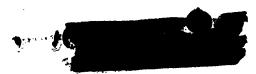
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Command Chronology for period 1 June 1968 to 30 June 1968; Submission of

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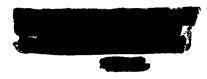
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Capt. P.J. GARIBOLDI USMCR A Co 24 Mar 68 - Current

B Co 1stLt R.F. BAILES USMCR 22 Nov 67 - Current

C Co 1stLt W.A. WOODCOCK USMCR 8 May 68 - Current

D Co Capt. R.E. BRINKLEY USMC 23 Nov 67 - Current

Staff Officers

Executive Officer Maj. W.J.P. MANNIX, USMC 26 Nov 67 - Current

S-1/Adjutant 1stLt E.V. BURNETT, USMC 1 Jan 68 - Current

S=2/3Maj. J.C. THORP, USMC 24 Nov 67 - Current

S-4 Maj. C.J. WOLK JR. USMC 26 Nov 67 - Current

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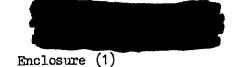
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Chaplain

LTCDR. E. KUKLER USN (CHC) 7 Mey 68 - Current

#### 3. Location

1 June 1968 - 30 June 1968 - Dong Ha, R.V.N.

June Monthly Strength

| usmc |      | USN     | other |     |
|------|------|---------|-------|-----|
| OFF  | ENL  | OFF ENL | OFF.  | EML |
| 45   | 1007 | 2 25    | 0     | 0   |

Part II

During June a total of 15,477 mandays, 2083 engineer equipment hours and 24,720 board feet of lumber were expended on engineer projects by the 11th Engineer Battalion.

The battalion CP remained at Dong Ha Combat Base during the month. The engineer capabilities of the battalion were employed at Dong Ha Combat Base, Camp Carroll, Con Thien, Ca Lu, LZ Shepard XD 937408 and Cates XD 926434, and along Routes 9 and 561.

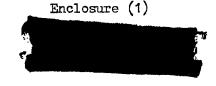
Company C operated from LZ Stud at Ca Lu in support of Task Force Hotel and the Fourth Marines in the Lancaster II and Scotland II AO's. Company C maintained Route 9 from Ca Lu to Khe Sanh and supported the retraction from Khe Sanh by providing engineer assistance to convoys.

Engineer support at LZ Stud included construction of ASP berms, Task Force Hotel CP and operational bunkers, perimeter clearing, placing tactical wire, electrical wiring, construction of VIP helicopter landing pads and construction of the LSA helicopter LZ.

The Cam Lo River bridge located at YD 148684 has been repaired. This is a 17 span concrete bridge with two destroyed spans replaced by I beam construction. Construction yet to be accomplished on Route 561 includes grading, reshaping, ditching, and placing a surface on 13,000m of road and emplacement of culvert and culvert wingwalls at all culvert sites. At present()3000m of road are completed. When the project is completed an asphalt top will be placed on the road. In support of this upgrade project the battalion is operating a 50 ton rock crusher at position C-3. We are crushing rock purchased on contract.

Other major construction projects completed or now in progress include: clearing 75m on each side of Route 9 from Cam Lo to Khe Sanh, which has been completed. A limited, all weather, single lane, combat road, class 60, 5000m from YD 213727 to YD 175718 along the trace of 566 continues as a commitment however, no progress was made because of the tactical situation and the relatively low priority of this Duel Blade requirement. One other

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road was under construction, a 1500m access road for 12th Marines on which construction has stopped due to more important equipment commitments. Company D was in Leather Neck Square, north of Dong Ha and between Con Thien and Gig Linh, clearing landing zones and traces. The traces extend from route 561 to route 1. During the project, six Eimco Tractors hit mines and three of these have been coded H.

Company "A" is deployed at LZ Cates XD 926434 and LZ Shepard XD 937408 on Route 9 tasked with the project of building two fire support bases.

This battalion continues to operate a daily minesweep on Route 9 and a daily minesweep on Route 1; during the last month 13 AT mines, 9 AP mines and, 20 other pieces of ordnance consisting of dud artillery, grenade, and RPG rounds were discovered. Two AT mines and 5 AP mines were recovered and turned over to G-2.

