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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)  
Via: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division  
Commanding General, 3d Marine Amphibious Force  
Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for the period of 1 April 1968 to 30 April 1968

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Encl: (1) 3d Engineer Battalion Command Chronology

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

3d Engineer Battalion (Rein)  
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMP

Major R. S. KROLAK  
1-30 April 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

- 1-30 Apr 68: Headquarters, Company "A" with detachments of Engineers Support Company and H&S Company located at Dong Ha, RVN.
- 1-30 Apr 68: Detachment of Company "A" located at Camp Carroll and Camp Rockpile, RVN.
- 1-30 Apr 68: Headquarters, Company "B" with detachments of Engineers Support Company and H&S Company located at Cau Viet, RVN.
- 1-30 Apr 68: Detachment of Company "B" located at Quang Tri and Hai Lang, Viet Nam.
- 14-30 Apr 68: 1st Platoon, Company "B" located at Quang Tri Combat Base, RVN.
- 1-30 Apr 68: Headquarters, Company "C" with detachment of Engineer Support Company and H&S Company located at Dong Ha, RVN.
- 1-30 Apr 68: Detachments of Company "C" located at Con Thien, C-2 Cam Lo, A-3 and C-4, RVN.
- 1-30 Apr 68: Headquarters, H&S Company minus detachments located at Quang Tri, Combat Base, RVN.
- 1-30 Apr 68: Headquarters, Engineer Support Company minus detachments located at Quang Tri Combat Base, RVN.
- 1-30 Apr 68: Detachment of H&S Company attached to Companies "A", "B" and "C", and at Gia Le Combat Base, RVN.
- 1-30 Apr 68: Detachments of Engineer Support Company located at Phu Bai, Dong Ha, Cau Lo, Rockpile, Gio Linh, Carroll, Con Thien, Cau Viet, Cam Lo, LZ Stud and Wunda Beach, RVN.

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major T. H. AIKEN  
1-30Apr68

Adjutant/S-1

CWO-2 J. R. CLARK  
1-30Apr68

S-2

Capt. A. S. JONES  
1-30Apr68

S-3

Major T. H. AIKEN  
1-30Apr68

S-4

Capt W. R. FORD  
1-30Apr68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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B. Training

1. Training during the month of April consisted of GMS Training outlined in Part II, Section B.

2. The 3d Marine Division Land Mine Warfare School, conducted by this unit continued operating.

a. Quang Tri LMWS

(1) Sniper Platoon	3/26	-25
(2) 1st Antrac Bn		-14
(3) 3d Engr Bn		-68

3. During month of April Tunnel Teams continued to train.

C. Operations

1. General. During April the 3d Engineer Battalion remained operationally in general support of the 3d Marine Division. Deployment of the battalion was in a dual role of combat support and combat service support.

2. General Combat Support.

a. A total of 257 deliberate/visual mine sweeps were conducted during April for a daily average of 44,643 meters. The following mine sweep road segments were covered:

YD315546-330519  
 303560-245605  
 138612-142581  
 138612-133641  
 133641-138612  
 118698-128879  
 129661-133649  
 187723-189721  
 860530-128589  
 033561-992556  
 062545094516  
 246605-410480  
 503638-294527

b. In addition sweep teams were provided in support of motor transport convoys. A total of 14 sweeps were conducted between PHU BAI, Camp Evans, QUANG TRI, and DONG HA for a total of 102,800.

c. A seven (7) man Mine Sweep Team from 1st Platoon "B" Company, who's mission is to sweep Route #1 in the HAI LANG area was provided security by Company "B", 3d Battalion, 5th Armored Regiment, USA.

### 3. Direct Combat Support

a. General support of infantry operations was provided through task organization of engineers units from the 3d Engineer Battalion. This support was primarily provided by the three letter companies with detachments of H&S Company and Support Company providing communications, medical, motor transport, and heavy equipment support. This support was provided in QUANG TRI, DONG HA, KHE SANH and CUA VIET area of operation. The primary work performed was mine sweeping, demolitions and bunker construction. H&S Company and Engineer Support Company are providing 77 men a day for security forces guarding this organizations section of the defensive perimeter at QUANG TRI Combat Base. This heavy security commitment has limited this organizations ability to provide full engineer support to the 3d Marine Division.

b. Company "A" continued to support the 4th Marine Regiment. One (1) platoon from "A" Company supports the 26th Marines at KHE SANH. Five (5) engineers supported 3/26 in the QUANG TRI area.

c. Company "B" continued to support the 3d Marine Regiment at CUA VIET. One platoon of "B" Company is in general support of 3d Marine Division at QUANG TRI.

d. Company "C" continued to support the 9th Marine Regiment in the DONG HA and CON THIEN areas. One (1) platoon from "C" Company was in support of the 26th Marines at KHE SANH.

### 4. Combat Service Support

#### a. Roads and Bridges

(1) No major road construction was accomplished during April. The access roads to 3d Engr Bn CP and HqBn 3d Marine Division were maintained in the QUANG TRI area. ~~THERE WERE~~ no bridges constructed.

(2) Conducted a road reconnaissance of the 3d Marine Regiment CP located at CUA VIET.

#### b. Field Fortifications

(1) This organization continued to assist other organizations in the KHE SANH, DONG HA, CUA VIET, QUANG TRI, Camp CARROLL and CON THIEN areas with material and manpower to improve existing field fortifications and constructing new bunkers and defensive wire at the 3d Engr Bn perimeter at QUANG TRI.

## A. INTELLIGENCE

During the month of April the Intelligence Officer held nightly briefings for the Battalion Commander and Staff Officers. The briefings were mainly concerned with the local tactical situation which deteriorated somewhat during the month.

Reports of an enemy build up continued to arrive daily and numerous units were reported with the mission of attacking Quang Tri Airfield. Quang Tri City was listed most often as the primary objective in this area. Toward the end of the month the enemy commenced a widespread food campaign aimed at the rice harvest occurring the first of May. He had large sums of money available for this effort.

