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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

Commander

9th Engineer Battalion

LtCol B. F. VISAGE

1 - 31 May 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

1stLt W. G. WARD 1-31May69

Service Company

Capt C. H. JONES 1-31May69

Company A

1stLt D. E. CRAIS 1-31May69

Company B

1stLt D. R. FARO 1-12May69

1stLt R. F. SHOAF 13-31May69

Company C

Capt C. H. ROYER 1-31May69

Company D

Capt J. K. NAGAZYNA 1-31May69

ATTACHED UNITS

3rd Bridge Platoon, 1st Bridge
Company in direct support

1stLt K. D. PRICER

1 - 31 May 1969

2. Location

9th Engineer Battalion

Chu Lai, RVN

1-31 May 1969

Company A(-)

BT 199390

1-31 May 1969

Hill #10, RVN

1st Platoon

BT 221326

1-31 May 1969

Hill #29, RVN

Company B

Chu Lai, RVN

1-31 May 1969

Company C(-)

Chu Lai, RVN

1-31 May 1969

1st Platoon

AT 922783

1-31 May 1969

H 3/11 Marines

3rd Platoon

BT 290230

1-31 May 1969

Tam Ky, RVN

Motor Transport/Heavy
Equipment Section

BT 290230

1-31 May 1969

Tam Ky, RVN

Company D

BT 136448

1-31 May 1969

Hill #63, RVN

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Task Organized Element
X-Ray; Motor Transport/
Heavy Equipment Section,
3rd Platoon Company C;
Element Headquarters
Company Heavy Equipment

BT 290230
Tam Ky, RVN

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3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Major J. W. STEVENS
1 - 31 May 1969

S-1 Adjutant

1stLt R. J. BURNS
1 - 31 May 1969

Personnel Officer

1stLt R. J. BURNS
1 - 31 May 1969

S-2/3 Officer

Major E. M. CONDRA
1 - 31 May 1969

S-4 Officer

Major R. B. FIELD
1 - 31 May 1969

S-5 Officer

1stLt J. N. EHRHART
1 - 31 May 1969

Sergeant Major

SgtMaj J. L. NICKLES
1 - 31 May 1969

Motor Transport Officer

1stLt D. H. BIGELOW
1 - 27 May 1969

Construction Officer

1stLt P. Q. FOSTER
28 - 31 May 1969

ADM Officer

1stLt R. J. CALDARELLA
1 - 31 May 1969

Maintenance Officer

Major E. M. CONDRA
1 - 31 May 1969

Utilities Officer

CWO-2 W. E. YORK
1 - 31 May 1969

Legal Officer

1stLt R. H. MILLER
1 - 31 May 1969

Medical Officer

1stLt R. J. BURNS
1 - 24 May 1969

Supply Officer

2ndLt G. J. SEMOLKE
25 - 31 May 1969

Embarkation Officer

Lt C. B. GANTT
1 - 31 May 1969

1stLt L. BUCKLEY
1 - 31 May 1969

1stLt D. R. FARO
1 - 28 May 1969

1stLt E. E. TELAVICH
29 - 31 May 1969

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NBC Officer

Training Officer

Education Officer

Chaplain

Communications Officer

Heavy Equipment Officer

1stLt R. J. CALDARELLA

1 - 31 May 1969

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1 - 31 May 1969

Lt R. S. LIPPERT

1 - 31 May 1969

1stLt J. F. CRAWFORD

1 - 31 May 1969

1stLt G. E. SHERMAN

1 - 31 May 1969

4. Average Monthly Strength

| USMC | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| <u>Officers</u> | <u>Enlisted</u> |
| 40 | 959 |

| USN | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| <u>Officers</u> | <u>Enlisted</u> |
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PART II

1. During the month of May 1969, the 9th Engineer Battalion, FMF, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel B. F. VISAGE, continued its primary mission of maintenance, upgrading, and asphaltic paving of Republic of Vietnam Route #1, from Chu Lai (BT 520044) to the Song Cau Lau (BT 091544). Engineer support of the Free World Forces in the Chu Lai TAOR continued to require significant engineer effort.

2. Enemy interdiction of Republic of Vietnam Route #1, sharply increased during the month of May, with non-standard military tactical bridges as the primary target.

