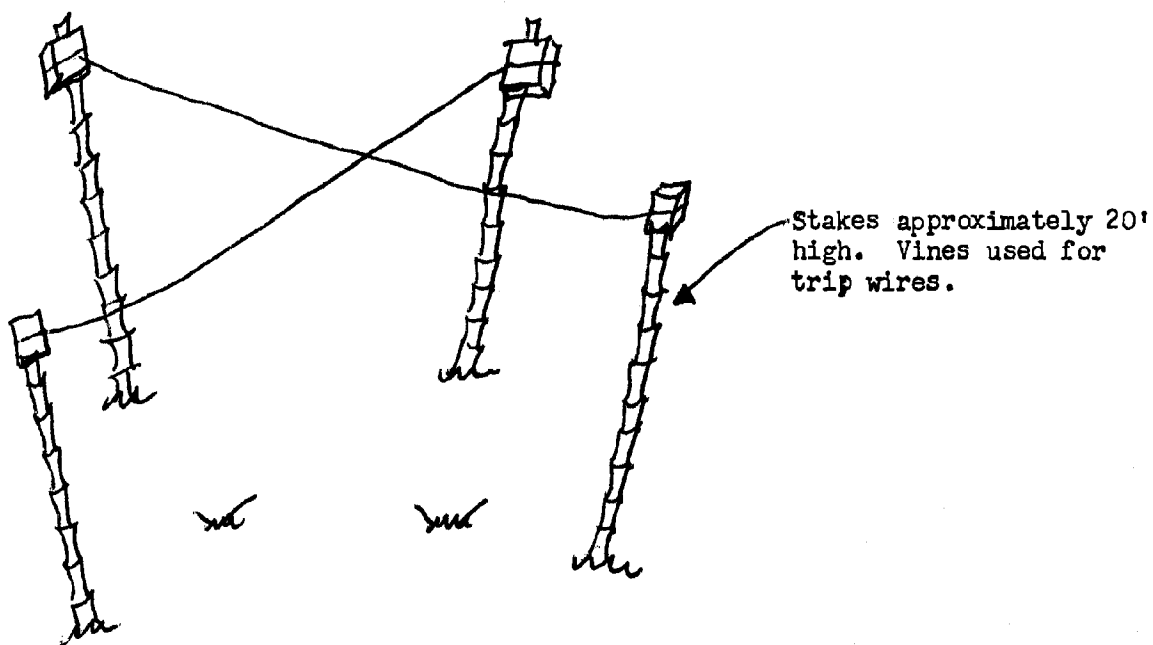
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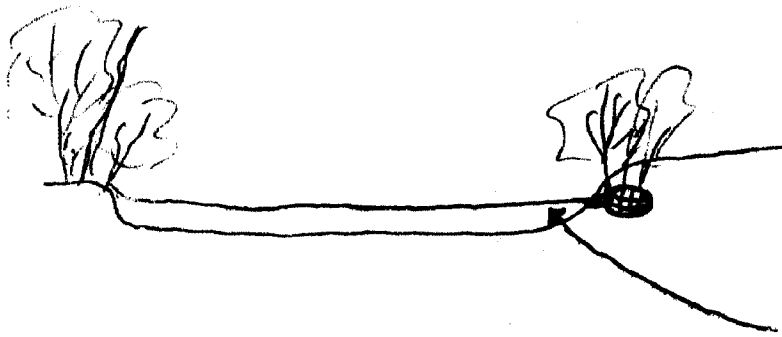
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Grenades have been attached to large panji stakes in helicopter landing zones to provide booby traps for helicopters.



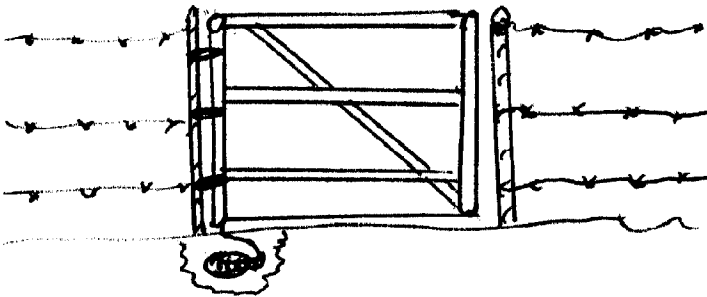
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The most common type of booby trap consists of a trip wire stretched across a trail. Anchored to a small bush or tree and to friction type fuze in the grenade. Most other booby traps are a variation on this basic idea.

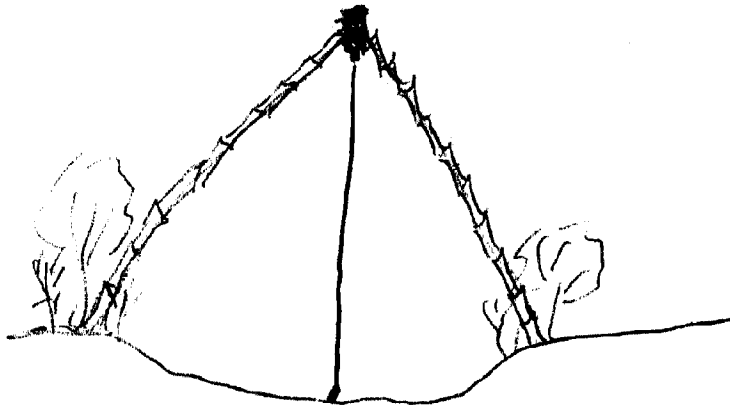


path grenade (usually concealed)

In most cases involving gates the grenades are burried (shallow) under the gate. A short trip wire is attached to the gate so that when it is moved, even slightly, the grenade is detonated. When available pressure release fuzes have also been employed. If there is a heavy growth around the gate, the grenades have been camouflaged in the growth.



More recently VC have been making Bamboo arches across trails. A grenade is secured at the top of the arch and the trip wire secured to the deck. Any contact with trip wire will detonate the grenade. This is employed most effectively at night as a warning device. However the location of the grenade gives a large casualty radius. During the day the trip wire is loosened from the deck and wound around the bamboo arch to provide use of the trail to VC & VC Sympathizers.



Grenade usually 5' to 6' off the ground

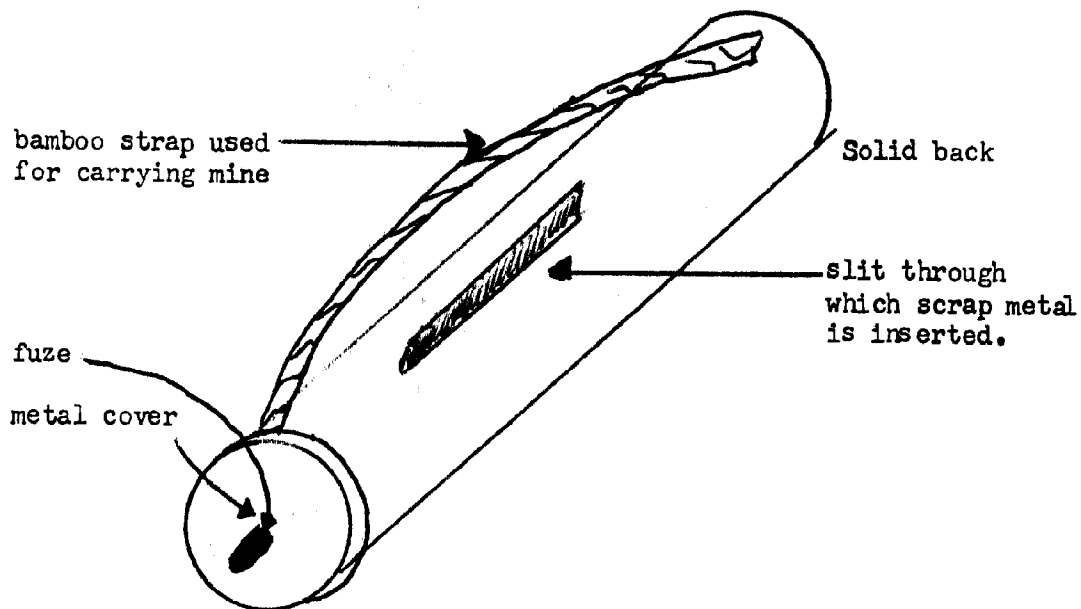
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In addition to the use of Chi Com grenades the VC have improvised some very effective mines of their own. Some of these are illustrated and explained on the following enclosures.

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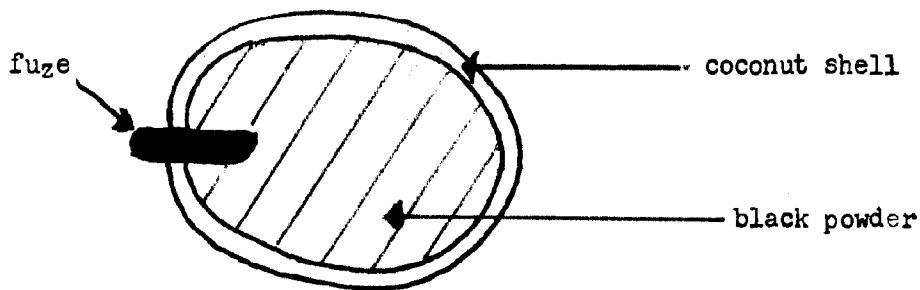
MINE MADE OF HOLLOW BAMBOO

This mine is made from a large joint of bamboo. It is cleaned out and filled with plastic explosive the section is also filled with nuts & bolts or rocks, nails & scrap metal or whatever material is available. Usually detonated by a pull friction type fuze. Other means can readily be substituted.



COCONUT MINE

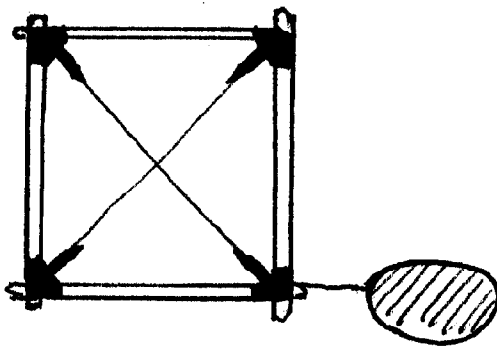
This mine is made from a hollowed out coconut filled with black powder. Using a friction type fuze this mine is employed in much the same manner as handgrenades. It is usually buried approximately six (6) inches under ground. It has been covered by rock and brick for missile effect. (Near the surface of the ground or resting directly on it) It produces a concussion effect as well as burning. It has also been used in conjunction with other devices to booby trap them and to prevent their removal. (As illustrated in the following enclosure). These mines are also effectively employed at gates.



PANJI PIT WITH COCONUT MINE (BOOBY TRAPPED)

The trip wire of the coconut mine was attached to one of the stakes of the panji pit. The four stakes in the pit were tied together. When an individual steps into the pit the four stakes are drawn toward the center. The stake then pulls the trip wire connected to the coconut mine thus detonating the mine. So in addition to the panji pit there is also the effect of the mine.