Reports and activities of female terrorists whose mission was to seduce and kidnap or kill Allied Forces rose steeply during April. Detailed reports on their tactics, training, and mission were received and distributed.

Mine activity remained at a relatively low level during April. However the enemy concentrated on certain tactics. One was to practice selective mining where he was aiming for a particular vehicle and another was repeated mining of by-passes and bridges. One of his weakness was that he continually mined the same area of a particular road thereby creating critical areas which were then swept with particular care.

d. General Construction

- (1) Constructed 50x100' concrete pad QTCE
- (2) Constructed 30' water tower QTCE water point
- (3) Constructing 15 positions at Fan Fire Range at QTCE
- (4) Constructed COC Bunker QTCE
- (5) Constructing COC Bunker 3d Med Bn
- (6) Constructing COC Bunker 3d Recon Bn
- (7) Constructing observation towers QTCE
- (8) Constructed COC Bunker 3d Tank Bn
- (9) Constructed Post Office for 3d Engr-3d Shore Party area QTCE
- (10) Continued improving Base Defensive positions

d. Utilities Platoon

The generator section continued to maintain generators during April at KHE SANH, CUA VIET, QUANG TRI, Camp CARROLL and DONG HA areas. A water point and bath unit were installed and now operating at LZ SIUD. Shower units were installed for 3/26 Marines at LZ SHARON and 1/26 Marines at WONDER BEACH. The water point at QTCE is now completed and in full operation with a capacity of 200,000 gallons of potable water a day. A total of ten (10) water points were operated in April. Totals for the month were:

POTABLE	2,872,690
RAW	<u>1,611,492</u>
Totals	4,484,182

e. Drafting and Surveying

The drafting and surveying continued to support the Division with drafting, surveying and layout capability.

D. COMMUNICATIONS

1. ESTABLISHED HF AM RADIO NET FOR COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ENGINEER UNITS IN QUANG TRI, DONG HA, CUA VIET, AND KHE SANH.
2. FM COMMUNICATIONS WERE MAINTAINED WITH ENGINEER UNITS LOCATED AT QUANG TRI, DONG HA, CUA VIET, ROCKPILE, C -2, A -3, CON THIEN, CAMP CARROLL, CA LU, AND ROCKPILE.
3. INVENTORY AND INSPECTION OF ALL GEAR AND PERSONNEL KNOWLEDGE.
4. MAINTAINED COMMUNICATIONS WITH AIR UNITS TO COORDINATE MOVEMENT OF GEAR FROM GIA LE TO QUANG TRI.
5. ALL MISSING AND UNSERVICEABLE COMMUNICATION GEAR REORDERED IN ORDER TO BRING COMMUNICATION SECTION UP TO TB.
6. WIRE SECTION LAID A NETWORK OF LANDLINES TO FACILITATE RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS WITH UNITS IN BATTALION AND QUANG TRI AREA.
7. INITIATED SECONDARY SECURITY MEASURES FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER.
8. REESTABLISHED TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ALL BATTALION GUARD POSTS AND COMAND POST.

**E. Logistics**

1. Tremendous improvement was seen in the operational status of Supply. Twenty seven major end items were received this month.
2. Attempts to properly support the Letter Companies in the field has continued to be hindered by a shortage of organic transportation and Division assets are overcommitted to the point requests for augmentation transportation are not being met.
3. The relocation of the Battalion assets from Gia Le Combat Base came to an abrupt halt when the regular convoys were diverted for a higher priority run.
4. A truck and trailer was sent to Da Nang in an attempt to pickup hard to get items that were not reasonably attainable through normal supply channels, i.e. hand tools, demolition equipment and electrical wire.
5. Support from FLSG-B has been satisfactory for General Supply items but shortages of some items of 782 gear still exist, i.e. gas masks, small jungle utilities, and flak jackets.
6. The Battalion continued to manages and coordinate its Logistics Support from the Battalion area in Quang Tri and to a lesser extent from a Battalion(Rear) remaining at Gia Le Combat Base.

F. CIVIL AFFAIRS

This organization re-assumed a civil affairs responsibility during April when it was assigned Nhan Bieu Village. The Civil Affairs Officer coordinated with the Hai Linh district chief and he submitted a proposed schedule of Med-Caps.

Two Med-Caps were held in Nhan Bieu Village during the month of April. One was held on 24 April at a hamlet school and approximately fifty men, women, and children were treated. The second was held on 27 April at the Nhan Bieu Village school and approximately thirty-five people were treated.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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S - 1 LISTING OF SEQUENTIAL EVENTS

1-5Apr68	Bn CO made Staff visit to Khe Sahn Combat Base, RVN
10Apr68	S & C Inventory completed, New Custodian CWO2 J. R. CLARK vice Captain A. S. JONES relieved
13Apr68	Promotion Board held
16Apr68	Bn CO and SgtMaj made one day Staff visit to Co "B" Cau Viet
17Apr68	S & C moved into Sea Hut
18Apr68	Hardship Discharge Board met to consider request by LCpl CALLENDAR (EngrSpt) Bn Hdqtrs was visited by Congressman John L. MURPHY, Chief of Staff, 3d Marine Division, Maj. Gen. RYAN, USA and Chief of Staff, III MAF.
22Apr68	Admin Chief departed to make Staff visit to Co "B" at Cau Viet
23Apr68	Informal opening of Unit 5 - 3dEngrBn Post Office held