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Type</u> | <u>Class</u> | <u>Length</u> | <u>Damage/Date</u> |
|-----------------|---|--------------|---------------|---|
| BT 201383 | Steel Stringer, Pile Backfill Abutment | 60 | 40' | Destroyed by fire on 5May69 |
| BT 268272 | Steel Stringer Pile Bent, Pile Backfill Abutment | 60 | 90' | Destroyed by demolitions on 12May69 |
| BT 219358 | Steel Stringer Pile Backfill Abutment | 60 | 40' | Destroyed by demolitions on 17May69 |
| BT 379174 | Steel Stringer, Pile Bent, Concrete Abutment | 60 | 382' | Destroyed by demolitions on 19May69 |
| BT 102511 | Steel Stringer, Pile Bent, Pile Backfill Abutment | 60 | 722' | Destroyed by demolitions on 21May69 |
| BT 497067 | Steel Stringer, Pile Bent, Concrete Abutment | 60 | 250' | Destroyed by demolitions on 15May69 |
| BT 259289 | Steel Stringer, Pile Bent, Pile Backfill Abutment | 60 | 80' | Destroyed by demolitions on 13May69 |

3. Company A(-) located at Hill #10 (BT 196391) was engaged in the process of maintaining and upgrading Republic of Vietnam Route #1, from BT 259289 to Thang Binh (BT 175418) a distance of 9.5 miles.

4. Company B located at Chu Lai was engaged in vertical construction in support of Free World Forces in the Americal TAOR. The Heavy Equipment/Motor Transport section furnished augmentation support to the "X-Ray" task organized element

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located at Tam Ky, Republic of Vietnam (BT 290230) to support upgrading and paving operations on Republic of Vietnam Route #1. In addition they are responsible for maintenance and repair to Republic of Vietnam Route #1 from Chu Lai (BT 520044) to Tam Ky (BT 330209) a distance of 16.5 miles.

5. Company C(-) located at Chu Lai was engaged in vertical construction in support of Free World Forces in that area. The 3rd Platoon and the Heavy Equipment/Motor Transport section assigned to the "X-Ray" task element at Tam Ky, (BT 290230) are presently in the process of upgrading and paving Republic of Vietnam Route #1 from Tam Ky North (BT 269271) to Bridge #35 (BT 259289). The 1st Platoon at AT 922783 is presently providing vertical construction support to the 1st Marine Division.

6. Company D located at Landing Zone Baldy (BT 136448) continued upgrading and maintenance to Republic of Vietnam Route #1 from Thang Binh (BT 175418) North to the Song Cau Lau (BT 091544) a distance of 11.1 miles, plus construction in support of Free World Forces. Concurrently, Company D is upgrading QL-1 (new roadway) from BT 092537 to BT 080548 a distance of 1 mile.

7. During the month of May 1969 upgrading and repair of Republic of Vietnam Route #1 was broken down into four main areas of responsibility; Chu Lai to Tam Ky, Tam Ky to Bridge #35, Bridge #35 (BT 259289) to Thang Binh, and Thang Binh to the Song Cau Lau River.

8. From North of Tam Ky (BT 292240) to South of Bridge #35 (BT 259289) Republic of Vietnam Route #1, task element X-Ray augmented by motor transport elements of Service and Bravo Companies expended 1,432 man days and 6,453 equipment hours in hauling 3,527 cubic yards of mineral products and 3,893 cubic yards of laterite in upgrading Republic of Vietnam Route #1 to MACV Standards in preparation for paving with asphaltic concrete. Headquarters Company spread 5,500 gallons of peneprime/RC 800 in the maintenance of Republic of Vietnam Route #1. As of 31 May 1969 Republic of Vietnam Route #1 had been paved from An Tan (BT 379174) to Bridge #37 (BT 269271) a total distance of 20.5 miles. The province capital city of Tam Ky was bypassed in paving operations until such time as a new sewage system, presently under study is installed. During the reporting period 5,130 tons of asphaltic concrete

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was laid down from BT 292240 to BT 269271, a distance of 2.8 miles of paving.