During the reporting period, the battalion continued to operate and maintain waterpoints in the 3d MarDiv. area of operation. A total of 2,484,295 gallons of potable and 1,528,975 gallons of non-potable water was produced. The water situation at Dong Ha Combat Base remained constant during the month of June. The pump at the Cam Lo River is able to keep the reservoir at minimum level to supply the base. A pipe line has been laid throughout the base which will be an improvement in the distribution system. The system will be limited by one pump. It is also limited by the water producing capacity of the tactical equipment serving the system.

The 11th EngrBn. continues to furnish electrical power for the 3d MarDiv Northern area of operation. Fifteen generators at fourteen different locations were operated during June.

The battalion's asphalt distributor was evacuated for repair on 28 Nov 67. On 3 Mar 68 the distributor was at 3d FSR on Okinawa. Ho further word on the distributor has been received. The Eleventh EngrBn. has no capability to place asphalt for the maintenance of reads.

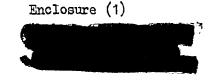
Equipment status still remains critical. Receipt of repair parts still lags behind demand. The total committment of motor transport and engineer equipment of the Battalion is causing availability to deteriorate. Three Eimco Tractors were Code H during the period with three more probable Code H tractors being evacuated during early July.

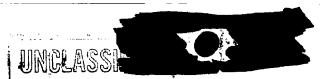
Air filters for the Eimco are not available. Five tractors are D/L for lack of filters. Unless filters are received this the D/L will increase drastically.

During the month of June the 11th EngrBn. had operational control of the following unit: 3d Plt, 3d Bridge Company, 1 Officer 14 Enlisted.

During June this Battalion suffered 11 hostile casualties and 9 non-hostile casualties.

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Buring June, 6 Marine Officers and 67 Marines were transfered. Four Marine Officers and 50 Marine Enlisted joined the Battalion.

During the month of June, training of personnel was as follows: Twenty-one Marines were involved in advanced training. 7 Officer, 5 Staff NCO's, and 9 enlisted.

Embarkation School (1) Officer (2) enlisted; Personnel response course (4) Officers, (2) Staff NCO, (2) Enlisted; Vietnamese language School (1) enlisted; Special weapons training course (1) Officer, (1) Staff NCO, (3) enlisted. Staff NCO Leadership School (2) Staff NCO; PU 667 generator school (1) enlisted; Cords District Advisor orientation course (1) Officer.

30 June 1968, the 11th Engineer Battalion's Personnel status was:

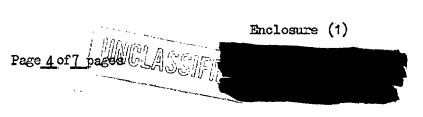
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|------------|------|---------------|-----|--------------|-----|
| <u>OFF</u> | ENL  | OFF           | ENL | <u>OFF</u> 2 | ENL |
| 45         | 1007 | 1             | 14  |              | 25  |

The Battalion's personnel strength by major areas of deployment was as follows:

| US        | SMC        | <u>usn</u>                                |  |  |
|-----------|------------|---|--|--|
| OFF       | ENL        | OFF EML                                   |  |  |
| <u>28</u> | <u>648</u> | DONG HA 2 19 CAM LO                       |  |  |
| 1         | <u>61</u>  | <u>OA LU</u><br><u>O</u> 3                |  |  |
| 2         | <u>191</u> | <u>0</u> 3                                |  |  |
| 1         | <u>18</u>  | CON THIEN O 1 C-2 O 2                     |  |  |
| <u>4</u>  | <u>105</u> | 0 2                                       |  |  |
| 1         | <u>8</u>   | DA NANG<br>O O                            |  |  |
| <u>o</u>  | <u>o</u>   | CAMP CARROLL<br>O O                       |  |  |
| ž         | <u>58</u>  | <u>NON-EFFECTIVE</u><br><u>O</u> <u>O</u> |  |  |

# Chronological Sequence of Events

1 June 68 (a) Mobile Crane on convoy along Rt. 9 received one RPG round.
One friendly casualty, non-medevac; minor damage to crane.