## B. SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 6 Apr 1968 - S-2 to G-5 to give TARP money. S-2 and BnAdj. inventoried S&C Files.
- 8 Apr 1968 - S-2 Chief to Division S&C for routine pick-up.
- 10 Apr 1968 - S-2 and S-1 inventoried S&C gear for change of Custodian. Found two discrepancies. Discrepancies corrected.
- 11 Apr 1968 - S-2 left for R&R to Australia.
- 20 Apr 1968 - S-2 returned from R&R. S-2 to Intelligence briefing at Base COC.
- 21 Apr 1968 - S-2 to Special Intelligence briefing for all Staff and Officers.
- 22 Apr 1968 - Sent Mine/Boobytrap report to Division Engineers. S-2 to see Col THOMPSON and to Intelligence briefing.
- 23 Apr 1968 - S-2 to G-5 to talk to Col THOMPSON and to visit the Village of Mia Linh to discuss civic action. G-5 wants Med-Cap held on 24 April 1968.
- 24 Apr 1968 - S-2 on Med-Cap at Mia Linh District. (Treated 48)
- 25 Apr 1968 - S-2 to Intelligence briefing at Base COC.
- 27 Apr 1968 - Med -Cap held at Mia Linh Village. Received ARMY rounds from the South. S-2 chief call base COC; they said the artillery came from Quang Tri City from an ARVN Unit/ 1-WF, 10-EE rds.
- 30 Apr 1968 - S-2 to Intelligence briefing at Base COC

C. SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 10 Apr Lt BREHM to return to 3d Engr Bn CP to assume duties as Utilities Officer
- 11 Apr Dispatched demolition team to Headquarters Battalion to destroy tunnels
- 12 Apr Dispatched two surveyors to CAM LO District Headquarters to survey reservoir
- 16 Apr Dispatched survey team to QUA VIET to survey road for 3d Marine Regiment  
Set up shower for 26th Marines returning from KHE SAHN
- 19 Apr Col THOMAS, Base Defense, walked new perimeter and marked bunkers  
1st Platoon "A" Co and 1st Platoon "C" Co returned from Khe SAHN to DONG HA
- 20 Apr Col THOMAS, Base Defense, requested another sweep team south
- 24 Apr Installed shower unit for 3/26 at LZ SHARON
- 25 Apr Commenced 3 day Land Mine Warfare School for sniper platoon 26th Marines  
1st Platoon "B" Co arrived at Bn CP to assume combat support in QUANG TRI area
- 27 Apr Received incoming artillery, Cpl HUSH LMWS was wounded  
"A" Co sweep team dispatched to support 3/26 in operation

**D. Sequential Listing of Significant Events**

- 3 Apr 68 Bunker materials began arriving from Dong Ha. These materials are to be stored in the Third Engineer Battalion area but are to be controlled by Division. The material is part of the TFSC package.
- 4 Apr 68 Representatives from FLSG-B paid visit to Battalion to make arrangements for a third echelon contact team to work on tractors in the Battalion area.
- 13 Apr 68 The 650 gallon per minute pump which serves the Quang Tri complex broke down and necessitated sending a man to Da Nang to get the part fixed.
- 14 Apr 68 The relocation of the Battalion from Gia Le ceased as convoys were diverted to a northwest run.
- 23 Apr 68 Received CG, 3d MARDIV msg 220931Z April 68, advising that the lumber assets at Gia Le would be turned over to FLC who in turn would ship like quantities from Da Nang to the Dong Ha ramp.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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A. AFTER-ACTION REPORTS

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- A0 "B" Co: A/A Report, Opn NAPOLEON/SALINE II during 5 - 16 Apr 1968
- B0 Co "B": A/A Report, Opn NAPOLEON/SALINE II during 5 - 14 Apr 1968
- C) Co "B": A/A Report, Opn NAPOLEON/SALINE II during 1 - 11 Apr 1968
- D) Co "B": A/A Report, Opn NAPOLEON/SALINE II during 14 - 15 Apr 1968
- E) "B" Co: A/A Report, Opn NAPOLEON/SALINE II during 15 - 16 Apr 1968
- F) Co "B": A/A Report, Opn NALOPEON/SALINE II during 10-11 Apr 1968
- G) "B" Co: A/A Report, Opn NAPOLEON/SALINE II during 11 Apr 1968
- H0 "B" Co: A/A Report, Opn NAPOLEON/SALINE II during 12 Apr 1968
- I) "B" Co: A/A Report, Opn NAPOLEON/SALINE II during 19-20 Apr 1968
- J) "B" Co: A/A Report, Opn NAPOLEON/SALINE II during 12 Apr 1968
- K) "B" Co: A/A Report, Opn NAPOLEON/SALINE II during 13 Apr 1968
- L) Co "B": A/A Report, Opn NAPOLEON/SALINE II during 26 - 30 Mar 1968
- M) Co "B": A/A Report, Opn NAPOLEON/SALINE II during 26 - 29 Mar 1968
- N) Co "B": A/A Report, Opn NAPOLEON/SALINE II during 26 Mar - 1 Apr 1968
- O) Co "B": A/A Report, Opn NAPOLEON/SALINE II during 26 - 30 Mar 1968
- E) "C" Co: A/A Report, support of various Co.s of 3/3 during 4 - 8 Apr 1968

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"B" Company  
3d Engineer Battalion  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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3000  
20 April 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Engineer Battalion

Subj: After Action Report; Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II (S-400)

1. Unit Supported: "D" Company, 1st Battalion 3d Marines
2. Engineer Task Organization: 2nd Platoon, "B" Company 3d Engineer Battalion.  
NCOIC: Sgt CHAPPELL  
USMC Enl (3)
3. Engineer Element and Missions: (4) 1371's provided combat engineer support for Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II
4. Major Equipment: None
5. Materials Expended: Non
  - a. 6-4 4 bls
  - b. Nonelectric blasting caps 5
  - c. Time Fuse 6 ft
  - d. Fuse Lighters 5
6. Chronology:
  - a. 5 April 1968
    - (1) 0700 departed "B" Company CP
    - (2) 0715 established temporary CP; no engineer action taken
    - (3) 0830 departed temporary CP; (2) 1371's conducting patrols
    - (4) 0840 at (YD274625), destroyed (1) 82MM round
    - (5) 1255 established temporary CP
  - b. 6 April 1968
    - (1) No engineer action taken
  - c. 7 April 1968
    - (1) 1300 departed temporary CP; (2) 1371's conducting patrol
    - (2) 1730 established temporary CP, no engineer action taken
  - d. 8 April 1968
    - (1) 1000 departed temporary CP; (2) 1371's conducting patrol
    - (2) 1025 at (YD279626) destroyed (1) 3.5 WP round
    - (3) 1330 established temporary CP

