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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

9th Engineer Battalion

LtCol H. E. PEREA

Subordinate UnitsHeadquarters Company
Service Company
Company "A"
Company "B"
Company "C"
Company "D"Capt E. G. PETERS
Major B. K. WIEDERHOLD
Capt D. W. JOHNSON
Capt T. K. MCKEOWN
Capt W. H. SKIERKOWSKI
Capt J. T. O'KELLEY JR.Attached Units3rd Bridge Platoon, 1st Bridge
Company in direct support

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2. LOCATION9th Engineer Battalion (-)
Company "B"
Company "C"
Company "D"Chu Lai, RVN
YD 730110
Hill #10, RVN
Hill #63, RVN1-29 February 1968
1-29 February 1968
1-29 February 1968
1-29 February 19683. STAFF OFFICERSExecutive Officer
S-1 Adjutant
Personnel Officer
S-2/3
S-4
S-5 Civil Affairs
SgtMaj
Motor Transport Officer
Construction Officer
ADM Officer
Maintenance Officer
Utilities Officer
Medical OfficerMajor C. N. WALL
WO-1 E. M. JOHNSON
WO-1 E. M. JOHNSON
Capt R. A. TIEBOUT
Major W. B. CHANNELL
Capt G. B. BARNEY
SgtMaj D. K. CRAIG
Capt B. A. WALKER
Capt G. B. BARNEY
1stLt H. A. FELFS
WO-1 G. E. JOHNSON
WO-1 F. A. R. LANDRY
Lt C. E. CREAGH (MC) USN

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Ordnance Officer
Supply Officer
Legal Officer
Embarkation Officer
NBC Officer
Education/Training Officer

Chaplain

WO-1 F. A. R. LANDRY
Capt C. N. PASTINO
Capt E. G. PETERS
1stLt D. F. SIMSON
1stLt F. W. LANOTTE
1stLt J. W. FORMAN to 5 February 1968
1stLt J. R. GARDNER from
21 February 1968
Services conducted by visiting
Chaplain Capt C. J. RICHARDSON

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
43	899	1	18

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PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of February 1968, the 9th Engineer Battalion, LtCol H. E. PEREA Commanding, continued as its primary mission the maintenance and upgrading of RVN Route #1 from Chu Lai (BT 520044) to the Song Cau Lau (BT 091554). The maintenance of road networks for the Americal Division, Force Logistics Support Group - Bravo, plus engineer support of free world forces in the Chu Lai TAOR continued to require a significant engineer effort.

Company "A" continued maintenance and upgrading of RVN Route #1 between Chu Lai (BT 520044) and Tam Ky (BT 330209), a distance of 16 miles and engaged in vertical construction in support of the Americal Division.

Company "B" was located near Hue, RVN, (YD 730110).

Company "C" (-) was located at Hill #10 (BT 199390) and was in the process of maintaining and upgrading RVN Route #1 from Hill #29 (BT 226320) to Thang Binh (BT 175418), a distance of 11 miles. The 3rd Platoon, Company "C" was located on Hill #29 and was in the process of upgrading and maintaining RVN Route #1 from Tam Ky (BT 300235) north to Hill #29, a distance of 8.5 miles.

Company "D" continued maintenance and upgrading of RVN Route #1 from Thang Binh (BT 175418) to the Song Cau Lau (BT 091554), a distance of 11.1 miles. Company "D" was located on Hill #63 (BT 132453).

During the month of February, upgrading and repair of RVN Route #1 was broken down into four areas of responsibility; Chu Lai to Tam Ky, Tam Ky to Hill #29, Hill #29 to Thang Binh, and Thang Binh to the Song Cau Lau.

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Between Chu Lai (BT 520044) and Tam Ky (BT 330209), the 9th Engineer Battalion expended 1296 man hours and 772 equipment hours.

Between Tam Ky (BT 300235) and Hill #29 (BT 226320), 9th Engineer Battalion personnel expended 1082 man hours and 721 equipment hours in hauling and placing 985 cubic yards of rock and 1625 cubic yards of fill.

