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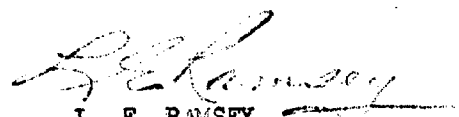
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(c) DivO 5750.2B

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1. In consonance with references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.


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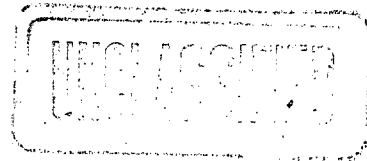
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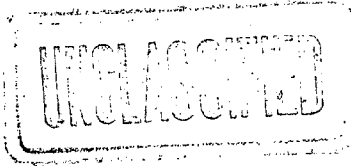
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 May 1967 to 31 May 1967

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Part I

ORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

7th Engineer Battalion (Rein), FMF

LtCol. F. W. HARRIS III
8 August 1966SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Co	Capt. M. WEISER	25 March 1967
Service Co	Capt. H. L. CAMPBELL	7 March 1967
Co "A"	Capt. L. H. WALTERS, Jr.	3 April 1967
Co "B"	Capt. J. R. PHANEUF	7 March 1967
Co "C"	Capt. W. H. WEST	24 March 1967
Co "D"	Capt. J. W. MARSHALL, III	9 January 1967

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Bridge Co	Capt. W. D. LYTCH, Jr.	4 October 1966
3rd Bridge Co	Capt B. A. HULTMAN	3 April 1967
Co "A", 9th EngrBn	Capt. G. W. MIMS, Jr.	12 September 1966

2. LOCATION

7th Engineer Bn	6 August 1965	Danang, RVN
1st Bridge Co	8 December 1965	Danang, RVN
3rd Bridge Co	17 October 1966	Danang, RVN
Co "A", 9th EngrBn	26 June 1966	Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major L. E. RAMSEY	25 May 1967
S-1	2nd Lt. J. R. MANNING	25 August 1966
S-2/3	Capt. J. W. DOUGHERTY	25 May 1967
S-4	Major W. S. SHEA	17 December 1966

Supply Officer

Capt. J. W. WILSON

5 July 1966

Sgt. Major

Sgt.Maj. E. J. URBAN

8 August 1966

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
44	1467	2	18

5. PERSONNEL GAINS AND LOSSES

		<u>Gains</u>			<u>Losses</u>	
<u>USMC</u>			<u>USN</u>		<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u>	1		<u>OFF</u>	0	<u>OFF</u>	0
<u>ENL</u>	149		<u>ENL</u>	6	<u>ENL</u>	38

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PART II

5 May 1967

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The 7th Engineer Battalion (Rein) continued support of the III Marine Amphibious Force within the Da Nang area. Platoons from the attached Bridge Companies are rendering additional support in the Chu Lai area, Hue/Phu Bai area, and the Dong Ha area.

Significant events during May include the placement of a 133' 8" M4/M4T6 floating bridge bypass on Route 1 (AT 926867). The bypass was trafficable ten (10) hours after the existing highway bridge was blown. To provide existing highway bridges on the main arteries with additional security measures, a program was initiated to install lights, concertina around piers, swim nets, anti-floating object nets, and catwalks. Various combinations were used as deemed appropriate. A 1255 foot floating foot bridge was installed on the new Da Nang River Bridge (BT 040763) for a temporary security catwalk. Projects continuing include the construction of a 283 foot steel/timber pile bent bridge (class 60) on Route 12 (BT 032649); elevating the roadway of Route 5 above the high water mark, and placing rock from Tuy Loan (AT 945707) to Dai Loc (AT 922577); operation of the Song Thu Bon Ferry (AT 923535) averaging 106 vehicles and 31 round trips per day; up-grading of Dai Loc bypass, Route 13C and Route 5; and the maintenance of 121 KM of roads.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration. This battalion was selected as a test unit to test and evaluate battalion level personnel reporting in West Pac. Construction of additional office space was necessary to maintain proper control and coordination of personnel reporting and the resultant increase of record keeping at Battalion Level. All company personnel reporting terminated on 30 April 1967 and personnel reporting at battalion level commenced on 1 May 1967. Re-distribution of personnel and equipment was effected as required to facilitate battalion level reporting.

b. Enemy, Weather and Terrain.