Top view

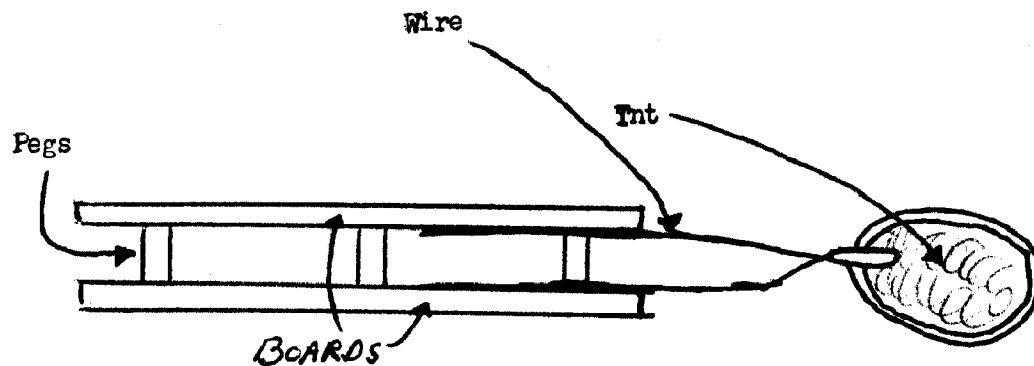


Trip wire connected to each of the four stakes and wire attached to coconut mine.



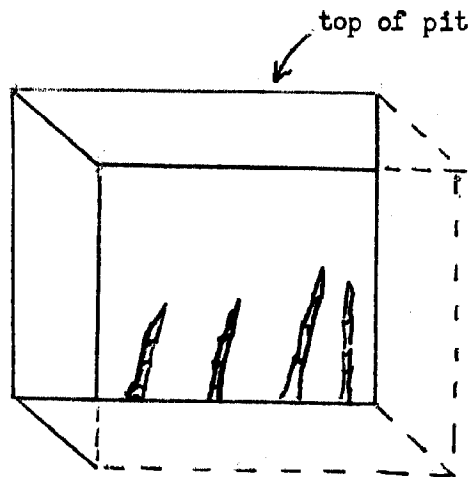
COCONUT MINE (ANTI TANK MINE)

Lacking pressure sensitive devices to enable a capability for anti tank mines the VC have improvised a very effective device in the area. Two pieces of board are used one above the other. On each piece is a bare piece of comm wire connected to a battery (our PRC-10 battery) and connected to a charge of TNT. The first board has wooden pegs which pass through the second, A man standing on the board lacks sufficient pressure to force the boards together but, if a tank or heavy truck rolls across the device the pressure forces the two boards together making the bare wires contact and the mine is detonated.

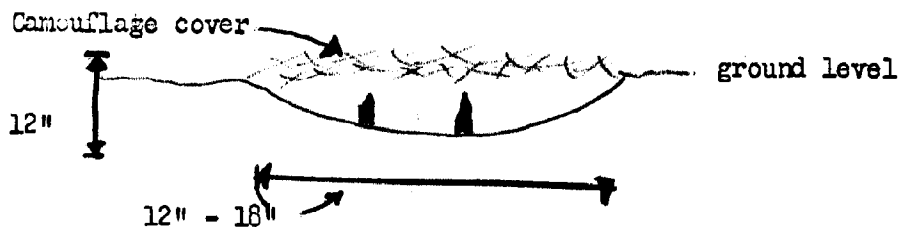


In addition to explosive devices many non explosive devices are employed. The most effective are the panji pits. The most common panji pit is about four feet square and about four feet deep. The panji stakes (sharpened bamboo) about six to eighteen inches long are set upright in the pit. There are about six or eight stakes in the average pit.

PANJI PIT

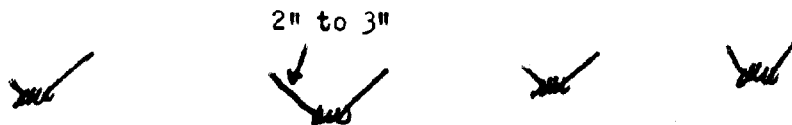


There is also a smaller pit that is widely employed. It is about 12" to 18" across and about 12" deep. Thin bamboo slivers are laced across the top of the pit and the pit is then camouflaged. The weight of the camouflage material causes a slight depression which helps in locating the pit. (Also panji pits of good size give a very loud reading on an ANPRS-4/Mine detector).



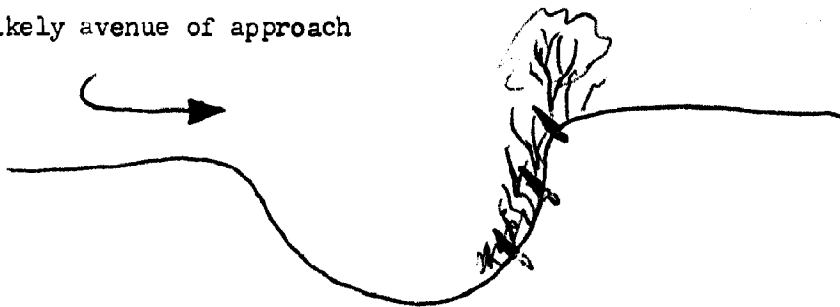
When the materials are available VC make the panji pits with concrete decks and steel stakes. They have employed steel barbed stakes and all wooden decks whenever they can.

In likely helicopter landing zones there are two types of stakes effectively employed. One type is a long stake about 6 feet to 8 feet high, sharpened on one end. The stakes are placed very close to one another so that the copter cannot set down without some of the stakes piercing the hull. Also employed is a type of stake about two to three inches long. This stake is designed to puncture tires if the copter sets down as well as provide a hazard to deplaning troops.



Quite often short stakes are employed on banks of gullies & streams. In areas where there is a likely hood that troops might jump from one bank to another. The stakes (2" to 3" long) when possible are hidden in grass or other growth on the stream banks.

Likely avenue of approach



Appearances indicate that the VC have a special way of marking the panji traps so that other VC and Sympathizers can stay out of them. There are two ways that Marines have observed. In the first case the pits are marked by placing a bamboo bonnet, much like the bonnet of a mine-field marker kit, over the pit. The bonnet is made of split bamboo and tied in the proper shape.



Another method is to take a large palm leaf and split the leaf. The split leaf is then placed on the deck with the end touching the panji pit. These markings have only been observed on the small, foot size holes. The method for marking larger holes is as of yet, undetermined.

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NOMENCLATURE	BN	FLSG	OPERATIONAL	REMARKS
TD-18	1	10	4	
TD-15	1	7	4	1 to D/L 1 to FLSG
TD-24	0	2	0	
MRS-200	0	0	0	
Crane M-37	0	2	2	
Crane 150T46	1	1	1	
Crane M-60	1	1	0	
Scraper 8yd	2	0	1	
Scraper 10yd	1	1	3	
Scraper 16yd	0	0	2	
Scooploader	0	2	1	
Compressor 105	2	0	4	1 to D/L
Compressor 125	2	0	0	
Crusher	0	1	0	
Mixer	1	0	0	
Rooter	0	0	1	
Roller Sheepfoot	0	0	3	
Roller Pnue	1	0	0	
Welder	0	0	2	
Grader 550	2	2	1	1 to D/L
Grader 125	1	0	1	
M-274	9	2	0	
M-422	2	1	5	1 to D/L
M-38A1	0	1	3	
M-37	1	0	14	
M-44	1	0	0	
M-49	0	0	1	1 off D/L
M-51	10	4	*20	1 off D/L 1 to FLSG
M-52	1	0	4	
M-54	1	0	1	
M-56B1	0	0	1	
M-62	0	1	0	
MRC-83	0	1	5	
M-172	2	0	3	1 to D/L
Pump 55GPM	0	12	7	
Generator 30KW	0	0	2	
Water Purif Unit 1160	0	0	2	
Water Purif Unit 1157	0	3	4	1 to FLSG
Pump 250GPM	0	2	0	1 to FLSG
Floodlight 5KW	0	3	2	
Generator 60KW	0	2	0	
Bath Units	0	2	7	

\* Includes 7 Non-Dumping Dump Trucks

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EXPENDED ORDNANCE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1965

1375 M131	Cap Blasting, Non Elect	ea	146
1375 M670	Fuse Blasting Time	ft	1,450
1375 M032	Charge Demo 1 lb TNT	ea	1,030
1375 M455	Cord Det	ft	13,800
1375 M766	Lighter Fuse M-60	ea	268
1375 L311	Signal Ill	ea	20
1330 G945	Grenade Hand Yellow Smoke	ea	4
1305 A124	Stg Tracer 7.62mm	ea	180
1375 M756	Charge M-37	ea	653
1375 M130	Cap Blasting Elect	ea	60
1375 M420	Charge Shape 15 lbs	ea	12
1375 M421	Charge Shape 40 lbs	ea	6

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TIME IN (OUT)	SERIAL NO.	DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
X	1	011315	<u>Div Repro</u> - Capt COLE called and said that the pictures for Engr Bn were ready for pickup	SF
			<u>Summary</u>	
			21 men committed to combat operations. 6 men supporting Blackbox and 15 supporting Irontree. Men committed as mine detection and demo teams. Work continued on roads, bridges, and bunkers. Continued operation of Waterite Pit. Contin- ued operation of Class 60 raft on Song Cau Do river. Contin- ued maximum effort on HqBn cantonment area. Approximately 24% of the strongback construction project completed. 3 tents for Shove, 70% completed. Continued hauling lumber from NCC lumber yard. Distributed 99,245 gal of potable water and 6,300 gal of raw water. Continued operation of Class 60 raft on Song Cau Do river.	