Between Hill #29 and Thang Binh (BT 175418), 9th Engineer Battalion expended 1921 man hours and 479 equipment hours in hauling and placing 2010 cubic yards of rock and 1080 cubic yards of fill.

Between Thang Binh (BT 175418) and the Song Cau Lau (BT 091554), 9th Engineer Battalion expended 1055 man hours and 671 equipment hours in hauling and placing 1542 cubic yards of fill.

During this period, 9th Engineer Battalion units replaced and/or repaired 6 culverts at five (5) locations along RVN Route #1. Replacement of these culverts, necessitated by enemy demolitions, required 180 feet of 60 inch culvert, 50 feet of 36 inch culvert and 40 feet of 48 inch culvert as shown below:

<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Man Hours</u>	<u>Equipment Hours</u>
BT 412129	1	50'	36"	30	20
BT 223354	1	40'	60"	110	2
BT 185405	1	40'	48"	118	15
BT 216363	2	40'	60"	120	16
BT 227344	1	40'	60"	110	2

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During the month of February 1968, Company "C" accomplished the following bridge construction along RVN Route #1:

<u>Bridge#</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Man Hours</u>	<u>Equipment Hours</u>	<u>Est or Act Completion</u>
* 21	BT 185405	36'	Fixed span balk Class 60	164	8	2 Feb 68
33	BT 238326	13'	Timber stringer, pile abutment, Class 60	72	2	12 Feb 68
32	BT 230339	40'	Timber stringer, pile abutment, Class 60	340	55	24 Feb 68
35	BT 259289	40'	Steel stringer, pile abutment, Class 60	268	16	27 Feb 68
** 29	BT 219358	40'	Steel stringer, pile abutment, Class 60	422	47	8 Mar 68
*** 28	BT 216363	30'	Fixed span balk, Class 60	36		

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- * Bridge #21 (BT 185405) destroyed by enemy demolitions on 2 February 1968; replaced by fixed span balk bridge on 2 February 1968.
- ** Bridge #29 (BT 219358) partially destroyed by enemy demolitions on 1 February 1968 and on 5 February 1968; totally destroyed by enemy demolitions on 12 February 1968.
- *** Bridge #28 (BT 216363) removed 30 foot fixed span and installed two 60 inch culverts on 7 February 1968.

During the month of February 1968, the 3rd Bridge Platoon, 1st Bridge Company accomplished the following bridge construction along RVN Route #1:

<u>Bridge#</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Man Hrs</u>	<u>Equip Hrs</u>	<u>Est or Act Completion</u>
49	BT 379174	327'	Bailey Bridge	850	100	17 Feb 68
*29	BT 219358	36'	Fixed Span balk	75	6	12 Feb 68

- * Constructed 36 foot fixed span balk bridge and by-pass around Bridge #29 (BT 219358)

During the month of February 1968 there were a total of six (6) bridges and fifteen (15) culverts destroyed by enemy demolitions. There were thirteen (13) incidents where mines were found and blown in place, seven (7) incidents where mines were located, disarmed and removed, and six (6) incidents where a mine sweep team found boobytraps, and ten (10) incidents where craters were blown in RVN Route #1, at locations other than existing culverts and bridges. The six (6) bridges destroyed during February 1968 are listed below:

<u>Bridge Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Date Destroyed</u>
BT 215364	Concrete slab, masonry pier	26'	1 February 1968
BT 186406	Steel Stringer, pile abutments	40'	1 February 1968
BT 219359	Steel Stringer, pile abutments	40'	1 February 1968
BT 230339	Timber Trestle, concrete abutments	40'	3 February 1968
BT 201384	Steel Stringer, pile abutments	80'	12 February 1968
BT 219359	Steel Stringer, pile abutments	40'	12 February 1968

The fifteen (15) culverts blown by enemy demolitions during the month of February 1968 are shown below:

<u>Culvert Location</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Date Destroyed</u>
BT 116493	1	1 February 1968
BT 120488	1	1 February 1968
BT 279257	1	1 February 1968