- (b) Completed destruction of Yankee Station outpost 100m South of Con Thien.
- (c) Reduced C-2 bridge position from Battalion to Company size.
- 3 June 68 (a) Vehicle on Rt. 9 received one sniper round; no damage or casualties.
  - (b) Dozer hit A.T. mine in Leather Neck Square. One friendly casualty, medevac. Dozer had left track blown off.
  - (c) A second dozer hit an Anti-tank mine in Leather Neck Square. One friendly casualty, medevac. Dozer had left track blown off.
  - (d) Constructed 20' addition to 11th Engr. Bn. PX.
- 4 June 68 On Rt. 1 Quad 50 caliber machine guns acting as security for mine sweep hit Anti-tank mine. Truck damaged.
- 5 June 68 (a) Found five claymore type mines in vicinity of Ca Lu Base.
  Mines disarmed and recovered.
  - (b) Completed repair of two spans of Cam Lo River Bridge located on Rt. 561.
  - (c) Installed 40 ft. of culvert on Rt. 9 and 30 ft. of culvert at LZ Stud.
- 6 June 68 Sweepteam on Route 1 found A.R.V.N. truck which hit A.T. mine.

  Mine was partially blown; booster charge did not activate mine.

  Lot #VM 28-53-3M1; Mine returned to G-2.
- 7 June 68 (a) Sweepteam on Route 1 found partially detonated A.T. mine, Lot# VM 11-53-3M1.
  - (b) Completed construction of 8x8 Communications bunker for Communications Company, DHCB.
  - (c) Completed construction of two tropical huts for 11th Engr. Bn. DHCB.
  - (d) Ca Lu (LZ Stud) received approximately 25 rounds of artillery; stopped work in that area for one hour.
  - (e) Constructed loading ramp at Dong Ha Combat Base.
- 8 June 68 Completed construction of 11-175mm gun pads at Camp Carroll.
- 9 June 68 (a) Dozer working in Leather Neck Square hit A.T. Mine. No casualty, Dozer had right track blown off.



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(b) In Leather week quare found residue of two unknown type suspected plastic A.T. mines.

- (c) Dozer working in Leather Neck Square hit A.T. mine, no casualty, Dozer had right track blown off.
- (d) Culvert on Rt. 1 blown by enemy.
- 10 June 68 (a) Dozer working in Leather Neck Square hit A.T. mine. One friendly casualty med-evaced. Track on Dozer blown off.
  - (b) A second Dozer working in Leather Neck Square hit A.T. mine. Two friendly casualties med-evaced. Track on dozer blown off.
  - (c) Completed extraction of M-6 tactical bridge from C-2 bridge site.
- 12 June 68 Vehicle on Route 9 received three sniper rounds.
- 13 June 68 Completed construction of 10-8x8 bunkers at Camp Carroll and completed road upgrading and maintenance of Camp Carroll.
- 14 June 68 CH53 helicopter at LZ Stud misjudged landing area and in process the proposah caused one generator to burn up and three people to be injured.
- 15 June 68 At Con Thien sniper round hit TD-15 and operator. One friendly casualty, Non-medevac.
- 16 June 68 Sweepteam on Route 9 found one 175mm round and one 60mm round with explosive charges removed.
- 17 June 68 (a) Sweepteam on Rt. 1 found one A.T. mine. Mine was not armed and was laying in open.Lot # 40A-5-63, TM 41.
  - (b) D Company working in Leather Neck Square received 40 rounds of 130mm Artillery. No casualties, minor damage.
  - (c) Completed construction of Staff and Officers showers for 11th Engr. Bn. DHCB.
- 18 June 68 Completed modification of 8x12 bunker at Con Thien.
- 20 June 68 Completed construction of 1-20'x32' bunker at Con Thien, and completed construction of 2-20'x32' bunkers at LZ Stud
- 21 June 68 One Company moved to XD 925420 (LZ Shepard and Cates) to build two artillery positions.



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- 22 June 68 TD-15 scoop loader working at C-2 bridge position, picked up dud 81mm mortar, in fill, causing round to detonate. One friendly casualty, medevac.
- 24 June 68 Vehicle in Leather Neck Square Hit A.T. mine, no casualties. Rear wheels blown off trailer.
- 25 June 68 (a) Ca Lu (LZ Stud) received 60 rounds of 122mm rockets. Stopped work for two hours, no casualties, minor damage.
  - (b) Completed clearing of tree lines and hedgerows in support of 3/3.
- 27 June 68 In Leather Neck Square mortar round hit re-fueler truck. No casualties. Vehicle suffered three flat tires.

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