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- e. 9 April 1968  
 (1) 1300 departed temporary CP; (2) 1371's conducting patrols  
 (2) 1645 at (YD276626), destroyed (1) 3.5 round  
 (3) 1830 established temporary CP
- f. 10 April 1968  
 (1) 1400 departed temporary CP; (2) 1371's conducting patrol  
 (2) 1735 established temporary CP, no engineer action taken
- g. 11 April 1968  
 (1) 0700 departed temporary CP, (2) 1371's conducting patrol  
 (2) 1015 at (YD276626), (1) 3.5 was destroyed  
 (3) 1045 established temporary CP
- h. 12 April 1968  
 (1) 1500 departed temporary CP, (2) 1371's conducting patrol  
 (2) 1740 established temporary, no engineer action taken
- i. 13 April 1968  
 (1) 0700 departed temporary CP, (2) 1371's conducting patrol  
 (2) 1050 established temporary CP, no engineer action
- j. 14 April 1968  
 (1) 1000 departed temporary CP, (2) 1371's conducting patrol  
 (2) 1620 established temporary CP, no engineer action taken
- k. 15 April 1968  
 (1) 1300 departed temporary CP, (2) 1371's conducting patrol  
 (2) 1645 at (YD283631), destroyed (1) 66MM round  
 (3) 1705 established temporary CP
- l. 16 April 1968  
 (1) 0830 departed temporary CP, (2) 1371's conducting patrol  
 (2) 1120 established temporary CP, no engineer action taken  
 (3) 1200 Original Task Organization returned to "B" Company CP
6. Engineer Observation: None
7. Recommendation: None
8. Lessons Learned: None

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Company "B"  
3d Engineer Battalion  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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19 April 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Engineer Battalion (attn: S-3)

Subj: After Action Report; Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II (5-140 p.)

1. Unit Supported: "A" Company, 1st Battalion 3d Marines
2. Engineer Task Organization: 2nd Platoon, "B" Company 3d Engineer Battalion  
NCOIC: Sgt. AVANS  
USMC Enl (3)
3. Engineer Element and Missions: (4) 1371's provided combat engineer support for Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II
4. Major Equipment: None
5. Materials Expended:

a. C-4	17½ lbs
b. Nonelectric blasting caps	23
c. Time Fuse	19 ft
d. Fuse Lighters	16
6. Chronology:
  - a. 5 April 1968
    - (1) 0845 departed "B" Company CP
    - (2) 1000 at (YD314 645), destroyed (1) 105 dud round
    - (3) 1500 established temporary CP
  - b. 6 April 1968
    - (1) 0900 departed temporary CP; (2) 1371's conducting patrols
    - (2) 1100 at (YB328 636), destroyed (1) 81MM dud round, (1) 60MM, and (1) M26 grenade
    - (3) 1430 established temporary CP
  - c. 7 April 1968
    - (1) 0800 departed temporary CP; (2) 1371's conducting patrol
    - (2) 1510 at (YD315 633), destroyed (1) 82MM and (1) 72MM round
    - (3) 1600 established temporary CP
  - d. 8 April 1968
    - (1) 0830 departed temporary CP; (2) 1371's conducting patrol

Annex A  
Tab B

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- (2) 1515 at (YD324638), destroyed (1) 250lb bomb
- (3) 1600 at (YD332633), destroyed (1) 155MM round
- (4) 1700 established temporary CP

e. 9 April 1968

- (1) 1300 departed temporary CP; (2) 1371's conducting patrol
- (2) 1630 at (YD335632) destroyed (1) 40MM round
- (3) 1800 established temporary CP

f. 10 April 1968

- (1) 0820 departed temporary CP; (4) 1371's conducting patrols
- (2) 0940 at (YD309648), destroyed (1) rifle grenade
- (3) 1700 established temporary CP

g. 11 April 1968

- (1) 1100 departed temporary CP; (4) 1371's conducting patrols
- (2) 1115 at (YD338661), destroyed (1) AP Mine
- (3) 1130 at (YD345659), destroyed (1) AP Mine
- (4) 1500 at (YD336639), destroyed (2) 155MM rounds
- (5) 1545 at (YD342644), destroyed (2) 155MM rounds
- (6) 1600 established temporary CP

h. 12 April 1968

- (1) 0800 departed temporary CP; (2) 1371's conducting patrols
- (2) 1040 at (YD348637), destroyed (1) M79 round
- (3) 1600, at (YB342637), destroyed (3) M79 rounds and (1) M26  
grèndade  
grenade
- (4) 1625 at (YB348633) destroyed (3) M79 rounds and (1) M26
- (5) 1645 established temporary CP

i. 13 April 1968

- (1) 1045 departed temporary CP; (2) 1371's conducting patrols
- (2) 1405 at (YD356623) destroyed (1) lb of gun powder
- (3) 1635 established temporary CP

j. 14 April 1968

- (1) 1045 departed temporary CP, (3) 1371's conducting patrols
- (2) 1400 at (YD356623) destroyed (1) 105MM round
- (3) 1645 Original Task Organization returned to "B" Company CP

6. Engineer Observation: None7. Recommendations: None8. Lessons Learned: None

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Company "B"  
 3d Engineer Battalion  
 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 FPO San Francisco 96602

MLF:ctf  
 3000  
 19 April 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 3d Engineer Battalion (attn: S-3)

Subj: After Action Report, Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II (in app)

1. Unit Supported: Company 2B" 1st Battalion 3d Marines
2. Engineer Task Organization: 2nd Platoon "B" Company 3d Engineer Battalion. NCOIC: Neil A. Adams  
 USMC Enl: (3)
3. Engineer Element and Missions: (4) 1371's provided combat engineer support for Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II

4. Major Equipment: P-158 USMC# 660-1926

5. Materials Expended

C-4	15.5 lbs
Nonelectric blasting caps	17
Time Fuse	25 ft
Fuse Lighters (M60)	17
Net Cord	4 ft
TNT	6 lbs