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BT 265278	1	2 February 1968
BT 125482	1	2 February 1968
BT 133473	1	2 February 1968
BT 123485	1	3 February 1968
BT 166432	1	4 February 1968
BT 117492	1	7 February 1968
BT 122486	1	7 February 1968
BT 093535	1	9 February 1968
BT 407135	2	12 February 1968
BT 390163	1	13 February 1968
BT 412129	1	18 February 1968

In addition to the major road and bridge work being done on RVN Route #1, the 9th Engineer Battalion was responsible for the repair and maintenance of other sections of road as shown below:

Company "A" continues (1) the maintenance of 2.0 miles of roadway within the FLSG-B CP (BT 532111); (2) the maintenance of 3.5 miles of roadway within the FLSG-B ASP (BT 520040); (3) the maintenance of 1.6 miles of roadway on Route #22 W (BT 512053 - BT 493037); and (4) the maintenance of 0.6 mile of roadway on Route #22 E (BT 538027 - BT 549029).

Headquarters Company Heavy Equipment Platoon retained the responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the Americal Perimeter road (BT 521071 - BT 519049) a distance of 8.5 miles.

Since 1 February 1968 the 9th Engineer Battalion has provided the following additional engineer equipment support for U. S. Army, U. S. Navy, and U. S. Marine Corps units within its area of responsibility:

(1) Engineer equipment support in upgrading 400 meters of roadway for the 71st Aviation Company. Date Started: 16 December 1967, Cancelled 23 February 1968; Man Hours: 77, Equipment Hours: 10.

(2) Equipment support of two TD-18 tractors to the 26th Engineer Battalion for clearing 2000 meters of land. Date Started: 22 January 1968, Date of Completion: 4 February 1968; Man Hours: 120, Equipment Hours: 120.

(3) Providing engineer equipment support of one Eimco tractor to level MT area 100 x 200 meters for MAG - 12. Date Started: 18 January 1968, Date Completed: 17 February 1968; Man Hours: 30, Equipment Hours: 9.

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(4) Engineer equipment support in the removal of two (2) 80' x 100' hangers for MAG - 12. Date Started: 3 February 1968, Date Completed: 21 February 1968; Man Hours: 1000, Equipment Hours: 199.

(5) Engineer equipment support of one (1) Eimco tractor to fill revetments for Moreset Units at MAG - 13. Date Started and Completed: 1 February 1968; Man Hours: 8, Equipment Hours: 8.

(6) Engineer equipment support to the 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division. Equipment being used in leveling areas for living quarters. Date Started: 3 February 1968, Date Completed: 13 February 1968; Man Hours: 18, Equipment Hours: 16.

(7) Engineer Equipment support of five (5) Eimco tractors for the 11th Engineer Battalion. Date Started: 1 January 1968, Estimated Date of Completion: 1 April 1968; Man Hours: 3,180, Equipment Hours: 3,180.

(8) Engineer equipment support of two (2) Eimco tractors to fill destroyed ammo revetments and construct new berms. Date Started: 4 February 1968, Date Completed: 17 February 1968; Man Hours: 149, Equipment Hours: 113.

(9) Engineer equipment support in construction of a sanitary refuse dump for NSD. Date Started: 18 February 1968, Estimated Date of Completion: 15 March 1968, 85% complete; Man Hours: 570, Equipment Hours: 256.

(10) Engineer equipment support in clearing fields of fire at Ly Tin for Americal Division. Date Started: 13 February 1968, Date Completed: 17 February 1968; Man Hours: 420, Equipment Hours: 16.

(11) Engineer equipment support to 39th Engineer Battalion for clearing and stripping Route #535. Date Started: 27 February 1968, Estimated Date of Completion: 15 March 1968, 20% complete; Man Hours: 48, Equipment Hours: 48.

(12) Engineer equipment support to the 205th Ordnance Platoon in the construction of two (2) retrograde berms 100' x 15' high. Date Started: 22 February 1968, Estimated Date of Completion: 15 March 1968, 25% complete; Man Hours: 262, Equipment Hours: 214.