9. Between Bridge #35 (BT 259289) and Thang Binh, Company A personnel expended 287 man days and 1,947 equipment hours in hauling and placing 4,059 cubic yards of laterite in upgrading Republic of Vietnam Route #1. Additionally 1,500 gallons of peneprime/RC 800 was spread as a dust pallative.

10. Between Thang Binh and Song Cau Lau, Company D expended 293 man days, 1,491 equipment hours in hauling and placing 3,133 cubic yards of laterite, spreading 38,000 gallons of peneprime, and operating the rock quarry in support of Republic of Vietnam Route #1.

11. All upgrading on Republic of Vietnam Route #1 will conform to MACV Standards for highways and roadways, mineral products are provided from quarries operated by RMK/BRJ, Company D, 9th Engineer Battalion, and local Vietnamese contractors. Laterite pits are operated by the 9th Engineer Battalion at Hill #54 (BT 398145), at Tam Ky (BT 290233), and Hill #29 (BT 219225) with a rock crusher site (BT 109429) operated by Company D.

12. During the month of May 1969 the 9th Engineer Battalion installed the following culverts:

| a. Location | Date | # | Type | Length | M/H | E/H |
|-------------|---------|---|------|--------|-----|-----|
| BT 276264 | 15May69 | 2 | 48" | 60' | 48 | 6 |
| BT 089549 | 21May69 | 1 | 48" | 40' | 40 | 5 |
| BT 086543 | 21May69 | 1 | 48" | 40' | 40 | 5 |
| BT 257293 | 27May69 | 3 | 48" | 50' | 56 | 8 |
| BT 258292 | 27May69 | 3 | 48" | 50' | 60 | 8 |
| BT 259288 | 28May69 | 1 | 36" | 60' | 48 | 6 |

b. During this period the following bridges were repaired/constructed/under construction:

| Location | Length | Class | Type | M/H | E/H | Remarks |
|-----------|--------|-------|--|-------|-----|-----------------------|
| BT 226347 | 191' | 60 | Steel Stringer Pile Bent, Pile Backfill Abutment | 1,736 | 312 | Completed 25May69 |
| BT 259289 | 80' | 60 | Steel Stringer Pile Bent, Pile Backfill Abutment | N/A | N/A | Under Construction |

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| <u>Location</u> | <u>Length</u> | <u>Class</u> | <u>Type</u> | <u>M/H</u> | <u>E/H</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|---|------------|------------|--|
| BT 497067 | 382' | 60 | Steel Stringer Pile Bent, Concrete Abutment | N/A | N/A | Under Construction |
| BT 219359 | 40' | 60 | Steel Stringer Pile Backfill Abutment | 603 | 96 | Completed 12May69 Destroyed 17May69 |

c. During the month the following tactical bridging was installed:

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Length</u> | <u>Class</u> | <u>Type</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| BT 497067 | 105' | 60 | M-6 | Installed 12May69 |
| BT 102511 | 120' | 20 | M4T6 | 2 60' spans installed 23May69 |
| BT 379174 | 100' | 60 | Triple Single Bailey Bridge | Installed 20May69 |

d. During the month the following tactical bridging was removed:

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Length</u> | <u>Class</u> | <u>Type</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|
| BT 497067 | 105' | 60 | M6 | Removed 26May69 |
| BT 225347 | 75' | 60 | M6 | Removed 27May69 |

13. In addition to major road and bridge construction the 9th Engineer Battalion was responsible for the repair and maintenance of the section of road shown below:

a. Headquarters Company Heavy Equipment Platoon retained the responsibility for upgrading Command Post roads in the MAG-12 and MAG-13 areas.

14. Since 1 May 1969 the 9th Engineer Battalion has provided the following additional support for the U. S. Army, U. S. Navy, U. S. Marine Corps, and Korean Marine Corps:

a. 1/1 Cavalry, USA: 9 portable heads; 1,187 man hours; 50 equipment hours.