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X	1	020900	<u>AXHANDLE-2</u> - KRUGER, "C" Co, 3d EngrBn WIA, 1 Sep 65, air evaced 2Sep65.	SF
	2	021610	<u>ST. JOE-3A</u> - Request 2 man demo team to support operation on Saturday .	SF
X	3	021645	<u>Kit Carson-3A</u> - Requested loan of 55 GPM pump.	SF
			<u>Summary</u>	
			25 men committed to operations. 15 men supporting	
			Irontree, 10 supporting Blackbox. 3 of the men supporting	
			Blackbox were heli-lifted to the operation on an emergency	
			request for a mine detection team. Three WIAs were reported	
			during the period by Blackbox. Continued work on roads,	
			bridges and bunkers. Maximum effort continues on HqBn can-	
			tonment construction program. 93 strongbacks finished .	
			Distributed 95,300 gal of potable water and 6000 gal of raw	

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			(summary cont)	
			water. Completed interior wiring of 58 strongbacks in HqBn	
			and overhead wiring of 25 tents in the Burke CP area. One	
			man provided Squire to conduct firing demonstration of M18A1	
			Claymore mine. Made special preparation on VC tunnels,	
			caves, booby traps, etc and demolitions school to be pre-	
			sented to Crowd commencing 3 Sep 65. 7th EngrBn assumed	
			operation of the Le My water point. Continued operation	
			of the Class 60 raft on the Song Cau Do river.	
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X	4	0312	(con't) 3. No of M36A1/M36 mounts. 4. No of M3 Ground mounts	SF
X	5	0312	Crowd-4 - Idea on building a Field PX in this area. Would need materials and 1 man to help run it from Engr.	SF
X	6	031245	Senator -3A - Wanted to know what we thought of them pulling the security provided Engr Plt south of the Song Cau Rd.	
X	7	031400	Kit Carson - 3 - Requested clearance of mine field 250yd x 30yd near the Maint area, so that adequate space for Maint could be made.	
			<u>Summary</u> 20 men were committed to combat engineer operations during this period. 3 with Blackbox, 15 with Irontree and 2 with ST. Joe. The mine detector team committed by helicopter to Blackbox on 2 Sep 65 was returned, one mine was detected	

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			and removed by EOD personnel. Work continued on roads,	
			bridges and bunkers. Continued engineer equipment work	
			on roads currently under construction. Continued maximum	
			effort on HqBn cantonment. Continued operation of three	
			Division water points. Distributed 84,815 gal of potable	
			water and 12,250 gal of raw water. Operation of main water	
			point adjacent to FLSG and the water point near Shore Party	
			Bn. was shifted to 7th Engr Bn. Completed interior wiring	
			of 9 admin tents and 2 billeting tents in HqBn area. Began	
			making preparation to provide emergency power for III MAF	
			Headquarters. Began the Special school on VC tunnels, caves,	
			mines, booby traps, etc for Crowd. 22 enlisted men and 2	
			officers are attending first class. Operation of Class 60	
			raft on the Song Cau Do river continues.	

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X	1	030755	<u>Crowd -3</u> - Delay class until 0900 (mine & demo school) Companies furnishing men having transportation problems.	SF
X	2	030855	<u>Crowd-3</u> - Capt ADKINS, requested another hour delay. Some men have not come in off sweeps yet.	SF
X	3	031015	<u>Pan Handle-3</u> - Would like to know how long we will need TD-18 at ASP #1.	SF
X	4	0312	<u>Shove-3</u> - Frost Call - Require representatives at meeting on 50 Cal Machine Gun emplacement. Who: All S-3 represen- tatives of below listed units: (DaNang, Chu Lai, Hue Phu Bai) What: Meeting on 50 Cal Machine Gun Anti-Aircraft Employment When: 1400, 3 Sep 65. Where: 1st MAW Briefing room. Imperative: Have available at conference information on below listed items for the DaNang, Chu Lai, PhuBai areas: 1. No of 50 Cal MG's to be ground/truck mounted. 2. No of M63 mounts.	SF

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X	1	040805	<u>Brouge C</u> - Reported SP working party has not shown 3 hrs late	SF
			<u>Summary</u>	
			Continued combat engineer support. 21 men committed to Blackbox & Irontree operations. 7 of these men returned at 1300 4 Sept 65. Men employed as mine detection & demolition team. Continued work on roads, bridges, & bunkers. Maximum effort continued on HqBn cantonment project. To date 103 strongbacks have been completed. Distribution of water continued, 74,805 gallons of potable water and 11,000 gallons of raw water was distributed. Completed wiring for 94 strong-	
			in Hq Bn CP. Completed wiring 35 tents in Burke CP area.	
			A medical team including a doctor is treating the local inhabitants 75 patients have been treated. A playground is in planning stage for Khonh So Village. 28 enlisted and 2 officers from Crowd completed the 2 day School on VC obstacles fortifications & demolitions. Continued moving lumber from White Beach. Class 60 raft continued operation.	

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TIME IN HOUR	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
X	1	051130	<u>Major Watson</u> - Major SMITH call "Major WATSON at his office Important	SF
			<u>Summary</u> 27 men committed to combat operations. 8 supporting frontline & 19 supporting Blackbox as mine detection & demolition teams. Roads & Bridges, & bunkers continued Maximum effort continued on Hq Bn cantonment. To date 114 strongbacks completed. Began constructing 200 screen doors for same. Distributed 89,000 gal of potable water & 12,000 gal of raw water. Completed wiring of 17 more strongbacks in Hq Bn area. One load of scrap hauled & dumped to village of Da Son. Scrap lumber is given attentately to Bu Son & Khonh Son Villages. Continued operation of Class 60 raft on Song Cau Do River. 2nd Class on VC mines, tunnel etc, starts	
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X	1	060750	<u>PanHandle-3A</u> - Personnel augmenting HqBn construction will not be able to make it Wednesday. Will return Thursday.	SF
	2	060850	<u>Senator -4</u> - Request to move water tank at shower point about 100 yards.	SF
X	3	060925	<u>PanHandle - 6</u> - Personnel working on HqBn cantonment could no longer be provided. Will provide in future if available.	SF
X	4	061400	<u>Shove-4</u> - Requested answer on request for 2 Strongbacks for Division PO.	SF
			<u>Summary</u> 27 men continued support of Blackbox and Irontree operations. Employed as mine detection and demolition teams. Continued work on roads, bridges, and bunkers. Maximum effort continuing on cantonment program. 21 strongbacks were completed during period. Distributed 83,132 gal of potable	

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			(Summary Con't)	
			water and 12,600 gal of raw water. To date completed	
			wiring of 93 billeting tents and 22 admin tents. A meeting	
			was held with the 12th Marine's Civil Affairs Officer.	
			Plans for work in Da Son village and the feasibility of	
			assigning unit responsibility on areas discussed. BAS	
			treated five local inhabitants injured in an automobile	
			accident at Hoa Yen. Special school for Crowd reconvened	
			with 26 students. Class 60 raft on Song Cau Do River, no	
			heavy loads carried by raft to date.	
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X	1	070120	<u>Bogue Charlie One</u> - 3 shots from HqBn area apparently aimed in direction of village, one shot a tracer	SF
			<u>Summary</u>	
			27 men committed to Blackbox and Irontree. Men deployed as mine detection and demolition team. Work continued on roads, bridges and bunkers. Continued constructing strongbacks in HqBn area, finished 13 tents. To date 148 strongbacks completed except for screen doors and steps. Distributed 82,500 gals of potable water and 10,500 gals of raw water. Completed interior strongbacks in HqBn area. Civil Affairs area of responsibility designated. Da Son and Khanh Son are 12th Mar and 3d EngrBn responsibility.	
			26 students completed EngrBn VC fortification, obstacles, and demolition school. Class 60 raft on Song Cau Do river	

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X	1	080900	Dream - Okayed use of TD-15, requested 6 loads of fill be hauled to their area.	SF
	2	081020	Alpha - 1 - Request mechanic at A-1 work site for air compressor	SF
X	3	081504	Today Alpha-1 - We are out of 4" building materials. None available, will await further orders.	SF
			Summary	
			21 men remained in support of Blackbox and Irontree operations. 8 men supporting Blackbox and 13 supporting Irontree as demo and mine detection teams. Work continues on roads, bridges and bunkers. Construction of strongbacks for HqBn temporarily suspended, due to shortage of tentage. Finishing work such as hanging screen doors and building steps continues. Distributed 84,945 gals of potable water	

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			(Summary cont)	
			and 15,700 gals of raw water. Work request for emergency	
			wiring of III MAF Headquarters 50% completed. Completed	
			wiring of 18 billeting tents in HqBn area. Construction	
			of playground for Da Son village discussed with assurance	
			land would be available for project. Approximately 200 lbs	
			of clothing presented to village. Another meeting scheduled	
			for 9Sep65. 27 men began another 2 day school on VC fortif-	
			ications, obstacles and demolitions. Class 60 raft on Song	
			Cau Do river still in operation. The shortage of tentage	
			for 280 strongbacks in HqBn area has reduced priority,	
			normal work hours will be resumed.	
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TIME TIME	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
X	1	091000	Crowd-3 - Request (1) demo team at Bound-3 CP this morning if possible.	SF
			<u>Summary</u>	
			Forty men committed to support of Blackbox and Irontree operations. 14 men supporting Irontree and 26 supporting Blackbox as mine detection and demo teams. Work on road, bridges and bunkers continued. A total of 175 strongbacks have been constructed. 48 doors and stairs were hung and 20 tents screened during period. Distributed 91,00 gals of potable water and 12,000 gals of raw water. Completed interior wiring of 16 admin tents in HqBn area. To date 30 admin tents and 139 billeting tents have been wired. Cookies are being prepared in Messhall for distribution to children of Da Son on Children's Day. 31 students from Crowd completed	

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TIME IN/OUT	SERIAL NO.	DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKE
X	1	101130	Force Engr - Sent two mobile cranes to Commercial Pier from 7th Engrs to help load 3d Engr Bn lumber.	SF
			<u>Summary</u>	
			35 men remained in support of Irontree and Blackbox during period. Men committed as mine detection and demolition teams. Work continued on bridges, roads, and bunkers. Continued finishing work on completed strongbacks in HqBn area. 3 tents screened and 24 doors hung. Distributed 90,980 gallons of potable water and 12,400 gallons of raw water. To date completed interior wiring of 169 tents. Completed emergency lighting system in III MAF Headquarters. Approval has been obtained to hire local personnel to work in mess-hall. 25 students from Crowd began 2 day school on VC fortifications/obstacles, and demolitions. Conducted recon	

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TIME IN OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
			(Summary Con't) of road from (AT945694) to (AT947700) in preparation for future construction.	
	2	102400	Journal Closed	

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X	1	110820	Crowd 3 - Bound needs support of 1 Engr squad	SF
Y	2	111518	Today Alpha 2 - Request to know if Towboy will come to pick up 12x12 from site on project 632	SF
			<u>Summary</u>	
			20 men remained in support of Swain and Irontree operations.	
			Work on roads, bridges and bunkers continues. Screened 3	
			tents and hung 50 doors on HqBn strongbacks. Continued	
			limited cantonment efforts at EngrBn CP. Distributed	
			96,950 gal of potable water and 16,00 gal of raw water.	
			28 students from Crowd completed EngrBn V.C. Fortification/	
			Obstacle and Demolition School. Coordination has been	
			made to begin work on Helicopter Landing Site on Dong	
			Den Mt.	
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X	1	120800	Moment - Daily weather forecast	SF
X	2	121200	Marine Air Freight - When are the 2 generators going to be sent to air freight	SF
X	3	121750	Bound 4 - Water point out. Request Utilities man to check pump	SF
			Summary	
			22 men committed to Swain, Irontree and Blackbox operations during period. 6 men returned from Swain 1445 12Sep and 10 committed to Blackbox 1500 12Sep65. Continued work on roads, bridges and bunkers. Class 60 raft on Song Cau Do River still in operation. Screened 5 tents and 20 doors were hung in HqBn cantonment area. Distributed 89,00 gal of potable water and 11,500 gal of raw water. Prepared and airshipped (2) 30 generators to Chu Lai, one man accompanying generators.	KW