(13) Engineer equipment support of one (1) grader for grading approximately 1.4 miles of roadway for MAG - 13. Date Started and Completed: 28 February 1968; Man Hours: 10, Equipment Hours: 10.

(14) Engineer equipment support in the construction of 745' x 10' road and berms for the storage of eighteen (18) - 500 gallon liquid oxygen tanks for MAG - 12. Date Started: 2 March 1968, Estimated Date of Completion: 29 March 1968, 20% complete; Man Hours: 30, Equipment Hours: 10.

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(15) Engineer equipment support of two (2) dozers at CAF Unit K-2 (BS 388172). Date Started: 20 February 1968, Date Completed: 28 February 1968; Man Hours: 60, Equipment Hours: 60.

(16) Engineer equipment support in the construction of one (1) shallow well at MAG -13. Date Started: 23 February 1968, Date Completed: 29 February 1968; Man Hours: 34, Equipment Hours: 15.

(17) Engineer equipment support to CAC - India (BT 322188). Date Started: 15 February 1968, Date Completed: 17 February 1968; Man Hours: 30, Equipment Hours: 30.

(18) Engineer equipment support in joint quarry operations with MCB-40 and MCB-6, two (2) Euclid dumps, two (2) 600 CFM compressors, two (2) Rockmaster drills, two (2) Einco tractors, and one (1) M-37 crane. Man Hours: 4825, Equipment Hours: 2128.

During the month of February 1968 the 9th Engineer Battalion completed the following vertical construction:

(1) Construction of one EM Club 80' x 32' with 32' x 32' wing for 2nd Surgical Company. This is designed in an "L" shape with 4" concrete deck, truss with corrugated metal roof. Date Started: 1 December 1967, Date Completed: 23 February 1968; Man Hours: 2,240, Equipment Hours: 227.

(2) Construction of one 1400 man messhall for the Americal Training Center. This will be built in an "H" shape with two 168' x 40' buildings. These two buildings will be connected by a 20' x 10' passage way. This structure will have a 4" concrete deck with 4" x 4" concrete curb, truss with corrugated metal roof. Date Started: 16 December 1967, Estimated Date of Completion: 15 March 1968, 97% complete; Man Hours: 12,029, Equipment Hours: 892.

(3) Construction of two (2) - 4 hole and one (1) - 2 hole latrines for 3/18 Artillery Battalion. Date Started: 22 January 1968, Date of Completion: 4 February 1968; Man Hours: 124, Equipment Hours: 10.

(4) Construction of two (2) security bunkers 10' x 12' x 7'. Date Started: 11 November 1967, Estimated Date of Completion: 1 March 1968, 5% complete; Man Hours: 4. CANCELLED.

(5) Construction of two (2) - 4hole latrines for 14th Aviation Battalion, Date Started: 23 January 1968, Date Completed: 4 February 1968; Man Hours: 96, Equipment Hours: 10.

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(6) Construction of ten - 4 hole and three - 2 hole latrines for the 26th Engineer Battalion. Date Started: 7 February 1968, Estimated Date of Completion: 29 March 1968, 75% complete; Man Hours: 202, Equipment Hours: 15.

(7) Construction of four - 4 hole and two - two (2) hole latrines for the Americal Division. Date Started: 7 February 1968, Estimated Date of Completion: 29 March 1968, 75% complete; Man Hours: 202, Equipment Hours: 15.

(8) Construction of eight drawers for the 2nd Surgical Company. Date Started and Completed: 8 February 1968; Man Hours: 16, Equipment Hours: 4.

(9) Construction of ten - 2 hole latrines for the 1/14 Infantry Battalion. Date Started: 12 February 1968, Date Completed: 2 March 1968; Man Hours: 675, Equipment Hours: 25.

(10) Construction of sixteen (16) - 4 hole latrines for the 23rd S&T Battalion. Date Started: 12 February 1968, Date Completed: 18 February 1968; Man Hours: 1248, Equipment Hours: 120.