7. Chronology

- a. 1 April 1968
  - (1) 1300 departed "B" Company CP
  - (2) 1530 established temporary CP
  - (3) 1600 at (YD 297 745), destroyed (9) ChiCom grenades, (2) RPG/7 rounds, (28) Antitank Mines, (3) Directional Mines, (14) 82MM dud rounds and (5) 60MM dud rounds.
  - (4) 1700 Established Temporary CP
- b. 2 April 1968
  - (1) 0700 departed temporary CP; (2) 1371's conducting sweeps
  - (2) 0730 established temporary CP. No engineer action.
- c. 3 April 1968
  - (1) 0700 departed temporary CP., (4) 1371's conducting sweeps
  - (2) 0730 established temporary CP. No engineer action taken

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- d. 4 April 1968  
 (1) 0700 departed temporary CP; (4) 1371's conducting sweeps  
 (2) 0730 established temporary CP. No engineer action taken
- e. 5 April 1968  
 (1) 0700 departed temporary CP; (4) 1371's conducting sweeps  
 (2) 0730 established temporary CP. No engineer action taken
- f. 6 April 1968  
 (1) 0700 departed temporary CP; (4) 1371's conducted sweeps  
 (2) 0730 established temporary CP; no engineer action taken
- g. 7 April 1968  
 (1) 0700 departed temporary CP; (4) 1371's conducting sweeps  
 (2) 0730 established temporary CP; no engineer action taken
- h. 8 April 1968  
 (1) 0700 departed temporary CP; (4) 1371's conducting sweeps  
 (2) 0730 established temporary CP  
 (3) 1300 at (YD 371 718) destroyed (3) 3.5 dud rounds, (1) 60MM dud round, (7) 72MM dud rounds, (2) M26 grenades, (2) 81MM dud rounds, (9) Claymore mines, (1) CS grenade, (200) 50 cal rounds and (100) M16 rounds.
- i. 9 April 1968  
 (1) 0700 departed temporary CP, (4) 1371's conducting sweeps  
 (2) 0730 established temporary CP; no engineer action taken  
 \* note: 1530 (4) 1371's of "B" Company 3d Engineers joined Company "B" 1st Battalion 3d Marines
- j. 10 April 1968  
 (1) 0645 departed temporary CP; (4) 1371's conducting sweeps  
 (2) 0715 established temporary CP; no engineer action taken
- k. 11 April 1968  
 (1) 0700 departed temporary CP; (8) 1371's conducting patrols  
 (2) 0730 established temporary CP; no engineer action taken.  
 Original Task Organization of Company "B" returned to CP
6. Engineer Observation: None
7. Recommendations: None
8. Lessons Learned: None

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Company "B"  
3d Engineer Battalion  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

MLF:ctf  
3000  
15 April 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Engineer Battalion (attn: S-3)  
Subj: After Action Report, Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II (12-59p)

1. Unit Supported: H&S Company, 1st Amtrac Bn 3d Marines  
2. Engineer Task Organization: 3d Platoon, "B" Company, 3d Engineer Battalion. NCOIC; Cpl. William W. LEGAL  
USMC Encl (2)

3. Engineer Element and Mission: (3) 1371's provided combat engineer support for Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II

4. Major Equipment: None

5. Materials Expended:

a. C-4	0
b. Nonelectric blasting caps	0
c. Time Fuse	0
d. Fuse lighter (M60)	

6. Chronology

a. 14 April 1968

- (1) 0930 departed "B" Company CP
- (2) 0935 established temporary CP, no engineer action taken
- (3) 1035 at (YD 352674) and departed temporary CP
- (4) 1130 established temporary CP, no engineer action taken
- (5) 1800 departed temporary CP to set up night ambush
- (6) 1900 at (YD 341673) and established night ambush

b. 15 April 1968

- (1) 0600 departed night ambush. No Engineer action taken and original Task Organization returned to "B" Company CP
- (2) 0730 Original Task Organization returned to "B" Company CP

7. Engineer Observation: None

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8. Recommendations: None

9. Lessons Learned: None

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3d Engineer Battalion  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

MLF:etf  
3000  
16 April 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Engineer Battalion

Subj: After Action Report; Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II

1. Unit Supported: "B" Company, 1st Amphib Battalion 3d Marines
2. Engineer Task Organization: 3d Platoon "B" Company, 3d Engineer Battalion.  
NCOIC: LCPL James R. WEANER  
USMC En1 (2)
3. Engineer Element and Missions: (3) 1371's provided combat engineer support for Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II
4. Major Equipment: None
5. Materials Expended: None
6. Chronology:
  - a. 15 April 1968
    - (1) 0930 departed "B" Company CP
    - (2) 0935 established temporary CP, no engineer action taken
    - (3) 0945 departed temporary CP to set up day ambush
    - (4) 1045 at (YD368665) established day ambush
    - (5) 1800 departed day ambush, no engineer action taken
    - (6) 2000 establish night ambush
  - b. 16 April 1968
    - (1) 0620 at (YD380656) departed night ambush, no engineer action
    - (2) 0730 Original Task Organization returned to "B" Company CP
7. Engineer Observation: None
8. Recommendation: None
9. Lessons Learned: None

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Company "B"  
3d Engineer Battalion  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

MLF:ctf  
3000  
11 April 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Engineer Battalion (attn: S-3)

Subj: After Action Report, Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II (10-11 April)

1. Unit Supported: Company "B", 1st Amtracs Bn 3d Marines
2. Engineer Task Organization: 3d Platoon, Company "B", 3d Engineer Battalion. NCOIC; LCPL LOCKWOOD  
USMC Enl (2)
3. Engineer Element and Mission: (3) 1371's provided combat engineer support for Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II
4. Major Equipment: None
5. Materials Expended
  - a. C-4 0
  - b. Nonelectric blasting Caps 0
  - c. Time Fuse 0
  - d. Lighters (M60)