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			<u>Summary (cont)</u>	
			Prepared and began loading materials for construction of bridge at Phu Bai. Ten man demolition squad on standby to support of Crowd operation.	
	4	122400	Journal Closed	
			<u>Late ENTRIES</u>	
		121440	Shave 3 - Enge support for senator. shave 3 approves 3d Enge on providing support on day to day basic tailoring * support to task + maintaining liaison	PF
		120934	S-4 9th Mar - Request info on when access road would be started	JK

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X	1	130930	Shove 3 - Request for copy of CO, 4th Mar ltr 4/AWW/jab over 4000 dtd 14Aug65	SF
X	2	131046	Guyrope Charlie-1 - Tractor #26 has thrown rod request lowbed be sent out to pick up	SF
X	3	131115	Senator - Casualty Report 1 KIA James W. STEVENS 2077684 "C" Co 3d EngrBn. formal report will follow. Bn CO, CO "C" Co notified	SF
X	4	131430	Dream-3 - Request Engr crews for 2 LVTE-1's from 14-30 Sep	SF
X	5	131635	Shove-3 - Hoa Cam 50 Cal MG range confirmed for 15 Sep 1000-1200	SF
			<u>Summary</u> 34 men committed in support of Blackbox and Irontree operations. 1 KIA reported at 1027, 13Sep65 in support of Blackbox. Made preparations for committing 2 LVTE-1 teams	

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			<u>Summary (cont)</u>	
			with Dream and 4 mine clearance teams for Bound operation	
			commencing 14Sep65. Work on roads, bridges and bunkers	
			continues. Hoa Cam road 90% completed. 25% of 8x8 timber	
			roof completed on CG's bunker. Completed hanging doors and	
			screening of 65% of existing strongbacks in HqBn area.	
			Distributed 92,485 gallons of potable water and 8,400 gallons	
			of raw water. 27 men from Crowd started school on V.C.	
			fortification/obstacles and demolitions. Committed one NCO	
			to Dong Den Mt. to supervise and perform work on improving	
			helicopter landing site.	
	6	132400	Journal closed	

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X	1	140820	<u>Fertilizer-3</u> - Request info on EngrBn Mine Warfare School	SF
X	2	140935	<u>Blackbox-3</u> - Reported 105 dud at coordinate 980687	SF
X	3	141110	<u>Today Alpha-1</u> - Request for payload	SF
X	4	141152	<u>Today Alpha</u> - Cannot fill request for payload none available. If urgent request again.	SF
X	5	141615	<u>Squire-4</u> - Status on SB request, will furnish labor if we provide 1x decking and supervising NCO	SF
			<u>Summary</u>	
			53 men supporting Irontree, Blackbox and Bound operations	
			Men employed as mine detection and demolition teams except for 8 men employed at LVTE-1, team for Dream. Work continues on roads, bridges and bunkers. Hung doors on 15 strongbacks and completed (2) 8 hole heads. Distributed 103,630 gal of potable water and 25,000 gal of raw water. Resumed emergency	

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X	1	151100	S-3 - Capt STEIN "A-7" informs me that bridge between our camp and the Dai La Pass closed for repair on 17 Sep. By-pass will be through our CP.	SF
X	2	151135	Capt BRINGER - Message left for Capt CELLI. Major Wood took message	SF
X	3	151420	BROGUE CHARLIE 1 - Request for floodlights.	SF
X	4	151515	Today Bravo - Request check on government property belonging to casualties from this unit retained at Whale-Charlie. Advice of condition	SF
X	5	151515	Today Bravo - Your personnel weapon on way with replacements	SF
X	6	151520	Goose - 3 - Thanks for cooperation in connection with movement of artillery unit today.	SF
X	7	151615	Crowd-6 - Requested info on concrete mixer.	SF
X	8	151620	Today Bravo - Format for Div0 4000.5C was received from Thickskin about 141739H, report in guard mail this date,	SF

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X	8	151620	SpringClean was notified to pickup order about 141300H.	SF
			Do not know if report was forwarded this date.	
	9	151635	Today Bravo-5 - Request you give list of Comm/Elect Ser #	SF
			to Today 4 and Today 21.	
			Summary	
			42 men provided as mine detection and demolition teams	
			and 8 men as LVTE-1 teams in support of Blackbox, Irontree,	
			Swain and Dream. Work continues on roads, bunkers and bridges.	
			The CP bunker is 52% complete. Completed foundations and decks	
			for 6 strongbacks during period. Precut materials for 40	
			strongbacks. Distributed 100,631 gallons of potable water and	
			20,000 gallons of raw water. Completed emergency wiring hookup	
			for III MAF Headquarters. 27 students from Crowd began EngrBn	
			school. Class 60 raft on Song Cau Do River remained in operation.	

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X	1	161000	Senator-3A - Capt FAUST "B" Co CO contact 2/9 Engr Sup	SF
X	2	162300	Crowd-14 - AXHANDLE 3 Able (Lt GADWILL) report to line 2	SF
			Eagle Crowd by 0830 17 Sep 65	
			Summary	
			49 men remained in support of Irontree, Blackbox, Bound and	
			Dream. 41 as mine detection and demolition teams and 8 as crews	
			on 2 LVTE-1's for Dream. Work continued on roads, bridges and	
			bunkers. 70% of project on road from (AT952710) to (AT949707)	
			completed. 55% of project at (AT906762) completed. Continued	
			construction of HqBn cantonment area. Completed erection of 16	
			foundations and deck frames. Completed precutting steps for	
			100 strongbacks and prefabbing 100 screen doors and 40	
			strongbacks. Distributed 98,135 gal of potable water and 16,900	
			gal of raw water. Interviewed local people of Da Son and	

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X	1	171645	Today Alpha 2 - Send PFC RUIZ to Today CP. SSgt KELLY to insure Tow Grader in old B/1/3 area for night. Reply required	SE
X	2	171725	Today Alpha - Tow grader on way, so is PFC RUIZ.	SE
			SUMMARY	
			47 men committed during period in support of Blackbox, Irontree, Bound, and Dream. 8 men employed as LVTE-1 teams.	
			39 men employed as mine detection and demolition teams.	
			Continued work on road, bridges, and bunkers. 75% of work completed on project road from coordinates AT949706 to AT952708. Improvement of roads, and bridges from AT946699 to AT942660 to AT920667, 17% completed. Bridge vicinity coordinates AT936792 being improved to Class 60, 90% completed.	
			75% of strongbacks for HqBn cantonment completed. Installed steps for 22 strongbacks and completed 16 strongbacks in HqBn	

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			(SUMMARY CON'T)	
			area during period. Distributed 113,600 gallons of potable	
			water and 26,900 gallons of raw water. 62 Vietnamese were	
			treated by Engr Bn medical aid team on 16 Sep in Da Son	
			village. 27 students from Crowd began Engr Bn Fortification	
			Obstacles and Demolition school. The Class 60 raft on Song	
			Cau Do River still in operation. To date no Class 60 traffic	
			on raft.	
	3	172400	Journal Closed	

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X	1	181130	Shove-4 - 2/9 MSR impassable, 3 dumps, 1 mite and other vehicles stuck in deep mud	SF
X	2	181330	Today-fwd - Road #1 to Duong Son passable but in bad shape	SF
X	3	181605	Shove-3B - Requested onfo as to what schools, number of students and what outfit they come from conducted by EngrBn	SF
X	4	181715	Shove-4 - Visit by Maj SUTZMANN USA of EngrBn VC Mine/demo school	SF
			<u>Summary</u>	
			27 men remained in support of Blackbox, Irontree and Bound operations. In addition, 8 men employed as LVTE-1 crews with Dream. Work continues on roads, bridges and bunkers. Road from 949706 to 952708, 80% complete. Road from 946699 to 942660 to 25% complete. Irontree CP access road 60% complete. Maximum effort being maintained on HqBn Cantonment program. 14 strongbacks	

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			<u>Summary (cont)</u>	
			completed except for doors, stairs and screens. Completed	
			construction of 24 steps for strongbacks. Distributed	
			110,300 gallons of potable water and 20,050 gallons of raw	
			water. 27 students from Crowd completed EngrBn Special School	
			on VC Fortifications/Obstacles and Demolitions. Class 60	
			raft still in operation. One non-battle casualty man gored	
			by water buffalo about 180930.	
	5	182400	Journal Closed	

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X	1	191032	Today Alpha-1 - Need mechanic at job site to fix 105 compressor	SF
X	2	191050	Col WILKINSON - Requested Capt CELLI call him	SF
X	3	191305	Today-3 - TD-15 from 2/12 available at ARVN Boot Camp contact and commence repair of road	SF
X	4	191410	Today-3 - Dispatch 3 dumps to Parkgreen MSR immediately	SF
X	5	191411	Today-3 - Msg to Today C1 to dispatch 3 M51 to Pkgreen- MSR unable to transport TD-15 at present time, transportation for TD-18 at Redwood CP on way.	SF
I	6	191720	Crowd-3 - Request 2 axes, machetes and file, needed on Dong Den Mt. Bring to Crowd CP by 0800 20 Sep 65	SF
X	7	191950	Senator-3 - Request for 2 demo teams for Blackbox. Teams to report to Blackbox CP (rear) tomorrow morning for operation in Mu Dong	SF
X	9	Late entry 191732	Today Alpha 2 - Did not blow pillars. No demo available	SF

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			<u>Summary</u>	
			16 men supporting Blackbox, Irontree and Bound operations.	
			8 men committed as LVTE-1 crews. Road (AT949706) to (AT952708)	
			84% complete. Road (AT946699) to (AT942660) to (AT920667)	
			26% complete. Blackbox MSR (AT998706) to (AT986664) 15%	
			complete. Irontree CP road 12% complete. Division Com-	
			mand Bunker 50% complete. Work on bridges continues.	
			75% of strongbacks for HqBn cantonment completed. Com-	
			pleted 47 wash racks. Installed steps for 18 strongbacks	
			during period. Distributed 97,355 gallons of potable water	
			and 12,600 gallons of raw water. Major GOETEMANN, and	
			2 officers from USA, MACV (Testing and Evaluation Center	
			Saigon) visited Engr Bn for 2 days. Mission was to obtain	
			information on cave and tunnel destruction. Engineer	
			Officer sent to Chu Lai to recon Sang An Tan River for	

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			<u>Summary (cont.)</u>	
			ferry sites. Unit Commanders from Chu Lai, Phu Bai here to resolve operational support for future operations. 6 men held in Battalion area as reserves for on call commitments to Senator and Crowd.	
			Journal Closed	
✓	8	192400	MCS-9 - Bridge Crossing the Sournne River is Da Nang has a Class 10 Rating - 9'6" width (04/10/62) filed in bridge record folder	SF