- (1) 011130H at AT 917514, tow grader from Headquarters Heavy Equipment detonated a mine, 2 WIA. (1 DOW)
- (2) 011250H at BT 008730, a Marine from "C" Company detonated a mine, (M-14), in a mine field operation, 2 WIA.
- (3) 051200H at AT 916512, "D" Company road construction crew detonated a mine, 7 WIA (6 med evac).
- (4) 061433H at AT 922515, a TD-18 from "D" Company detonated a mine, 2 WIA (2 evac).
- (5) 061530H at AT 882473, "C" Company MRS detonated a mine, 2 WIA (evac).

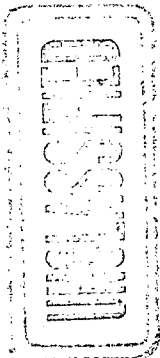
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- (6) 100340H at AT 926866, bridge blown on Route 1, Bridge Company notified.
- (7) 101730H at BT 031647, "B" Company construction crew received SA fire, 1 WIA (evac).
- (8) 121230H at BT 001633, CO of "B" Company traveling East on Anderson Trail observed 2 VC preparing to fire. CO "B" Company fired 6 rounds and left area, reported incident to 2/1.
- (9) 121413H at BT 031648 "B" Company bridge construction crew received 1 round sniper fire. Security element returned 2 rounds 60mm mortar, 1 VC KIA (PROB)
- (10) 131440H at BT 031647 "B" Company bridge construction crew received 1 round SA fire, 1 WIA (evac).
- (11) 151615H at AT 981731, "A" Company mine clearing detail detonated an M-2 mine, 1 WIA (evac).
- (12) 161400H at BT 031648 "B" Company bridge construction crew received 1 round sniper fire. No action taken.
- (13) 161630H at AT 907755 "C" Company road grader operator received 6-10 rounds SA fire.

c. Organization and Operations

- (1) Officer Assignments - See TAB A of Enclosure (1)
- (2) Operations



- (a) 5 May completed a float barrier at the Song Tuy Loan Bridge (AT 919598).
- (b) 10 May installed a 133' 4" floating bypass bridge on Route 1 (AT 926867).
- (c) 12 May completed perimeter bunker (8x8 concrete bunker) for 2/7.
- (d) 15 May installed a 1255' floating foot bridge for a security catwalk on the new Da Nang River Bridge (BT 040763).
- (e) 17 May thirty-three (33) personnel deployed to support operations near DMZ (See TAB B to Enclosure 1 for complete report).
- (f) 20 May completed road from south gate to northern area of 1/1 CP and a 100' x 100' soil cement helipad for 1/1.
- (g) 22 May installed a 53'4" M4T6 fixed span (BT 006659).
- (h) 22 May completed a 16' wide, 105' long class 60 (one way) bridge (AT 919598).
- (i) 31 May completed a 7000 barrel storage area for Bulk Fuel Co.

d. Plans

- (1) Continue to prepare surface of FLSG lumber yard.
- (2) Continue construction of a 283' steel/timber pile bridge across the Song Vinh Dien (BT 032649).
- (3) Continue to restore the Ha Thanh Dam (BT 004654).
- (4) Construct swim net for Cau Den bridge (AT 926867).
- (5) Continue minefield clearing at Da Nang Airbase.
- (6) Continue improving Route 5 by elevating roadway and rocking (AT 945707 to AT 922577).
- (7) Continue upgrading of Dai Loc bypass via Hill 37 (AT 913591 to AT 921577).
- (8) Continue maintenance of MSR from Song Thu Bon to An Hoa. (AT 925530 to AT 874461).