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- b. 11th Brigade, Americal Division: 16'x32' messhall; 931 man hours; 16 equipment hours.
- c. 11th Brigade, Americal Division: 16'x40' shower; 897 man hours; 16 equipment hours.
- d. 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines: 16'x32' shower; 1,600 man hours; 16 equipment hours.
- e. Headquarters, Americal Division: memorial monument; 59 man hours; 10 equipment hours.
- f. Marine Air Group 13: 3 16'x32' seahuts; 720 man hours; 10 equipment hours.
- g. 312th Medical Battalion, USA: 20'x30' blood bank; 305 man hours; 7 equipment hours.
- h. 312th Medical Battalion, USA: 20'x40' warehouse; 864 man hours; 33 equipment hours.
- i. Chu Lai Defense Command, USA: 2 50' observation towers; 3,312 man hours; 308 equipment hours.
- j. 8th Support Group, USA: 2 140' loading platforms; 2,505 man hours; 22 equipment hours.
- k. 196th Brigade, Americal Division, USA: 1 16'x32' living bunker; 1,199 man hours; 30 equipment hours.
- l. Company A, 9th Engineer Battalion, FMF: 1 16'x32' COC bunker; 1,199 man hours; 30 equipment hours.
- m. 196th Brigade, Americal Division, USA: 250 man messhall; 1,600 man hours; 100 equipment hours.
- n. H&MS-13: refurbish office interior; 978 man hours; 25 equipment hours.
- o. 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines: 1 250 barrel water tower; 1,052 man hours; 18 equipment hours.
- p. 27th Surgical Battalion, USA: enlisted recreation building 30'x84'; 2,569 man hours; 54 equipment hours.

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PART III

1. Civic Action.

a. During the month of May 1969 the Civic Action Team of this battalion accompanied the MedCap Team to Thanh My Village (BT 127480) and treated 775 men, women, and children. Company D also constructed a volley ball court for this village.

b. The battalion also assisted the Long Binh (BT 501016) and Chu Lai (BT 053063) refugee camps by donating construction materials and four physical education kits. The dispensaries at these camps were provided with 32 cases of disinfectant, and 3,000 bars of soap.

c. The battalion Staff Non-Commissioned Officers have started a volley ball tournament with the Popular Forces of Ly-Tin Village as a program for promoting fellowship and entertainment for the village populace.

d. During the reporting period the battalion has accompanied ten Popular Forces patrols with its Area of Operations.


2. Training.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>School or Course</u> | <u>Off/Enl</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 4May69 | Basic Organic Supply | Enlisted | Danang |
| 5May69 | SNCO Leadership Course | Enlisted | Danang |
| 12May69 | NCO Leadership Course | Enlisted | Danang |
| 12May69 | Officer Leadership Course | Officer | Danang |
| 14May69 | SNCO Leadership Course | Enlisted | Danang |
| 18May69 | Career Planning Course | Enlisted | Okinawa |
| 18May69 | Basic Organic Supply Course | Enlisted | Danang |
| 19May69 | Career Planning Course | Enlisted | Danang |
| 25May69 | Vietnamese Language Course | Enlisted | Danang |
| 25May69 | Embarkation School | Enlisted | Okinawa |
| 26May69 | Officer Leadership Course | Officer | Danang |

3. Engineer Operations.

a. 1 May 1969

(1) Company D sweepteam found one M-26 grenade on road shoulder at BT 127480. Removed and destroyed.



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(2) Company A sweepteam found one M-79 round on side of road at BT 235330. Dest in place.

(3) Company D sweepteam found a VC flag and propaganda leaflets at BT 101516. Area was swept with negative results. Leaflets turned ove to S-2 for analysis.

b. 2 May 1969

(1) Company A sweepteam found one M-79 round on side of road at BT 203381. Removed and destroyed.

(2) Company A sweepteam found one 60mm high explosive round on side of road at BT 207375. Removed and destroyed.

(3) Company D sweepteam found one 60mm high explosive round in paddy at BT 164453. Destroyed in place.

c. 4 May 1969

(1) Company D sweepteam found one 60mm high explosive round buried in road shoulder at BT 093532. Removed and destroyed.

d. 5 May 1969

(1) Company A sweepteam found one M-79 round on road shoulder at BT 213367. Destroyed in place.

e. 6 May 1969

(1) Company C sweepteam found one M-26 grenade at BT 265278. Removed and destroyed.

f. 7 May 1969

(1) Company D sweepteam assisted in Medevac of two Vietnamese civilians with shrapnel wounds.