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X	1	200229	Today Alpha-1 - 201029H BT. Roads in our area are passable	SF
	2	200304	Peepsight-3 - Support requested for Parkgreen Field to show as of 200945. Please contact Peepsight 3 by land line	SF
X	3	200055	CO. 3dEngrBn to CO "A" "C" Co's - Provide road status reports for your area ASAP.	SF
X	4	200115	Today Charlie-3 - Blackbox MCR passable to mite and mules 1 TD-18 pushing mud out, putting second cap on existing layer, HE & MT status, 6 dumps, 2 TD-18, 2 TD-15	SF
X	5	201015	Crowd-3A - Request mine clearance team to clear road vicinity La Chau #2.....team dispatched same morning	SF
X	6	200415	Bound-4 - Request TD-18 for roughing of OP road.....road to be cut as soon as equipment available	SF
X	7	200425	Today-3A - Peepsight 3 reports no show of support for Park- green Field as of 200945. Suggest you contact Parkgreen Field for info.....Today CP reports departure of team at 20073	SF

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X	8	200426 8	Today-3 - to - Today-C-6 - Call Today-3 by land line ASAP	SF
	9	200507	Today-C-6 - Requests wrecker to tow in mite from Today-C position	SF
X	10	200555	Today-C-3 - Daily Summary Report a) Blackbox MSR b)1 c)1 d)34 e)360 f)2-1 g)2-2 h)1-3 j)HO k)6-1 l)1-5 O)70 p) 30 loads of sand-5 loads of fill	SF
X	11	200700	Today-A-6 - to - Today-3 - 1) Changed to Situation Report Project #631- 28 loads of fill delivered to Pilsner cutoff and new road. 0 loads of fill to ASP-#1 2) Project #632 bridge #3 complete, commenced abutement work on bridge #6	SF
X	12	200800	Today-C-3 - to Today-6 - 25% of road sand capped. Ditches drained. Other 75% of road getting worse-draining	SF
X	13	200740	CO, 3dEngrBn - CO "A" "C" Co's - Request road status reports your vicinity.	SF
X	14	201730	Today-C-3 - Javaman Mt - Request mechanic or wrecker to Park-	SF

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			green Road to repair or pick up dump. If unable to come before 1830 driver to remain here.	
X	15	201127	Today-A-2 - to - Today-A-1 - Have you given Div. vehicles to Plt Sgt of Today-A2.....Insure that Today-A2 compressor goes to Pilsner CP	SF
X	16	201030	Today-A-1 - to - Today-A-2 - Vehicle given to Plt Sgt Today -A-2.....compressor being taken to Today CP	SF
X	17	202310	Today-C-3 - Request wrecker for dump...fuel line trouble	SF
			<u>Summary</u>	
			36 men supported Dream, Blackbox, Irontree and Bound. Men employed as mine detection/demo teams except for 8 men at Dream as LVTE-1 crews. Road (AT949706) to (AT952708) 87% complete. Road (AT946699) to (AT912660) to (AT920667) 29% complete. Blackbox MSR (AT998706) to (AT986664), 15% complete.	

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			Summary (cont)	
			Iron tree CP road, 12% complete. Division CP Bunker 52%	
			complete. Constructed 5 strongbacks , (4) 4-hole heads and	
			installed 26 doors. 76% of strongbacks completed. Also	
			constructed 15 sets of stairs and prefabricated 48 washstands.	
			Distributed 101,265 gal potable water and 16,300 gal raw	
			water. Strongbacks for Crowd 90% complete. Class 60 raft	
			on Song Cau Do River still in operation. 6 men held in	
			reserve for on call commitment to Senator and Crowd operations.	
	18	202400	Journal Closed	
	Late Entry-201230		HqBn - Man come to pick up 4-20' sections of 2" pipe from utilitie area near May Woods Okey	SE

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X	1	210835	Broil Alpha-6 - Water point reports will be late. Will attempt to report by land lines as each point is inspected.	SF
X	2	210850	Today Charlie - Send 5 gal 30 wt. oil to Today C area with PC driver	SF
X	3	210920	Today Alpha-1 - Relay to people standing by for lowbed, add reinforcing rod and 70 bft of 6x6 to list at Company Office.	SF
X	4	211005	Today Charlie-3 - Dump in operation-sending 2 back for repairs Road barely holding. Draining ditches and repairing culverts. Its raining.	SF
X	5	211016	Today Charlie-3 - 2 dumps down, fuel pump trouble request 2 pumps and mechanic with tools. Reply requested ASAP.	SF
X	6	211030	Today Alpha - Have man checking out report back to Today Alpha CP to pick up pay record.	SF
X	7	211218	Today Alpha-1 - Contact EOD to send vehicle to Bound Charlie CP to pick up 2 men-reply requested-	SF

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X	8	211350	Today Charlie-3 - Can we use steel stringers that are at bridge site. Reply requested ASAP.	SF
X	9	211540	Today Charlie-3 - Road passable to all vehicles	SF
X	10	211905	Today Charlie-3 - 32 loads of sand	SF
X	11	211910	Today Alpha-1 - Advise Today A-1 to bring gasoline with him tomorrow. Need about 12 gal.	SF
X	12	211934	Today Charlie-3 - Correction on message 211900# 42 loads of sand.	SF
			<u>Summary</u>	
			21 men supporting Dream, Blackbox and Bound. Men employed as mine detection/demo teams except for 8 men with Dream serving as LVTE-1 crews. Road at (AT949706) to (AT952708), 89% complete. Road at (AT946699) to (AT920667) 33% complete. Road at (AT998706) to (AT986664) 35% complete. Division Command Post Bunker 54%	

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			Summary (cont)	
			79% of strongback at HqBn cantonment area completed. 7	
			strongbacks, 9 decks were constructed during period. 5 strong-	
			backs spotted for tomorrow. Distributed 94,385 gal potable	
			water and 14,900 gal of raw water. Da Son village chief	
			contacted to arrange for hiring indigenous personnel. 88	
			persons treated by Battalion Medical Personnel, for minor	
			disorders. Continued operation of Class 60 raft on Song Cau Do.	
			6 men held in reserve for on call commitment to Senator and	
			Crowd.	
	13	212400	Journal Closed	
	Late Entry			
✓	14	211613	Today Bravo - Deadline Report	SF

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X	1	220146	Today Alpha-1 - Road is not passable - bridge blown at work site	SF
X	2	220206	Today Alpha-1 - Pilsner 6 knows about bridge. Also have our people from Pilsner	SF
X	3	220309	Today - Report bridge referred to in your message 220938 CWS. Are materials available at site. If not, what materials required, Is this incident linked to mine detonation. Provide all known details.	SF
X	4	220320	Today Alpha-1 - Materials are available for repair Phase Line Pappa Juliet blown approximately 10 lbs explosives used North ramp completely destroyed. Will repair immediately.	SF
X	5	220425	Today Charlie-3 - Bridge design is complete. Request instructions	SF
X	6	220502	Today Alpha-1 - Phase Line Alpha 632. 2. Phase Line Pappa Juliet. 3. Phase Line Romeo Foxtrot stringers in place Golf abutments prepared	SF

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X	7	220910	Maj CONLIN Crowd 3 - Requests mine detection team to check out road near Hill 22 in Bound area. Mine was blown this morning.....Capt TAYLOR notified 0912	SF
X	8	220942	Today Alpha-6 - Contact Pilsner-3 immediately concerning requirements. Furnish team. Relay information to me ASAP	SF
X	9	220945	Capt TAYLOR - Received information that bridge at work site blown - road impassable (written message to follow) TAYLOR assumes this to be either bridge #6 or #7 near La Chau #1... Capt TAYLOR departed area to contact Bound-3.	SF
X	10	221403	Today - Have Javaman trucks return to Javaman fill pit. Will have TD-15 there.	SF
X	11	221403	Today Charlie-3 - Daily Summary Report - Line Alpha Black MSR SF Line Bravo 1, Line Charlie 2, Line Delta 46, Line Echo 490, Line Foxtrot 2-1, Line Golf 2-2, Line Hotel 1-3, Line Juliet 40, Line Kilo 11-1, Line Lima 1-5, Line Oscar 75	SF

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			Line Pappa 64 loads of sand, 9 loads of fill, Line Quebec 65%, Line Romeo traffic pushing sand.	
X	12	221458	Today Charlie - Request you send following parts to Today Charlie area (1) Fitting-Gas line to Carb (1) Propeller shaft PTO to pump	SF
X	13	221522	Today Alpha Actual - 221518 BT Phase line Pappa - Juliet	SF
X	14	221900	Today Charlie-3 - Earth 15, sand 66	
			<u>Summary</u>	
			8 men serving as LVTE-1 crews for Dream and 17 men as mine detection/demo teams. Road (AT949706) to (AT952708), 91% complete. Road (AT946699) to (AT942660) to (AT920607), 32% complete. 2 bridges reinforced to Class 60, repaired approach to bridge 10 (AT943676). Road (AT998706) to (AT986664), 65% complete. Division CP Bunker, 51% complete. HqBn cantonment	

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			80% complete (strongbacks). Constructed 10 strongbacks, 7 decks, screened 6 and spotted 8 kits. Installed 2/3 of concrete forms for shower decks. Prefabbed 100 screen doors installed 24 sets of stairs, pre-cut duckboard for 3 showers. Distributed 80,125 gal potable water, 14,065 gal raw water. Arranged for land acquisition subsequent to preparation of approaches to proposed bridge at (AT947700). Continued operation of Class 60 raft on Song Cau Do River. 1 man on Dong Den Mt improving helicopter landing site and 6 men held in reserve for on call commitments to Senator and Crowd.	
	15	222400	Journal Closed	

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X	1	230915	Today 10 Alpha - No requirement for recovery vehicles for MRC-83	SF
X	2	231030	Today Charlie-3 - Truck 186582 has broken hydraulic seal (dump type) request you send seal with mechanic that is on his way here	SF
X	3	231040	Today Charlie-3 - 230930H no rain last night road is better traffic from other units increasing ditches being filled 5 dumps down	SF
X	4	231050	Today Alpha-2 - Investigate location of 2 dumps (CORBIN, HUFFMAN) through Today 35. Reply requested.	SF
X	5	231245	Today Charlie-3 - As of 1100 2 dumps working 6 dumps dead- lined road is improving	SF
X	6	231300	Today Alpha-1 - 1. Line Alpha 632, Line Pappa, Delta, Foxtrot 3. Line Romeo, Foxtrot minus concrete	SF
X	7	231450	Today Alpha-6 - Actual - 231439 additional CTF Rep info -	SF