e. Training

- (1) Command Indoctrination and information for newly arrived personnel and debriefing for those departing.
- (2) 66 personnel attended the 1st Engineer Battalion "Landmine Warfare" school.
- (3) One officer and five (5) enlisted attended ADM school. Four (4) attended the initial course of instruction, two attended refresher training.
- (4) 25 personnel attended 5.56mm, M16E1 course instructed by the M16 contact team.
- (5) One (1) NCO attended NCO Leadership School.
- (6) One (1) Staff NCO attended III MAF Psychological Operation school.
- (7) Three (3) enlisted attended Vietnamese Language school; two (2) in Okinawa, one (1) in Da Nang.
- (8) Fifty (50) personnel fired individual weapons for familiarization on the battalion 1000 inch range.
- (9) Fifty (50) personnel test fired the M16E1 on the battalion 1000 inch range.
- (10) Thirty (30) personnel attended a three hour demolition refresher course conducted by this battalion. These personnel were then deployed in support of Operation Hickory.

f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply(1) AdministrationMay

- 4 A follow up letter was sent requesting information concerning the loss of a floating footbridge at coordinates 981621 on or about 11 January 1967. The first letter requesting information was forwarded from this Battalion on 20 January 1967.

Two AN/PRS-153 mine detectors were obtained on temporary loan from 1st Shore Party Battalion.

- 8 Eighteen drawbar attachments were received for the EIMCO Tractors. Ten other drawbars were placed on requisition to bring the Battalion up to full allowance.

A letter recommending ammunition expenditure rates for a Force Engineer Battalion in Vietnam was submitted to C.G., 1st Marine Division.

- 10 A report of on hand serviceable and unserviceable body armor was forwarded to C.G. 1st Marine Division.
- 12 This Battalion received six water purification sets which were assigned to Utilities Platoon, Service Company.

A contract for messhall and trash pick-up was agreed to by Ton Nu Thi Liev.

May

- 13 A report of EIMCO Tractors, attachments and repair parts which have been received or are yet to be received, was submitted to C.G. 1st Marine Division.
- 14 A 30 KW generator originally allotted to Company "D" at 29 Palms by C.G. FMFPac was Code "X'd". A replacement is not authorized.
- 18 A letter requesting a modification to Division Order 4441.16B was forwarded to C.G. 1st Marine Division. The request was for a breakdown on the allocation of bridging and outboard motors.

This Battalion received one tunnel destruction set which was assigned to Company "B".

- 22 A request for funds in the amount of 15 percent of the current total annual authorization for FY 67 to be allocated to this Battalion during the Fourth Quarter was submitted to C.G. 1st Marine Division.

A letter requesting a total of 40 nylon-plastic tarps was forwarded to C.G. 1st Marine Division.

- 25 An Unsatisfactory Equipment Report was forwarded to the Commandant of the Marine Corps for torque rods on the M-51A2.
- 26 A 150 KW generator was issued to this Battalion for use in the main camp area.
- 29 An initial issue repair parts list for the 4x2 EUCLID dump truck was received.
- 31 A recommendation for Class II Type 2 allowances for this Battalion and the Bridge Companies was sent to C.G. 1st Marine Division.

(2) Supply(a) 7th Engineer Battalion FMF (RUC 21300)

During the month of May the Battalion Supply Section processed 71 priority 02 and 05 requisitions and 1183 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 898 receipts from due, 795 issues from due and 206 issues from warehouse.

(b) 1st Bridge Company FMF (RUC 12325)

During the month of May 1st Bridge Company Section processed 852 requisitions. Also processed were 197 receipts from due, 196 issues from due and 52 issues from warehouse.

(c) 3rd Bridge Company FMT (RUC 21335)

During the month of May 3rd Bridge Company Supply Section processed 98 requisitions. Also processed were receipts from due 0, issues from due 0, and issues from warehouse 265.

(3) Motor Transport

Approximately 183,883 miles were logged on the Battalion's Motor Transport Vehicles during May.

(4) Maintenance

The Battalion Maintenance Platoon completed 126 Motor Transport work orders during the month of May. A total of 141 work orders were submitted. 27 were sent to Maint Bn. Total work orders for Engineer Equipment numbered 158 with 135 completed and 38 were sent to FSR.