(11) Constructing four (4) bunkers 6' x 8' x 8' at CAP Unit L-6 (BS 577936). Date Started: 12 February 1968, Estimated Date of Completion: 15 March 1968, 90% complete; Man Hours: 520.

(12) Construction of four (4) bunkers 6' x 8' x 8' at CAP Unit I-1 (BT 341188). Date Started: 20 February 1968, Date Completed: 29 February 1968; Man Hours: 117.

(13) Construction of one (1) - 2 hole latrine for Americal Division POW Compound. Date Started: 20 February 1968, Date Completed: 24 February 1968; Man Hours: 69, Equipment Hours: 8.

(14) Construction of one TOC bunker 67' x 34' x 10' for the MAC-V at Tam Ky, Quang Tin Province. This will be a concrete bunker with a 4" deck, and the walls and roof will be 12" thick. Date Started: 22 February 1968, Estimated Date of Completion: 1 April 1968, 10% complete; Man Hours: 328, Equipment Hours: 16.

(15) Construction of one TOC bunker 12' x 24' x 10' for the 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at BT 132453. Date Started: 20 February 1968, Estimated Date of Completion: 15 March 1968, 90% complete; Man Hours: 328, Equipment Hours: 16.

(16) Constructing one 10' x 12' x 10' alternate COC bunker for 9th Engineer Battalion. Date Started: 21 February 1968, Estimated Date of Completion: 10 March 1968, 90% complete; Man Hours: 348, Equipment Hours: 29.

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(17) Construction of two (2) - 2 hole latrines for Americal Division, Headquarters Commandant. Date Started: 25 February 1968, Date Completed: 3 March 1968; Man Hours: 96, Equipment Hours: 10.

(18) Construction of two (2) - 2 hole latrines for the 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne. Date Started: 25 February 1968, Date Completed: 3 March 1968; Man Hours: 96, Equipment Hours: 10.

(19) Construction of six (6) - 2 hole latrines for the 1/1st Cavalry. Date Started: 15 February 1968, Date Completed: 3 March 1968; Man Hours: 278, Equipment Hours: 25.

(20) Construction of 130 messhall tables for the Americal Training Center. Date Started: 27 February 1968, Estimated Date of Completion: 5 March 1968, 65% complete; Man Hours: 136, Equipment Hours: 20.

The 9th Engineer Battalion water points produced 5,450,000 gallons of water and expended 3901 man hours and 2910 equipment hours during February 1968.

During the same period the 9th Engineer Battalion conducted daily mine sweep operations from (BT 510055) to (BT 092549).

<u>From:</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Composition</u>
BT 510055	BT 330209	15 miles	4 men
BT 285247	BT 237326	6 miles	6 men
BT 237326	BT 175418	7 miles	8 men
BT 175418	BT 144456	3 miles	10 men
BT 144456	BT 092549	7.5 miles	10 men

During the past month mine sweep personnel from the 9th Engineer Battalion expended 4916 man hours and 404 equipment hours on mine sweeps of RVN Route #1 and were responsible for locating those mines previously mentioned.

PART III SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel and Administration

8 February 1968	Joined GySgt CALHOUN, A. W.
8 February 1968	Joined MSGT MARSHALL, T. E.
12 February 1968	Joined 1stLt HAMMEL, G. J.
20 February 1968	Dropped SgtMaj YARGER, E. C.
22 February 1968	Dropped SSgt CHAPLIN, E.
23 February 1968	Joined 1stSgt CAPEHART
24 February 1968	Dropped GySgt BUCK

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During the month of February medical assistance was provided the people of Tich Tay Hamlet (BT 496067) three times weekly. Corpsman from the 9th Engineer Battalion treated four (4) women, eight (8) men and twelve (12) children. People in the villiages of Tu An (BT 199398) and Hill #10 (BT 198388) were also provided medical assistance. In Tu An, fourteen (14) women, three (3) men and thirty-seven (37) children were treated. At Hill #10 nine (9) children were treated. The Buddhist Temple in Tich Tay (BT 496067) presently under construction was supported by one truck load of new lumber. The World Mission Widow and Orphan's Home (BT 207374) was provided with thirty (30) cases of Dehydrated food, five (5) cases of Fruit, five (5) cases of salt and several loads of scrap lumber. Daily contact with the villagers was maintained and their attitude toward the American people continued to be friendly and grateful.