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			Line Alpha 631, Romeo graded entire length Line Alpha project	
			no number new project, Line Romeo 2 M-51's left in lot,	
			One temporarily deadlined (1) no driver. 2 M-51's at job	
			site, one operating, (1) broken jackshaft. 1100H est 25%	
X	8	231835	Today Bravo - Request you cancel orders of Marine 2090876	SF
			3041. Letter submitted 15 Sep 65. We will submit replacement.	
X	9	231858	Today - Need rotation cards for November ASAP. Pass to	SF
			Spring Clean Charlie.	
X	10	231905	Today Charlie-3 - 2 TD-18's. 2 TD-15, 7 dumps from Today	SF
			6 dumps from Javaman; 15 loads of fill, 64 loads of sand	
X	11	231910	Today Charlie-3 - Need fuel pump for M-51, 198622	SF
X	12	23.2250	Goose-1 - OOD called to ask if shot was fired by or near	SF
			C-7	
X	13	23.2345	Brogue Charlie - Sgt of Gd called up to inform a shot was	SF
			to his front----is standing by	

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			Summary	
			28 men supporting Division units. 8 serving as LVTE-1 teams	
			for Dream and the other 20 serving as mine detection/demo teams	
			for Bound, Blackbox, & Irontree. Road at (AT949706) to (AT952-	
			708), 92% complete. Road (AT946699) to (AT920667), 35% complete.	
			Road (AT998706) to (AT986664), 80% complete. Division CP	
			Bunker 52% complete. HqBn Cantonment 82% complete (strongbacks)	
			1 strongback, 7 decks were constructed. 6 strongbacks screened	
			and 8 kits spotted. Forms for shower deck completed. Constructed	
			duckboards for 3 showers and completed 20 sets of stairs and	
			(4) 8-hole heads. Distributed 93,740 gal potable water and	
			13,820 gal raw water. Treated 7 patients in Da Son. Continued	
			operation of Class 60 raft on Song Cau Do. 1 man on Dong Den Mt	
			improving helicopter landing site and 16 men held in reserve	
			for on call commitment for Senator and Crowd.	

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X	1	240910	Today - Sweep and patrol led from (JW DD MS XA) to (ZJ GY ON BO) Report when completed.	SF
X	2	240950	Today Charlie-6 - Tanker delivery Ret 240910. Expedite upper bed as directed. Contact rear for clarification if necessary.	SF
X	3	241010	Today Charlie-3 - Explain previous msg 240950 with reference to "Expedite upper bed as directed" request further instructions.	SF
X	4	241040	Today Charlie-3 - Send wreckers to pick M-51, 198622 - reply requested.	SF
X	5	241100	Today Charlie-3 - We do not have key to translate msg 240910H	SF
X	6	241106	Today Alpha-1 - Have no vehicle other than M-37. Have checked with Pilsnef motor pool. Nothing available. Request M-54 ASAP.	SF
X	7	241320	Today Alpha-1 - 1. Line Alpha 632, 2. Line Pappa Nothing	SF

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X	7	241320	complete, 3. Line Romeo Delta 60% India blown but not cleaned nothing done to G. Did not receive a vehicle to haul material at present time.	
X	8	241615	Today - Ref D017512A & MCO 1080.10A report required this Hq not later than 3 Oct 65 Pass to Spring Clean Charlie.	SF
X	9	241704	Today Alpha-1 - 1. Line A 632, 2. Line P D, G, T incomplete Line 3 Line R Delta has Bent minus cap. I has concrete clear but not removed Supply route to material is closed.	SF
X	10	241740	Today Bravo - Remove from my routine 211613H Line 01-M-51 axle assembly, Sprang unit springs. Subject vehicle off deadline 241030H.	SF
			Summary	
			16 men supporting Division units. 8 men LVTE-1 team for Dream, 3 at Blackbox and 3 at Bound as mine detection/demo teams.	
			Road (AT949706) to (AT952708), 92% complete. Road (AT946699)	

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			Summary (cont)	
			to (AT920669), 37% complete. Road (AT998706) to (AT986664),	
			85% complete. Division CP Bunker 52% complete, Constructed	
			6 strongbacks and 8 decks. Started construction of 6 other	
			decks, spotted 6 strongback kits. Graded shower site, spotted	
			components for shower walls. Precut 25 strongbacks and 40 sets	
			of stairs. Constructed 3 decks and 20 sets of stairs. Distributed	
			109,315 gal potable water and 18,220 gal raw water. 2 children	
			were treated for ulcerated sores. 2ndLt J. A. STRALEY, 1st	
			Plt, "A" Co WIA. Continued operations of Class 60 raft on Song	
		7	Cau Do. 1 man at Dong Den Mt improving helicopter landing site	
			and 6 men held in reserve for on call commitment to Senator	
			and Crowd.	
		242400	Journal Closed	

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X	1	250945	Shape-4 - Request for generator repair team.	SF
	2	251140	Today Charlie 3 - Request you send wrecker for M-51 198622. Complete jackshaft for M-51 198617, flexible hydrolic brake line for M-51 198553	SF
X	3	251140	Carburetor for M-51 218864, request you reply. TODL Today Bravo 21 - Request immediate guidance on turn-in of 782 rear for rotating personnel.	SF
X	4	251155	Today Bravo - Request to know id you can supply this unit with 120 field jackets. Negative report required ASAP.	SF
X	5	251200	Today Alpha 1 - Request 2 60 ton Jacks. Send out to Today Alpha 1 ASAP.	SF
X	6	251405	Today Charlie 3 - Daily summary report	SF
X	7	251415	Today Alpha 6 Actual - Other unit project near project 677 est. 80-90% complete as of dark tonight. Work progressing well. No difficulties	SF
X	8	251425	Today - Contact Today Alpha 2 for Jacks	SF

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X	9	251434	Today Alpha 6 Actual - Line Alpha - 632, Line Papa Golf Line Romeo Golf (4) 12x12 stringers placed and redecked and treadway installed. Line Romeo cont. clearing debris from India. Line Romeo hauled 20 pieces 6x6 and 28 pieces 3x12 from Today CP to Pilsner CP. Recon Borrow Pit site.	SF
X	10	251515	Today Charlie 3 - WP grenade fired by rifle at TD-15 and Tow Grader at (WWWIPROO) at approximately 1445H.	SF
X	11	251604	Today - Reference your 251445H, send complete details.	SF
X	12	251705	Today Charlie 3 - Reference your last. Details follow: No casualties or equipment damage. No further contact enemy strength and equipment unknown. Round came from SW direction.	SF
			<u>SUMMARY</u>	
			17 men supporting Division units; 9 as mine detection/demo teams for Bound and Irontree and 8 as LVTE-1 teams for Dream. Road (AT949706 to 952708), 95% complete. Road (AT946699 to 942660 to 920667), 39% com-	

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			(Summary Cont)	
			plate. Completed repairs and reinforcement of bunkers at AT943683 and	
			AT943682 to Class 60. Road (AT998706 to 986664), 100% complete. Started	
			work on removing rails and crossties from elevated RR bed. Division CP	
			Bunker 53% complete. HqBn strongbacks 86% complete. Constructed 11	
			strongbacks and 8 decks. Hung 20 doors and installed 20 sets of steps.	
			Sited material for 10 strongbacks. Completed concrete pour for shower	
			deck (26 yards). Distributed 102,680 gal of potable water and 13,400	
			gal raw water. Treated 4 people from Da Son at BAS. Continued operation	
			of Class 60 raft on Song Cau Do. 6 men held in reserve for on-call com-	
			mitment to Senator and Crowd. One man remaining on Dong D <sub>en</sub> Mt. improv-	
			ing helicopter landing site. Work 50% complete. Project inspected this	
			date by SSgt LYNCH. SSgt LYNCH was also involved in helicopter crash on	
			take off at Dong D <sub>en</sub> Mt. No injuries. 1 WP rifle grenade fired at TD-15	
			and tow grader vicinity Duong Son # 2. Grenade fired from SW. No casual-	

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			(Summary Cont)	
			ties or damage to equipment. No further enemy contact.	
	13	252400	Journal Closed	
		<i>Late entry</i>		
		251800H	Today Charlie 3 - 251800H 2 TD-18s, 2 Tow Graders	SF
			4 Broken dumps, 33 MEN	
		<i>Late entry</i>		
		251925	Today Bravo 21 - 251510. Request to know if you can	SA
			supply this unit with 100 sleeping bag covers. Negative or positive	
			report requested	

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X	1	261330	<del>Senator-3</del> - Request that Capt FAUST stop by and see Capt BRODIS Fertilize 3A- - Capt FAUST notified 1345	SF
X	2	261350	Today Alpha-1 - 1. Line A 632, 2. Line P D, 3. Line R Presently clearing I by cutting rods with welders. Sent 1 demo team and 2 mine detection teams with Pilsner C: cleared landing zone Whipoorwill for traffic. Nothing founded. Found 2 mortar rounds in D A shell casing and fuze also found. They were not booby trapped. Will destroy rounds today. Placed 3x12 footing for 12x12 mud shell to lower D upon BT.	SF
	3	261520	Today Charlie-1 - Send Cpl KYNETTE to CP ASAP. He must be in by 1630.	
X	4	261617	Today Charlie - Send daily summary report immediately	SF
X	5	261746	DSO 254 on Cpl LIME tr to FFT Forttrps FMFPAC MCC-150. Request information necessary to endorse orders.	
X	6	261607	Today Bravo: Reff my 211613 Sep no changes.	SF

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X	7	261607	Today Charlie - Daily Summary Report - Line Alpha Fertilize CP, Line Bravo 1, Line Charlie 1, Line Delta 48, Line Echo 360, Line Foxtrot 2-2, Line Golf 1-3, Line Juliet 24, Line Kelo 5-1, Line Lima 1-5, Line Oscar 42, Line Pappa 26 loads fill.	SF
X	8	261830	Shove 37 or 137 - Lt CHUMER call Shove 37 or 137	SF
X	9	261840	Shove-3 - A GySgt from Okinawa is going to visit out Mine Warfare School. Pick up at Division G-3 and billet at EngrBn for a few days.	SF
X	10	261725	Crowd-3 - Capt TAYLOR "A" Co 1 engr demo team and 2 mine clearance teams will be going to Golf India Alfa Oscar Tango Romeo India with plt from Charlie company this morning. Will leave "C" Co area 0700- - - Capt TAYLOR notified 0830 Summary 8 men serving as LVTE-1 teams for Dream. 9 men Serving as	SF