6. Chronology

a. 10 April 1968

- (1) 0910 departed Company "B" CP
- (2) 1055 established temporary CP, no engineer action taken
- (3) 1115 departed temporary CP
- (4) 1130 established temporary CP, no engineer action taken
- (5) 1200 departed temporary CP
- (6) 1230 established temporary CP, no engineer action taken
- (7) 1430 departed temporary CP
- (8) 1515 at (YD 340685), established temporary CP, no engineer action taken
- (9) 1520 at (YD 340685), departed temporary CP
- (10) 1555 at (YD 340665), established temporary CP, no engineer action taken
- (11) 1810 at (YD 340665), departed temporary CP
- (12) 1855 at (YD 340665), established temporary CP, no engineer action taken
- (13) 1930 at (YD 340665) departed temporary CP
- (14) 2000 at (YD 375662) established ambush sight

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b. 11 April 1968

- (1) 0620 ay (YD 375 662), established ambush sight. No engineer action taken. Original Task Organization of Company "B", 3d Engineer Battalion.
- (2) 0750 Original Task organization returned to Company "B"  
CP

7. Engineer Observation: None
8. Recommendation: None
9. Lessons Learned: None

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"B" Company  
3d Engineer Battalion  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

MLF:ctf  
3000  
13 April 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Engineer Battalion (attn: S-3)

Subj: After Action Report; Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II

1. Unit Supported: "B" Company, 1st Amtracs Battalion, 3d Marines
2. Engineer Task Organization: 3d Platoon, "B"/Company, 3d Engineer Battalion. NCOIC: LCPL James E. CLARK  
USMC ENL (1)
3. Engineer Element and Missions: (2) 1371's provided combat engineer support for Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE
4. Major Equipment: None
5. Materials Expended:

a. C-4	0
b. Nonelectrical blasting caps	0
c. Time Fuse	0
d. Fuse Lighters	0
6. Chronology
  - a. 11 April 1968
    - (1) 0830 departed "B" Company CP
    - (2) 0900 established temporary CP. No engineer action taken
    - (3) 1200 at (YD 370 659) departed "B" Company, 1st Amtracs
    - (4) 1400 established temporary CP. No engineer action taken
    - (5) 1730 at (YD 355 675) departed temporary CP. No engineer action taken.
    - (6) 1100 established temporary CP. No engineer action taken.

Original Task Organization of "B" Company CP
7. Engineer Observation: None
8. Lessons Learned: None

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"B" Company  
3d Engineer Battalion  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

MLF:ctf  
3000  
13 April 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Engineer Battalion

Subj: After Action Report; Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II

1. Unit Supported: "A" Company, 1st Amtracs Battalion, 3d Marines
2. Engineer Task Organization: 1st Platoon, "B" Company 3d Engineer Battalion  
NCOIC: Cpl Roger A. LABONTE
3. Engineer Element and Mission: (11) 1371's provided Combat Support for Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II
4. Major Equipment: (4) P 153 USMC# 662-2056-1691-7202
5. Materials Expended:

a. C-4	0
b. Nonelectric blasting caps	6
c. Time Fuse	0
d. Fuse Lighters	0
6. Chronology
  - a. 12 April 1968
    - (1) 0810 departed Company "B" CP (11) 1371's
    - (2) 1000 establish temporary CP. No engineer action taken.
    - (3) 1030 at (YD 319706), establish temporary CP. No engineer action taken.
    - (4) 1200 at (YD 317715), establish temporary CP. No engineer action taken. Original Task Organization of "B" Company CP
    - (5) 1340 Original Task Organization returned to "B" Company CP
7. Engineer Observation: None
8. Recommendations: None
9. Lessons Learned: None

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3d Engineer Battalion  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

MLF:ctf  
3000  
22 April 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Engineer Battalion (attn: S-3)

Subj: After Action Report; Operation NEPOLEION/SALINE II

1. Unit Supported: "D" Company 1st Battalion 3d Marines
2. Engineer Task Organization: 1st Platoon, Company "B" 3d Engineer Battalion NCOIC: Cpl Roger A. LABONTE  
USMC ENL. (6)
3. Engineer Element and Missions: (7) 1371's Provided Combat Engineer Support for Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II.
4. Major Equipment: None
5. Materials Expended:

a. C-4	10 lbs
b. Nonelectric Blasting Caps	3
c. Time Fuse	2 ft
d. Fuse Lighters	3
6. Chronology
  - a. 19 April 1968
    - (1) 1630 departed "B" Company CP
    - (2) 1645 established temporary CP, no engineer action taken
  - b. 20 April 1968
    - (1) 0730 departed temporary CP. (7) 1371's conducting patrols
    - (2) 0800 at (YD 289758), destroyed in place (1) ChiCom grenade, (1) ChiCom Claymore mine, (2) 155MM, (2) 105MM and (1) 81MM round.
    - (3) 1330 established temporary CP. Original Task Organization of Company "B" CP.
    - (4) Original Task Organization returned to "B" Company CP
7. Engineer Observation: None
8. Recommendation: None
9. Lessons Learned: None

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3d Engineer Battalion  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
APO San Francisco 96602

MLF:ctf  
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13 April 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: C Commanding Officer, 3d Engineer Battalion

Subj: After Action Report; Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II

1. Unit Supported: H&S Company, 1st Amtrac Bn 3d Marines
2. Engineer Task Organization: 3d Platoon, "B" Company 3d Engineer Bn
3. Engineer Element and Mission: (3) 1371's provided combat engineer support for Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II
4. Major Equipment: None
5. Materials Expended: None
6. Chronology:
  - a. 12 April 1968
    - (1) 0915 departed "B" Company CP
    - (2) 0920 established temporary CP. No engineer action taken
    - (3) 1000 at (YD 375 655) departed temporary to set up ambush.
    - (4) 1100 established day ambush. No engineer action taken.
    - (5) 1800 at (YD 380 660), departed day ambush to set up night ambush
    - (6) 1900 at (YD 380 660), established night ambush
    - (7) 1030 departed ambush. No engineer action taken.
    - (8) 1120 Original Task Organization returned to "B" Company CP
7. Engineer Observation: None
8. Recommendation: None
9. Lessons Learned: None