(2) Company D M-51 dump truck hit 35 pound mine at BT 113497. No damage to truck or occupants.

g. 8 May 1969

(1) Company C assisted in Medevac of Vietnamese woman and child injured in explosion of unknown origin.

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(2) Company A sweepteam found one 60mm dud round at BT 221355. Removed and destroyed.

h. 9 May 1969

(1) Company A sweepteam found two pressure detonating 40 pound nitrostarch mines on left and right road shoulders at BT 254297. Destroyed in place, road repaired.

(2) Company D sweepteam assisted in Medevac of one Vietnamese civilian with shrapnel wounds.

i. 11 May 1969

(1) Company D sweepteam assisted in Medevac of three Vietnamese civilians with shrapnel wounds.

j. 12 May 1969

(1) Company D sweepteam found eight foot crater in roadway at BT 101516. Checked area with negative results, road repaired.

(2) Company D sweepteam found six foot crater in road at BT 106506. Checked area with negative results, road repaired.

(3) Company D sweepteam found one 155mm round on shoulder of road. Removed and destroyed.

(4) Company D sweepteam found four foot crater in road at BT 104505. Checked area with negative results, road repaired.

(5) Company D sweepteam found eight foot crater in road at BT 117493. Checked area with negative results, road repaired.

(6) Company D sweepteam found one 105mm round on road. Destroyed in place, road repaired.

k. 13 May 1969

(1) Company D sweepteam found an eight foot crater in roadway at BT 101516. Checked area with negative results, road repaired.

(2) Company C sweepteam found one 40 pound C-4 mine with pressure fuze in road at BT 261284. Destroyed in place road repaired.

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1. 14 May 1969

(1) Company D sweepteam received 40 to 50 rounds of small arms fire at BT 111501, returned fire, no casualties friendly or enemy, continued sweep.

(2) Company A sweepteam found one 80 pound fuzed nitrostarch mine at BT 235239 in roadway. Destroyed in place, road repaired.

(3) Company D sweepteam found RVN Route #1 barricaded at BT 122484 and BT 117493, signs in Vietnamese along the barricades warned the Vietnamese people not to use the roads until 31 May 1969. Barricades removed, signs turned over to Americal Division G-2 for evaluation.

(4) Company D sweepteam found one 2½ pounds of C-4 on road shoulder at BT 141466. Removed and destroyed.

m. 15 May 1969

(1) Company A sweepteam found one 81mm mortar on road way. Removed and destroyed.

(2) Company D sweepteam assisted in Medevac at BT 102511 of four Vietnamese civilians with shrapnel wounds.

(3) Company A sweepteam found one 60mm mortar on road shoulder at BT 220358. Removed and destroyed.

(4) Company A sweepteam assisted in Medevac of one USA soldier whose vehicle detonated land mine.

n. 16 May 1969

(1) Company D sweepteam found RVN Route #1 barricaded at BT 123486. Swept area and removed barricade.

(2) Company C sweepteam found one 175mm round in paddy at BT 273268. Destroyed in place.

(3) Company A sweepteam found one M-26 grenade on side of road. Removed and destroyed.

(4) Company C grader operator wounded at BT 274264 on RVN Route #1 by sniper fire. Treated at battalion aid station and returned to duty.

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o. 17 May 1969

(1) Company D sweepteam assisted in Medevac at BT 102571 for two Vietnamese civilians lying on the roadside, with shrapnel wounds.

(2) Company D sweepteam found one 82mm mortar round on the roadside at BT 204437. Removed and destroyed.

(3) Company D sweepteam M-54 truck detonated 155mm WP round fuze as mine at BT 204434. No casualties or damage to vehicle.

p. 19 May 1969

(1) Company C sweepteam found one M-79 round on roadside at BT 263272. Removed and destroyed.

(2) Company D sweepteam found crater in roadway at BT 107504. Swept area with negative results, road repaired.

(3) Company A sweepteam found culvert destroyed at BT 219359 by enemy action. Bypass put in and road opened.

(4) Company D sweepteam found one 81mm mortar in roadway at BT 103431. Removed and destroyed.

q. 20 May 1969

(1) Company D sweepteam found a crater in roadway at BT 109503 evidently blown by enemy action. Vietnamese civilians were repairing roadway. Road repaired and opened by joint USMC and Vietnamese effort.