(5) Messing

The Battalion Mess Staff continued to provide four (4) meals daily except on Sunday; the fourth meal being a midnight ration for night crews. On Sunday a brunch replaces breakfast and dinner.

(6) Medical

The Battalion Aid Station treated 2,783 military and Vietnamese. During the month of May the Dental Clinic treated 212 military and 26 Vietnamese.

(7) Embarkation

<u>To Chu Lai</u>	<u>Phu Bai</u>	<u>Dong Ha</u>
3 - Bridge Trailers	3 - Outboard Motors	1 - Bay City Crane
1 - AM/MRC 83		

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

(1) The civil affairs program continues on a daily basis.

(2) Activities were as follows:

(a) MED CAP progress provided treatment to 2,783 persons.

(b) The Battalion sponsored, Vietnamese brickyard produced a total of 31,385 soil bricks.

(c) A total of 325 bars of soap were given out to the Vietnamese people.

(d) A total of 46,289 bricks were released from the 7th Engineer Battalion Brick Factory during the month of May for various projects.

(e) A total of 6,960 cement bricks were produced at the HOA NINH Refugee Village for the month of May 1967.

(f) A grand opening ceremony was held in the Village of HOA VINH on 5 May 1967 for the opening of the Village Chief's Administrative Office. Present at the ceremony were Major General Herman NICKERSON Jr., Commanding General of 1st Marine Division, Lieutenant Colonel Warren P. KITTEMAN, Commanding Officer of 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, and Lieutenant Colonel Frank W. HARRIS III, Commanding Officer of 7th Engineer Battalion, accompanied by the 7th Engineer Battalion Civil Affairs Officer, and the Chief, Mr TOA of HOA VINH Village.

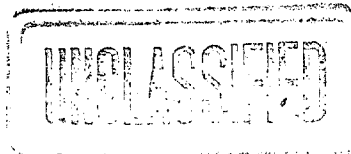
h. Psychological Operations. None.

i. Communications. None.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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1. Officer Assignments. See TAB A of Enclosure (1).
 2. Report of Demolition Team Deployment, See TAB B of Enclosure (1).



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26 May 1967

NAME	SERVNO	DATE	BILLET	ACT	BILLET	ACT	T/O TITLE/PRIMARY DU	RD	ADD DU
MARRIS F W III	045031	477	LT COL	1302	1302/1310/1305	Bn Cdr		Aug 67	
RANSNEY L E	068998	2500	Major	1302	1302/3402	Exec		Dec 67	Senior Wr Prob Rd; Senior Wr Awards Brd; Class Mat Conto
MANNING J R	097296	3026	Lt	2nd Lt	0130 0130	S-1/Adjutant		Sep 67	Pers Affo; Postal; Inso; Savings Conto; Voting; Ration Card Conto; Cust Bonds; Registered Pubs; Cust Class Mat; Witnessing for Dest of Class Mat; TS Conto; Wr Bn Awards Brd
SHUTE R D	092641	1 Apr 67	Lt	1st Lt	0130 1302	Pers/Bn Legal		Sep 67	Bn Civil Affairs; TISCO; Bn Claims Mbrn Awards Brd; Alternate Custodian Class Mat; Witnessing for Dest Class Mat
DOUGHERTY J W	077648	1263	Major	Capt	1302/1330	S-2/S-3		Jul 67	
WEISER E	090428	1 Mar 67	Capt	Capt	1302	S-2/Mil Geol		Jul 67	
SIML W S	068321	2700	Lt	Lt	1302	Asst S-3/ABC Defo		Jan 68	Police; Embarkation; Bn Safety; Fire Marshall; Fire Security; Bn Clubs
GASTEN T R	090812	1 Apr 67	Lt	Capt	1302	Asst S-3/Const		Jun 67	
BOUILLIET R J	090797	162 Hr	Lt	1st Lt	2502 2502	Pt Cdr Comm Flt/Comm		Nov 67	Tech Pubs Conto; Witnessing for Dest of Class Mat; Crypto Security; Alt Custodian Registered Pubs
HERRAN J W	098780	485	WO-1	WO-1	1360 1360	Pt Cdr Const Flt		Oct 67	
TAYLOR S F	098039	4947	Capt	2nd Lt	1302 1310	Pt Cdr Eng Equip Flt		Nov 67	
WEISER M	090428	1 Mar 67	Capt	Capt	1302 1302	Hq Co Cdr		Jul 67	Bn Security; Bn EdO; Career Adv
MANGELS P F	092425	1492R	Lt	1st Lt	1302	Asst S-4		Jun 67	Bn Exchange; BnIRO
ServCo									
CRAFFEL H L	081595	3282R	Major	Capt	1310 1302	ServCo Cdr		Sep 67	Bn Mess; Bn Club Manager
MOBLEWSKI E A	085396	3350	Capt	Capt	1302/1310	Pt Cdr Maint Flt		Nov 67	
HAYEK T S	099613	7428	Capt	2nd Lt	3502 3510	Pt Cdr Motor Trans Flt/ Bn MTO		Feb 68	