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			<u>Summary (cont)</u>	
			mine detection/demo teams for Irontree and Bound. Road (AT-	
			949706) to (AT952708), 96% complete. Prepared bridges at	
			(AT948705), (AT948703), (AT947702) for additional stringers	
			and decking. Graded and crowned 3 miles of road from bridge	
			at (AT948705) to 1/2 mile west of ARVN camp. Cut 20 yards of	
			pioneer road from Bound CP to helicopter landing site. Road	
			(AT946699) to (AT942660) to (AT920667), 41% complete. Cut	
			steel stringers from bridge at (AT943676) placed mudshell	
			to lower bridge at (AT990676), 2% complete. New project;	
			repair bridges and prepare surfaces for limited Class 60	
			traffic. HcBn strongbacks 95% completed. Constructed 23	
			strongbacks, 90% completion on others and 6 decks. 73% of	
			shower building prefabbed. CP Bunker 53% complete. Distributed	
			99,332 gal potable and 16,700 gal raw water. Continued	

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			<u>Summary (cont)</u>	
			operation of Class 60 raft on Song Cau Do. 6 men held in reserve	
			for on call support of Senator and Crowd. One man remaining	
			on Dong Den Mt improving helicopter landing site.	
	11	262400	Journal Closed	
			Late ENTRY	
		261550	Crowd - 6 - Engrs Unit Requested security of fee	SF
			from Infantry unit. Crowd 6 advises we tell	
			them they will have Infantry security	

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X	1	270800	Today Bravo - 270737 the unit needs 5000 ft #4 elect wire 4000ft #8 DWG, 2000ft 12/2 50 pole insulators 10 rolls electrician tape plastic (4) 30 amp fuse box	SF
X	2	270830	Today Bravo - 270800 Sgt ADOLFO Time 1631802/ 1371- 30 days leave desired 60 days unused leave on 30 June 65. Leave address of delayed en route approve for Phillippines c/o Camelo AGAPITO Time of delayed en route to Phillippines disapproval, leave address in CONUS 116 Railway Street, White Face Montana	SF
X	3	270845	Crowd-3 - Man going Dong Den Mt report Crowd 3 by 0915 only flight going today.	SF
X	4	270855	Today-21 - Info fld jackets <sup>can provide</sup> 120 fld jackets advise location of jackets originally issued personnel. New Subj. You retain all 782 gear of rotating personnel for issue joinees	SF

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X	5	270905	Axhandle Charlie - Recd call from A.C 1stSgt AC-6 informed him to call us that AC-6 has not received the dumps	SF
Xn	6	271132	Today-6 - Submit progress and status reports every two hours on even hours. Net will now operate every half hour.	SF
X	7	271320	Today Alpha-1 - 271300 Line A-632, Line P none, Line R 7 people out with Pilsner Charlie have moved all camp less 1 M-51 to Hill 41. Floating bridge being repaired now. Can- not pass last M-51 at present time. Leveled I for footings. Presently clearing rock with compressor. Line D Abutment is being made more solid by leveling sill with jacks. FN Kilo was blown but debris not removed.	SF
X	8	271330	Today Charlie-3 - 271300 Line A Fertilize RR, Line B, Line C I, Line D 30, Line E 320, Line F 2-2, Line G 1-3,	SF
X	9	271330	Today Charlie-3 - Line J 30, Line K 1-1, Line L 1-5, Line O 20, Line P 4 loads fill, unbolted and loosened 400 yards rail,	SF

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			stacked loose rails at Borrow Pit.	
X	10	271610	Today Charlie-3 - 271600 2 loads fill, 100 meters track unbolted SF 10 rails stockpiled.	
X	11	271615	Today Alpha-1 - 271540 Line A 632, Line P Delta Sill leveled by jacking bridge and moving 12x12 in towards abutment, still repairing India	SF
X	12	271755	Today - Ref your AA for Purple Heart case of PFC R.L. ROSE. Request you verify by TAG msg. He was treated by Medical Officer.	SF
X	13	271810	Today Charlie-3 - 350 yards of track unbolted and loose.	SF
X	14	27-----	Maj. WOOD - Sgt PALERMO called. Desires you call AF Civil Engrs Engineers at Falcon 6341 - Regarding sand and gravel??	SF
			<u>Summary</u>	
			8 men serving as LVTE-1 teams for Dream. 13 men employed as mine detection/demo teams for Irontree and Bound. Road (AT949-	

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			<u>Summary (cont)</u>	
			706) to (AT952708), 97% complete. Bridge at (AT948703) rein-	
			forced and widened to accombdage Class 60 traffic. Road at	
			(AT946699) to (AT942660) to (AT920667) 43% complete. Personnel	
			and equip moved to (AT934662) Hill 41, to set up borrow pit	
			and improve road from pit to bridge at (AT947700). Bridge	
			at (AT943675) leveled for footings. Bridge at (AT934675)	
			cleared of debris. Road at (AT999700) to (AT990676) 4%	
			complete. Unbolted 100 meters of track, stock-piled 10 sect.	
			of rail. Division CP Bunker 54% complete. HqBn Cantonment	
			strongbakcs 98% complete. Constructed 16 strongbacks and 8 decks	
			Installed 13 sets of steps. Put up side and end walls for	
			shower #1. Set forms and drains for shower #2. Completed	
			grading for 10 man shower. Constructed 15 sets steps, precut	
			40 strongbakcs. Distributed 105,395 gal potable water, 8,300	

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			Summary (cont)	
			gal raw water. Continued Class 60 raft on Song Cau Do.	
			6 men held in reserve for on-call commitment to Senator	
			and Crowd. 1 man remains on Dong Den Mt improving	
			helicopter site. Work 55% complete.	
	15	272400	Journal Closed	
		<i>Late entry</i>		
		27 1945	Today A1-Shot gun detail with squad to Pelover Mike	SE
			Truck stuck about 1000 yds from Pelover Mike position on	
			return. Pelover Mike sending support	
		<i>Late entry</i>		
		27 2000	Today - Ref a: CMC msg 122007Z Aug 1. Advise This Matter if	IT
			material indicated Ref a: on hand.	

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X	1	280930	<u>Panhandle-6</u> - Cantonment assist. Informed me that he had 6 men and LF tractor available today for cantonment assist. program and TD-15 tomorrow.	SF
X	2	280940	<u>Today Charlie-3</u> - Left on road recon at 0935 with 4 men	SF
X	3	281016	<u>Today Charlie-3</u> - 445 yards track unbolted 80 yards track removed from tres No M-51 on site.	SF
X	4	281045	<u>Today Alpha-1</u> - 1. Line 632, 2. Have no M-54 to haul troops or gear request to use 1 M-51 for that purpose M-54 stuck last night was from Denote. The driver switch last runs. Have been to Denote and given then information.	SF
X	5	281110	<u>Today-4</u> - Request LTI's from ELSU on M-51 dump trucks ser #198665, 221855, be forwarded to the Hqtrs ASAP to meet invoice requirements	SF
X	6	281135	<u>Today Alpha-1</u> - From Today Alpha-6 - Ref your 281045 utilize M-51 as troop carrier until replaced by other troop vehicle.	SF



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X	7	281200	Today Charlie-3 - 281200H 485 yards unbolted, 160 yards track removed from tres.	SF
X	8	281310	Today Alpha-1 - Line A 632, Line P none, Line R 20 loads fill Pilsner A road. Hauling concrete culvert from Today CP. Removed track from stream bed for twin culvert. Have 6 people loading sand and rock. Have 4 people Pilsner C. Move 7 people to Pilsner M Set up living area by leveling a place for shelter.	SF
X	9	281404	Today Alpha-6 - Actual - Today Alpha Actual report ASAP to Today Alpha CP	SF
X	10	281424	Today Charlie-3 - Daily Summary Report	SF
X	11	281435	Lt BRENNAN - General WALT would kitchen and bathroom light green and extra dark green. General HENDERSON's aide does not know what General desires will notify when he does. Please to Brogue-3.	SF

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X	12	281530	<u>S-3</u> - Report on proposed 150 lb shot in rock quarry next to our CP	SF
	13	281530	<u>Today Alpha-6-Actual</u> - Grader deadlined with flat right rear tire near bridge #6 on Proj. 631. M-51 deadline with engine trouble same area. Request contact team ASAP	SF
X	14	281601	<u>Today Charlie-3</u> * 150 yards of track unbolted. 8 sections of track stacked at Borrow Pit	SF
X	15	281633	<u>Today Charlie-6</u> - LVTE exercise this morning vicinity BT 060695 with Blade No incidents to report. Accomplish project at Redwood.	SF
X	16	281740	<u>Axhandle</u> - Replacement will depart for Axhandle B 30 Sep 65 Insure officer rotating report to Axhandle 6 prior to departing RVN.	SF
X	17	281748	<u>Today 21</u> - You retain 782 issue and weapons of personnel transferred within EngrBn. Issue you have on hand and or	SF

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			on requisition and full allowance of Ind Equip to satisfy T/O requirements	
X	18	281752	Today-21 - Negative. Sleeping bag covers being turned in on Bn CO instructions. Need for same should not exist for personnel living in GP tents.	SF
X	19	281800	Today-28 - Request to know if you will be able to come up on D-20 290800. If no contact will be made with SlaveBorn. Request reply.	SF
X	20	281801	Today Bravo - Ref my 211613 Sep. No changes	SF
X	21	281809	Today Bravo - Reg info on orders for Lt with Ser #088978 ASAP	SF
X	22	281811	Today Bravo - Ref your 270845 Sep. Field jackets left in #2 in Okinawa. Forwarded inventories showing field jackets or any other 782 gear remaining in #2 seabags	SF
X	23	281900	Today Charlie-3 - Total of 1275 feet of rail was unbolted today. No dumps delivered fill.	SF

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TIME IN/OUT	SERIAL NO.	TERM DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
X	24	MEMO	<u>Today Charlie-6</u> - Booby traps of railroad. Army Captain claiming to be advisor to RR say ARVN troops placed grenades under ties to prevent theft by VC	SF
X	25	MEMO	<u>S-3</u> - Coordination with CO concerning bridge at (AT999700) filed in bridge folder.	SF
			<u>Summary</u>	
			8 men employed as LVTE-1 team, 10 men serving as mine detection and clearing teams, sweeping roads for Irontree and Bound. 3 men serving as mine detection/demo team on combat patrol for Bound. 1 officer on river recon vicinity (BT030633) for Senator. Road (AT953714) to (AT947700) 98% complete. Prepared abutment and cut stringers and posts for bridge at (AT947701), graded road from (AT951707) to (AT947701). Road at (AT946699) to (AT942660) 6% complete.	