3. Engineer Operations

- 1 February 1968 Bridges #21 (BT 185405), #28 (BT 216363) and #29 (BT 219358) were blown by enemy demolitions. Two culverts (BT 120488) blown. One 36" culvert blown (BT 116493). Built 30' fixed span (BT 215364) for by-pass around bridge #27. Repaired bridge #40 (BT 278257). Truck hit mine at (BT 274264), serious damage to truck.
- 2 February 1968 At 0030, enemy mortars hit 3/18 artillery position. Our horn alerted - Red alert. Patrol radioed in that it knew the location of the mortar position. Patrol began taking fire and was told to withdraw to CP. Artillery was called in. At 0430, 3/18 artillery came under mortar attack again. Red alert sounded and artillery called in. We put in small arms and automatic weapons fire on suspected enemy mortar position. By-pass at Bridge #35 (BT 259287).blown. 36" culvert blown at BT 137473. Culvert partially blown at BT 125482. Culvert blown BT 265278. Installed 45' fixed span bridge BT 185405. Bridge at BT 230339 blown. One 36" culvert blown at BT 123485.
- 3 February 1968
- 4 February 1968 Found mine BT 263282. Bridge #32 BT 230339 dismantled and started clearing old concrete abutment. Completed construction of two - 4 hole and one - 2 hole latrine for 3/18 Artillery Battalion. Completed construction of two - 4 hole latrines for 14th Aviation Battalion. Equipment support of two TD-18 to the 26th Engineer Battalion for clearing 2000 meters of land.
- 5 February 1968 Bridge blown BT 219358. Crater in road BT 122487.

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6 February 1968 Mine found BT 230339. Found 155 mm round set in as mine with several M-26 grenades as booby traps BT 116492. Crater in road BT 106506.

7 February 1968 Crater in road BT 120488, and BT 093541. Culverts destroyed BT 093535, BT 117492, and BT 122487. Installed tactical bridge BT 216363 also 60" culvert.

9 February 1968 Found 20 pound mine and 50 pound mine at BT 093536.

10 February 1968 WATKINS, R. Cpl 2105723, Co. "B", 9th Engr Bn, WIA 7Feb68. Hostile gun shot wound in arms, was riding in convoy that was ambushed at Thua Thien, RVN. Sgt HEDLUND, P. B. 1984164, Hq Co, 9th Engr Bn and HM3 COLLIER, J. 7755420, USNR, Hq Co, 9th Engr Bn were killed in same incident.

12 February 1968 Bridges at BT 201385 and BT 219358 destroyed. Two culverts blown BT 407135. Built 45' fixed span at by-pass of bridge #24 BT 201385. Bridge #33 BT 238326 100% complete.

13 February 1968 Culverts blown at BT 386166 and BT 390163. MIA anti-tank mine found at BT 405138, mine disarmed and removed. Completed providing engineer equipment support to the 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division. Equipment used in leveling areas for living quarters.

14 February 1968 One 105 mm round found at BT 263281, blown in place. Bay City crane hit mine at BT 259289.

16 February 1968 Found 10 pound mine BT 266278.

17 February 1968 Completed engineer support in clearing fields of fire at Ly Tin for Americal Division. Completed providing engineer equipment support of one Eimco to level MF area 100 x 200 meters. Completed providing engineer equipment support of two Eimcos to fill destroyed ammo revetments and construct new berms. Completed engineer equipment support to India Company, CAG unit at BT 322188.

18 February 1968 Culvert blown BT 412129. Mine found at BT 115495, blown in place. Completed construction of sixteen - 4 hole latrines for 23rd S&T Battalion.

19 February 1968 Mine found at BT 107505, 50 pound box type, blown in place. Hq Co, 9th Engr Bn reports enemy small arms fire into vicinity of Bridge #41 at BT 282551. Enemy location BT 285253. Fire returned suspected one VC hit. No friendly KIAS or WIAS.