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3d Engineer Battalion  
3d Marine Division (Rien) FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

MLF:ctf  
3000  
15 April 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Engineer Battalion (attn: S-3)

Subj: After Action Report; Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II

1. Unit Supported: H&S Company, 1st Amtrac Bn 3d Marines
2. Engineer Task Organization: 3d Platoon, "B" Company 3d Engineer Battalion. NCOIC: Pfc Bobby M. HILL  
USMC ENL: (2)
3. Engineer Element and Mission: (3) 1371's provided combat engineer support for Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II
4. Major Equipment: None
5. Materials Expended: None
6. Chronology:
  - a. 13 April 1968
    - (1) 0930 departed "B" Company CP
    - (2) 0935 established temporary CP. No engineer action taken
    - (3) 1010 departed temporary CP
    - (4) 1145 established temporary CP. No engineer action taken
    - (5) 1830 at (YB 375 655) departed temporary CP to set up night ambush
    - (6) 0630 established temporary CP. No engineer action taken. Original Task Organization of "B" Company CP
7. Engineer Observation: None
8. Recommendation: None
9. Lessons Learned: None

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**COMPANY "B"**  
**3d Engineer Battalion (Rein)**  
**3d Marine Division (Rein) FWP**  
**FFO San Francisco 96602**

MLF:tf  
3008  
8 April 1968

**From:** Commanding Officer  
**To:** Commanding Officer, 3d Engineer Battalion (Attn: S-5)

**Subj:** After Action Report, Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II

- 1. Unit Supported, Company "B", 1st Battalion, 3d Marines.
- 2. Engineer Task Organization: 2d Platoon, Company "B", 3d Engineer Battalion  
MOIC: Cpl. Adrian L. HENRY  
USMC Hal: (5)
- 3. Engineer Element and Missions: (4) 1571'S Provided combat engineer support for Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II

- 4. Major Equipment: None
- 5. Materials Expended:

C-4	0
Nonelectric Blasting Caps	0
Time Fuse	0
Fuse Lighters (M-60)	0

6. Chronology:

(01) 26 March 1968  
No Engineer Action Taken.

Note: During this period the engineers were required to stand perimeter watch from 0800 to 1500 daily.

(02) 30 March 1968  
1230, Original Engineer Task Organization of Company "B",  
3d Engineer Battalion,  
1430, Original Engineer Task Organization returned to Company  
"B", CP.

- 6. Engineer Observations: None
- 7. Recommendations: None
- 8. Lessons Learned: None

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COMPANY "B"  
 3d Engineer Battalion (Rein)  
 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
 FPO San Francisco 96602

MLF:etf  
 3000  
 8 April 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 3d Engineer Battalion (Attn: S-3)

Subj: After Action Report, Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II

1. Unit Supported, Company "G", 1st Battalion, 3d Marines.
2. Engineer Task Organization: 2d Platoon, Company "B", 3d Engineer Battalion.  
 NOIC: Cpl. Willie TURNER  
 USMC Enl. (3)
3. Engineer Element and Mission: (4) 1571'S Provided combat engineer support for Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II

4. Major Equipment: None

5. Materials Expended:

C-4	1 1/2 lbs.
Nonelectric Blasting Caps	1
Time Fuse	2 ft.
Fuse Lighters (M-60)	1

6. Chronology:

(01) 26 March 1968  
 No engineer action taken

(02) 27 March 1968  
 0900, departed temporary CP, conducting patrol, (2) 1571'S 1100, at (XD 627274), destroyed (1) M-72 and round. 1430, at (XD 627274), established temporary CP.

(03) 28 March 1968  
 0800, departed temporary CP, conducting patrol, (2) 1571'S 1530, established temporary CP. No engineer action taken.

(04) 29 March 1968  
 No engineer action taken.  
 1200, Original Engineer Task Organization of Company "B",

3d Engineer Battalion.

1400, Original Engineer Task Organization returned to Company

"B", CP.

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6. Engineer Observations None

7. Recommendations None

8. Lessons Learned None

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COMPANY "B"  
 3d Engineer Battalion (Rein)  
 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
 FPO San Francisco 96602

MLF:etf  
 3000  
 8 April 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 3d Engineer Battalion (Attn: S-3)

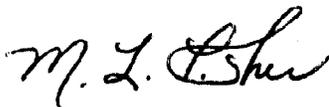
Subj: After Action Report, Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II

1. Unit Supported, Company "B", 1st Battalion, 3d Marines.
2. Engineer Task Organization: 2d Platoon, Company "B", 3d Engineer Battalion.  
 NOIC: Edwards L. WEEKS  
 USMC Enl: (3)
3. Engineer Element and Mission: (4) 1571'S Provided combat engineer support for Operation NEPOLEON/SALINE II
4. Major Equipment: None
5. Materials Expended:
 

C-4	12½ lbs
Nonelectric Blasting Caps	8
Time Fuse	66 ft
Fuse Lighters (M-60)	8
6. Chronology:
  - (01) 26 March 1968  
 0700, departed temporary CP. conducting patrol. (4) 1571'S  
 0730, established temporary CP. No engineer action taken.
  - (02) 27 March 1968  
 0700, departed temporary CP. conducting sweeps. (4) 1571'S  
 0730, established temporary CP. No engineer action taken.
  - (03) 28 March 1968  
 0700, departed temporary CP. conducting sweeps. (4) 1571'S  
 0730, established Temporary CP. No engineer action taken.
  - (04) 29 March 1968  
 0700, departed temporary CP. conducting sweeps. (4) 1571'S  
 0730, established temporary CP. No engineer action taken.