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TIME IN/OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
X	1	291003	Today Charlie-3 - 80 yds tres removed from road bed. 100 yds track unbolted.	SF
X	2	291022	Today-4 - Ref your msg 290750 my error, you are correct.	SF
X	3	291030	Today Charlie-3 - A wallet was stolen by VC and when found it had 20 to 20 leaflets of communist propaganda. Wallet last seen yesterday afternoon. Wallet found this morning at 0920 will send leaflets ASAP.	SF
X	4	291250	Today Alpha-6 Actual - Contact Pilsner-3 concerning 2 repeat 2 teams required tonight Provide subject team from Today Alpha-1 personnel.	SF
X	5	291345	Today Alpha-1 - Line A 632, Line P none LR Hauled 24 sectors 42" pipe culvert to staging area. Placed 3 sections in K. 4 loads fill in K 25 loads fill on Pilsner Alpha road. 2 sections culvert on Pilsner road 5 loads of fill on MSR.	SF
X	6	291605	Today Alpha-1 - Line A 632, Line R Both 15 tractors at pres-	SF

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			ent no dirt being removed. Equipment head calling HE for	
			repair team.	
X	7	291750	Today Charlie-6 - All the rail was unbolted 400 yds of rail	SF
			ties are off the track route. Recon report is complete.	
X	8	MEMO	S-3 - We will provide sweep team for 2/9 fri. a.m. to sweep	SF
			road and area vicinity 987674. Contact Capt SOMERVILLE	
			2/12 S-4 and set up a recon for thurs. Filed in outgoing	
			corres. file.	
X	9	MEMO	S-3A - Mine warfare/demo school attend week 19-25 Sep 65.	
			Filed in outgoing corres.	
			<u>Summary</u>	
			8 men serving as LVTE-1 team and 11 men employed as mine	
			mine detection and clearing team sweeping roads to Irontree	
			and Bound, 6 men employed as mine detection/demo teams.	
			Road (AT953714) to (AT947700) 99% complete. Spot graded entire	

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			Summary (cont)	
			road Installed (3) 12x12 stringers post and concrete footings	
			at bridge (AT947701). Road at (AT946699) to (AT942660) to	
			(AT920667) 45% complete. Hauled 24 sections culvert 42"	
			to Hill 41. Place 3 sections of 42" culvert and 20 yds fill at	
			(AT934667) Hauled and distributed 150 yd of fill over road	
			vicinity Hill 41. Road (AT999700) to (AT990676) 10% complete.	
			80% of rail unbolted, 280 yds crossties removed. 6 sections	
			of track stockpiled. CP Bunker 55% complete. 98% strongbacks	
			and 40% showers completed. 10 strongbacks erected, 3 strong-	
			backs sited. Completed construction of shower #1, poured	
			5% of deck shower #2. Issue 62 strongbacks in strongback assist	
			program, precut 70 strongbacks and constructed 150 screen doors.	
			8 Treated one local inhutions at BAS. Operation of Class 60	
			raft on Song Cau Do. 6 men held in reserve for on call employ-	

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X	1	300755	<u>Today Bravo-6</u> - 291755 reference A CMC Msg 1220072 Aug neither this unit nor Thickskin has reference A Can you advise.	SF
X	2	300925	<u>Bogart-3</u> - Baycity crane needed at 1100 below CP Bunker	SF
X	3	301110	<u>Today Charlie-3</u> - 300845 Still waiting for tools that I requested yesterday only 2 dumps have reported	SF
X	4	301115	<u>Today Charlie-3</u> - Require replacement part on welder to right front brake adjustment bar on linkage located under- neath floor board on TD-18A 178125 ASAP	SF
X	5	301120	<u>Today Charlie-3</u> - 300945 100 yds rail removed from road bed 100 yds ties removed from road bed and stockpiled have received no CS M-51 from Javaman.	SF
X	6	301205	<u>Today Charlie-3</u> - 301200 250 yds ties and rails removed and stacked, bridge abutment 50% completed. Awaiting material for second bridge from Highway 1. Nothin g has been done on approach to south end of 1st bridge from Highway 1 due to	SF

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TIME IN/OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
			lack of dumps	
X	7	301300	Today Alpha-1 - 301250 Line A 632, Line P None <del>have</del> Line R I, Placed 5 sections of culvert in K 6 loads of fill in K 2 hauled 4 sections culvert to Pilsner A road #. Have leveled 1 with marking string and placed 4 posts 4. TD-15 has returned. Have TD-18 clearing debris at 1.5 Have 2 demo teams and 1 mine team with Pilsner A G. Poured concrete to stabilize F.	SF
X	8	301425	Today Charlie-3 - Daily Summary Report	SF
			Summary	
			8 men employed as LVTEpl teams, 11 men serving as mine detection and clearance sweep teams for Bound. 6 men as mine clearance demo teams for Fertilize and 9 as mine detection clearance sweep team for Wagon Master. Road (AT946699) to (AT953714) to (AT920667) 47% complete. Placed 4 sections reinforced concrete	

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			Summary (cont)	
			culvert. Road (AT999700) to (AT990676) 11% complete. 400 yds	
			of rail and crossties removed and stockpiled, completed unbolting	
			rails. CG's Bunker 57% complete. HqBn strongbacks 100% complete,	
			showers 46% complete. 279 strongbacks completed and area policed.	
			All but 6 yd concrete poured for shower #2. Forms complete	
			for shower #3, prefabbed end and side walls for shower #2.	
			Precut all strongbacks for Dream, Heavy Fist, Denote and Yacht.	
			Issue 41 strongbacks to above mentioned units. Install sheet	
			metal on 33 washracks. Distributed 110,145 gal potable and	
			13,910 gal raw water. Received 50 dolls, 6 soccer balls, 6	
			boxes soap, 1 box candy and 2 boxes citrate of magnesium from	
			Civil Affairs Officer, Treated 91 villagers of Da Son. Operation	
			of Class raft on Song Cau Do continues. 6 men held in reserve for	
			on call employment with Senator and Crowd. 1 man remaining	

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			<u>Summary (cont.)</u>	
			on Dong Den Mt. improving helicopter site, site is 80% complete. Hauled 10,600bf 1x6 and 19,620 bf 2x4 from Nian Sha lumber yard to Bn lumber yard.	
			Journal Closed	
	9	302400		
		both Entry		
		301405	Today 21 - Ref. given 28400 z Sep 65 1. Will provide 8F 85 sleeping bag covers, will ship/make for you	
		301840	Today Charlie 3 - 301815 - 650 gals truck + oil moved from road bed 6 loads full	8F

COMPANY "B" (REIN)  
3d Engineer Battalion  
3d Marine Division, FMF  
o/o FPO, San Francisco 96601

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4 October 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 4th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology

1. Significant Events

- a. The civilian collection point was completed on 8 September in time to be utilized during "Operation Piranha."
- b. The 3rd Platoon supported the 3rd Battalion, 3d Marines, on "Operation Piranha" from the 5th to the 9th, and "Operation Golden Fleece" from the 10th to the 14th.
- c. On 6 September, the "B" Med helo pad was completed in anticipation of high casualties from "Operation Piranha."
- d. During September, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, had one CP location prepared and moved into, then had another prepared and moved into, with support from this unit.
- e. By 10 September all of the water points had the 3000 gallon tanks elevated on towers in anticipation of the coming monsoon season, and to eliminate the need for 55 GPM pumps for distribution.
- f. On 17 September, this organization completed cross training on the LVTE-1 to enable it to provide this type of Engineer Support.
- g. This unit provided several minefield breaching teams to hills 69 and 76 for preparation of larger areas to occupy.
- h. During the month of September, this unit strongbacked 23 tents for units of the 4th Marines. The cantonment strongbacking material was utilized by this unit starting on 18 September. Of these 23 strongbacked tents, 14 were from cantonment material.
- i. On 27 September, the 4th Marines Mine Warfare School was operational, providing instruction to 30 Marines per day on need to know facts about mines and booby traps.
- j. During the rainy weather this unit needed to provide 24 hour maintenance to the road net leading to the CATFISH positions.

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2. New Developments - None Significant.

3. Problem Areas

a. The engineer equipment support capability of this unit is about non-existent due to an excessive deadline rate.

b. The ability to haul fill for different projects is about non-existent due to 100% deadline of M-51 dump trucks for 23% of this month, 88% deadlined for 33% of this month, and no more than 4 out of 9 operating for the remaining 44% of the month.

c. This unit has a responsibility to furnish potable water and raw water to the units of the 4th Marines and other units in the Chu Lai area. There was approximately 480,000 gallons of raw water and 910,000 gallons of potable water distributed from four waterpoints. This unit has twelve 55 GPM pumps and four purification units. At this time six of the 55 GPM pumps and one and one-half purification units are on deadline.

  
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COMPANY "B" (REIN)  
3d Engineer Battalion  
3d Marine Division, FMF  
c/o PFO, San Francisco 96401

23 September 1965

OPERATION PLAN FOR SPECIAL MINE WARFARE & DEMOLITION SCHOOL

- A. Situation: The 4th Marine Regiment, 3d Marine Division, FMF, located at Chu Lai, South Vietnam, is in need of a mine warfare and demolition school, the 1st Platoon, Company "B", 3d Engineer Battalion, 3d Marine Division, FMF, has been assigned the task of setting up such a school.
- B. Mission:
- 1) To instill in the troops a working knowledge of the type of landmine warfare used in Vietnam today, in order that they may better understand and consequently protect themselves against Viet Cong techniques of employing mines as an offensive as well as a defensive weapon.
  - 2) To instill in the troops a working knowledge of the procedure used in nonelectrically priming an explosive charge in order that they may effectively neutralize any enemy mines or boobytraps encountered.
- C. Execution: The school is set up so that a class of approximately 30 students will begin at 0700 and complete the school at 1815.
- 1) The school is set up in four phases:
    - a) Lectures
      - 1) Mine Warfare & fundamentals of Mines - 45 minutes
      - 2) U. S. Firing Devices - 1 Hour
      - 3) Anti-tank Mines - 30 minutes
      - 4) Booby Traps - 30 minutes
      - 5) Anti-personnel Mines and Trip Flares - 1 hour
    - b) Tour of VC Trail - 1 hour

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    - c) Lectures
      - 1) Foreign Mines & Booby Traps - 2 hours
      - 2) Field Expedient Mines - 30 minutes
      - 3) VC Markings & Possible location of Weapons, Cache & Tunnals - 1 hour
      - 4) Breaching & Clearing - 30 minutes
      - 5) Non-Electric Priming - 30 minutes
    - d) Practical Application
      - 1) Priming Non-Electric Charge - 45 minutes

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2) Coordinating Instructions

- a) School is located behind Entry Booth at entrance to Regimental CP
- b) School begins at 0700
- c) Maximum number of students per class is 30
- d) School will be completed at 1830

D. Administration & Logistics

- 1) School will be staffed with three (3) primary instructors and one OIC from 1st Platoon, Company "B", 3d Engineer Battalion.
- 2) Transportation will be provided/arranged for by the unit under instruction
- 3) Noon meal will be provided/arranged for by the unit under instruction
- 4) Seven (7) M-2 Fuse Lighters will be used by each class
- 5) Four (4) feet of time fuse will be used by each class
- 6) Seven (7) non-electric blasting caps will be used by each class

E. Command & Communications

- 1) Those units interested in enrolling personnel in the school will contact 4th Marine Regiment S-3

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2dLt USMC