(2) Company D sweepteam assisted in Medevac at BT 102511 of Vietnamese civilian with burns.

(3) Company D sweepteam found one M-26 grenade on road shoulder at BT 121488. Removed and destroyed.

(4) Company D sweepteam found one 20 pound nitro-starch mine, electrically fuze in roadway at BT 189422. Checked area with negative results. Destroyed in place, road repaired.

r. 21 May 1969

(1) Company D sweepteam found earth barricade across road at BT 093544. Checked area with negative results. Removed

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barricades.

(2) Company C sweepteam found one M-79 round and one M-26 grenade in paddy at BT 254288. Destroyed in place.

(3) Company A sweepteam found one 40 pound nitro-starch pressure fuze mine on east shoulder of road at BT 257292. Destroyed in place, repaired shoulder.

(4) Company A sweepteam found one 60 pound nitro-starch mine on west shoulder of road at BT 257291. Destroyed in place, road repaired.

s. 22 May 1969

(1) Company D M-51 dump truck detonated undetected mine at BT 105528. One USMC casualty with burns to left arm. Vehicle damaged on left rear and drive shaft dropped.

(2) Company A sweepteam found one 40 pound pressure fuze nitrostarch mine on west shoulder of road at BT 258288. Destroyed in place, road repaired.

(3) Company D sweepteam found one 60mm mortar round at BT 199427. Removed and destroyed.

(4) Company A sweepteam found one 60 pound pressure fuze mine on west side of road at BT 256293. Destroyed in place, road repaired.

t. 24 May 1969

(1) Company A assisted in Medevac at BT 196391 of Vietnamese child with multiple small arms wounds.

u. 25 May 1969

(1) Company A sweepteam assisted in Medevac of one Vietnamese civilian with abdominal wounds, at BT 230339.

(2) Company A sweepteam found one 20 pound pressure fuze mine at BT 256294. Destroyed in place, road repaired.

(3) Company D sweepteam found one 105mm round at BT 186429. Removed and destroyed.

v. 26 May 1969

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(1) Company D sweepteam assisted in Medevac at BT 102511 of two Vietnamese civilians with multiple fractures.

(2) Company D sweepteam found three RPG rounds at BT 205437. Removed and destroyed.

w. 28 May 1969

(1) Company D sweepteam found rock barricade across the road at BT 110501. Swept area with negative results, cleared barricade and opened road.

x. 30 May 1969

(1) Company A sweepteam found one rifle grenade at BT 103804. Removed and destroyed.

(2) Company A sweepteam found one M-79 round in paddy at BT 173428. Destroyed in place.

(3) Company A sweepteam found one M-26 grenade on road at BT 255296. Removed and destroyed.

(4) Company D sweepteam at BT 085543 found one 60mm mortar. Removed and destroyed.

y. 31 May 1969


(1) Company D sweepteam found one 81mm illumination round at BT 101517. Removed and destroyed.

4. Voluntary Informant Program.

a. During the month of May 1969 Vietnamese civilians turned in the following ordnance to the 9th Engineer Battalion, FMF:

- (1) 11 M-26 grenades
- (2) 6 M-79 rounds
- (3) 6 60mm mortar rounds
- (4) 1 81mm mortar round
- (5) 6 Chi-Com grenades
- (6) 270 7.62mm rounds
- (7) 1 105mm round

b. Total funds expended for the period was 13,845 \$VN.



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5. Patrols.

a. During the month of May the 9th Engineer Battalion at Chu Lai conducted thirty one daylight and thirty one night reconnaissance patrols in its Area of Responsibility with no contact.

b. Company A, 9th Engineer Battalion working in conjunction with a Popular Forces patrol set an ambush at BT 206385 and made contact with an approximate 25 man enemy force at 2200, 9 May 1969. In the ensuing engagement the enemy suffered 3 KIAs, 1 WIA, and 2 captured. The combined USMC and Popular Forces patrol suffered 1 PF KIA, 3 PFs WIA. The following NVA equipment was recovered, 1 pistol and 2 rifles. The captured NVA personnel were turned over to the MACV Advisory Team at Thang Binh.