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- (05) 30 March 1968  
 0700, departed temporary CP. conducting sweep. (2) 1371'S,  
 (4) conducting patrol.  
 0730, established temporary CP. No engineer action taken.
- (06) 31 March 1968  
 0700, at (YD 289748), departed temporary CP. conducting  
 sweeps. Destroyed (5) Chi Com grenades. (1) RPG/7 round, (3) antitank  
 mines, (1) directional mine.  
 0730, established temporary CP.
- (07) 1 April 1968  
 0700, departed temporary CP. conducting sweeps, destroyed  
 (14) 82mm dud rounds, (5) 60mm dud rounds, (2) directional mines,  
 (25) antitank mines, (4) Chi Com grenades,  
 1630, Original Engineer Task Organization of Company "B".  
 3d Engineer Battalion.  
 1830, Original Engineer Task Organization returned to  
 Company B, CP.
6. Engineer Observation: None
7. Recommendation: None
8. Lessons Learned: None



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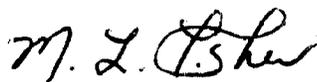
1600, Original Engineer Task Organization of Company "B", 3d Engineer Battalion.

1800, Original Engineer Task Organization returned to Company "B", CP.

6. Engineer Observation: None

7. Recommendation: None

8. Lessons Learned: None



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"C" COMPANY  
 3d Engineer Battalion  
 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
 FPO San Francisco 96602

LEM:toe  
 5213  
 10 April 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: S-3

Subj: After Action Report, Operation in accordance with Division Frag Order 9-68

Ref: BnO 1300.1b

Encl: (1) Chronology

1. In support of "B", "I", "L", "M", and "K" companies of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines in the 9th Marine Regiment TAOR, from 4 April 1968 thru 8 April 1968.
2. The members of 1st squad, 3d platoon, "C" Company 3d Engineer Battalion in support of the operation were as follows:

Cpl.	D. P. ORIFICE	2181756
Cpl.	S. RIVITUSO	2173560
LCpl.	C. BENSON	2332523
LCPL.	T. J. TISHLER	2317419
LCPL.	M. D. BOTHELO	2328133
LCPL.	T. HERSHA	2333427
LCPL.	R. H. CARNES	2360225
LCPL.	C. F. KOSMAHL	2279161
PFC.	P. A. DILLINGER	2391069
LCPL.	R. T. NICKLES	2282560 Radioman

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3. The engineers mission was to provide combat engineer support to "B", "I", "K", "L", and "M" companies on a Battalion sweep from A-3 to Cam Lo River with an eastern boundry of route #561 and western boundry of gridline #18. They were primarily assigned the task of providing engineer assistance of a demolition nature.

4. Major items of equipment used: The engineers were divided into four two-man demo teams, one team with each company ("I", "K", "L", and "M"). The squad leader and radio man were with the Battalion Command Post group. Each team carried the following:

10 Blasting Caps

10 pounds C-4

20 feet time fuze

10 feet detonating cord

tape

1 pair of crimpers

5. Materials expended: Engineers used a total of  $36\frac{1}{2}$  pounds of C-4.

6. See enclosure (1)

7. None

8. None

9. None

  
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4 April 1968

0500 "M" Company left A-3 (coord YD 174728) with LCPL BOTHELO and PFC DILLINGER.

0600 "I" Company left A-3 with LCPL CARNES and LCPL KOSMAHL in support.

0615 "B" Company (CP group) left A-3 with CPL ORIFICE and LCPL NICKLES in support.

0630 "K" Company left A-3 with LCPL HERSHA and LCPL TISCHLER in support.

0700 "L" Company left A-3 with CPL RIVITUSO and LCPL BENSON in support.

Negative findings

No demo used

5 April 1968

1300 "K" Company: LCPL HERSHA and LCPL TISHLER blew 1-250lb bomb using  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb of C-4 placed on nose.

1400 "M" Company: LCPL BOTHELO and PFC DILLINGER blew 1-250lb bomb using  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lbs of C-4 placed on nose.

1500 "M" Company: LCPL BOTHELO and PFC DILLINGER blew 2 bunkers  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 3' \times 4'$  deep using  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lbs C-4 on each, placed in a one foot hole on center top of ~~roof~~<sup>roof</sup> and tamped with dirt. Upon detonation, roof and walls caved in rendering total destruction.

1530 "K" Company: LCPL HERSHA and LCPL TISHLER blew 3 bunkers.  $1-8' \times 8' \times 4'$  deep using  $7\frac{1}{2}$  lbs C-4 each. All charges were placed in a one foot hole on center top of bunkers and tamped with dirt. Upon detonation, roof and walls caved in rendering total destruction.

Total Demo Used:  $20\frac{1}{2}$  lbs C-4

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6 April 1968

0900 "L" Company: CPL RIVITUSO and LCPL BENSON blew 48-82mm, 88-60mm, 25-chicom grenades, 13-cans of 82mm fuzes, 1300-30 cal rds, 2-boxes AK47 rds, 3-boxes of concussion grenades, 1-DH10 chicom mine and 1-250lb bomb. All ordinance was place together and blown with 5lbs of C-4 placed on nose of bomb.

1300 "L" Company: CPL RIVITUSO and LCPL BENSON blew 2-3.5 rockets, 1-105 rd, 4-laaws, 1-60mm, 50-frag grenades, 1-WP, 1-star light scope and 10,000 feet of detonating cord; 5lbs of C-4 used. Charged placed on top of piled ord/nance.

1700 "I" Company: Engineer LCPL KOSMAHL 2279161 was wounded in action by a 60mm. He was Medi-Evac to D-Med.

Demo Used 16lbs C-4

7 April 1968

Negative findings

Total Demo Used: None

8 April 1968

0900 "K" Company: LCPL HERSHA and LCPL TISHLER blew 1-M1A1 anti-tank mine and 1-RPG rd. 5lbs C-4 used. 2½lbs of C-4 placed on top of mine and 2½lbs of C-4 placed on nose of RPG rd.

1100 "L" Company: CPL RIVITUSO and LCPL BENSON blew 1-RPG rd, 5-smoke grenades, 1-U.S. (W.W.II) anti-tank mine, and 1-105 rd. Used 2½lbs of C-4 placed on top of piled ord/nance.

1500 Battalion reached Cam Lo River and returned to Dong Ha.

Total Demo Used: 7½lbs C-4