20 February 1968 Crater in road at BT 123484.

21 February 1968 Completed providing engineer equipment support in the removal of one 80' x 100' hanger, and one 60' x 40' utility building.

22 February 1968 Found one 155 mm round in road at BT 201384, blown in place. Found 10 pound mine at BT 123484, disarmed and removed. Found 20 pound pressure electric mine at BT 121486, disarmed and removed. South abutment of bridge #24 at BT 201385 blown.

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23 February 1968 Vietnamese truck hit mine at BT 370182. Bridge #32 BT 230339 100% complete. Handled 27 loads of sand for MAC-V compound and school at Thang Binh BT 175418. Completed construction of one EM Club 80' x 32' with 32' x 32' wing for 2nd Surgical Company.

24 February 1968 Constructed one - 2 hold latrine for Americal Division FOW compound.

25 February 1968 "D" Co. received 40 well aimed sniper rounds from a minimum of 3 snipers at BT 105507. Contact broken after 30 minutes. No friendly WIAs or KIAs. Two craters in road at BT 117492.

26 February 1968 Crater in road at BT 122487. Found 3 - 25 pound mines at BT 259289, one blown in place, two disarmed and removed.

27 February 1968 Bridge #32 at BT 259287 100% complete.

28 February 1968 Completed providing engineer equipment support of two dozers at CAP Unit K-2 BS 388172.

29 February 1968 Found two 35 pound mines at BT 263281, disarmed and removed. Completed construction of four bunkers 6' x 8' x 8' at CAP Unit I-1 BT 341188. Completed providing engineer equipment support in the construction of one shallow well for MAG - 13.

4. Training

3 February 1968 One man sent to Embarkation School, Okinawa.

4 February 1968 One man sent to Organic Supply Accounting School, DaNang.

5 February 1968 One man sent to Publications System School, DaNang.

5 February 1968 Four men sent to Special Weapons Training Course, Okinawa.

5 February 1968 One man sent to S/NGO Leadership Course, III MAF.

5 February 1968 One man sent to Embarkation School, Okinawa.

9 February 1968 Three men sent to Land Mine Warfare School, 1st Engr Bn.

10 February 1968 One man sent to Vietnamese Language School, Okinawa.

12 February 1968 One man sent to NCO Leadership School, III MAF.

13 February 1968 One man sent to Embarkation School, Okinawa.

20 February 1968 One man sent to Organic Supply School, DaNang.

26 February 1968 One man sent to NCO Leadership School, DaNang.

5. Patrols

1 February 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 012030H to 020300H.

2 February 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 022300H to 030330H.

3 February 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 032130H to 040230H.

4 February 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 042200H to 050400H.

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5 February 1968	Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 052230H to 060330H.
6 February 1968	Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 062330H to 070500H.
7 February 1968	Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 072130H to 080230H.
8 February 1968	Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 082200H to 090300H.
9 February 1968	Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 092100H to 100100H.
10 February 1968	Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 102230H to 110230H.
11 February 1968	Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 112130H to 120230H.
12 February 1968	Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 121830H to 130230H.
13 February 1968	Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 132130H to 140230H.
14 February 1968	Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 142230H to 150300H.
15 February 1968	Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 152330H to 160430H.
16 February 1968	Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 162100H to 170330H.
18 February 1968	Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 182130H to 190300H.
19 February 1968	Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 192200H to 200230H.
20 February 1968	Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 202400H to 210400H.
21 February 1968	Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 212200H to 220330H.
22 February 1968	Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 222130H to 230230H.
24 February 1968	Daytime Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol from 240700H to 241200H.
25 February 1968	Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 252030H to 260200H.
26 February 1968	Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 262130H to 260200H.
28 February 1968	Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from 282100H to 290330H.

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29 February 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with Ambush from
292000H to 010300H March 1968.

All Patrols negative contact except 29 February, engaged two (2) suspected
enemy at BT 495019 with M79 and M16, enemy threw one (1) grenade and fled
east. Searched area with negative results.

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