LIBERAL #	OR	NAME	SERVNO	DATE	BILLET	ACT	BILLET	ACT	ACT NOS	T/O TIME/PRIMARY DU	RD	ADD DU
					RANK	RANK	POS	POS				
		ServCo (Cont'd)										
		WILSON J W	084373	3758	Capt	Capt	3002	3002	0302	PltCdrSupplyPlt/Supo	Jul67	BnOrdo; BnFiscalo
		DYKE S H	098606	575	Lt	WO	1320	1320	1320	PltCdrFuelPlt	Nov67	
										PltCdrWaterPlt		
	"A" Co	WATKINS L N Jr	088012	1368	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	1320/1320	Wp Co Cdr	Nov67	
					Lt		1302			Execo		
		LUND R C	098993	170	WO	WO	1310	1310		PltCdrEngrPlt	Dec67	
		ATKINSON W T Jr	096957	3199	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302		PltCdrEngrPlt	Aug67	
					Lt		1302			PltCdrEngrPlt		
		SHOFF J R	089447	882	Lt	1stLt	1302	1302	1302/1310/0430	PltCdrEngrPlt	Jun67	
	"B" Co	FRANKF J R	082342	2389	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	1302/1310/1305	Wp Co Cdr	Oct67	
					Lt		1302			Executive O		
		GANDY C F Jr	098698	145	WO	WO	1310	1310		PltCdrEngrPlt	Nov67	
					Lt		1302			PltCdrEngrPlt		
		BAKER J R	095288	3956r	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1301		PltCdrEngrPlt	Apr68	
		SCHIGG F A	093420	1Apr67	Lt	1stLt	1302	1302		PltCdrEngrPlt	Sep67	
	"C" Co	WEST W H Jr	082344	2548	Capt	Capt	1302	1302		Wp Co Cdr	Aug67	
					Lt		1302			Executive O		
		MCCULLOUGH C A	099041	305	WO	WO	1310	1360		PltCdrEquipPlt	Sep67	
		CROSBY W A	095048	1Apr67	Lt	1stLt	1302	1302		PltCdrEngrPlt	Sep67	
		POO R C K	096688	2885	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302		PltCdrEngrPlt	Nov67	Bn Special Serv O
					Lt		1302			PltCdrEngrPlt		
	"D" Co	MARSHALL J W III	081638	2699	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	1302/5715	Wp Co Cdr	Nov67	
					Lt		1302			Executive O		
		CROSS C F	093588	2615	WO	2ndLt	1310	1320/1310		PltCdrEquipPlt	Apr68	
		ROST V P	093372	1Apr67	Lt	1stLt	1302	1301		PltCdrEngrPlt	Sep67	
		CHILTON J E	096372	4733	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302		PltCdrEngrPlt	Nov67	
		BLENKIE A J	092984	1Apr67	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302		PltCdrEngrPlt	Sep67	

NAME	SERVNO	DATE	OR	RANK	BILLET	ACT NOS	T/O	TITLE/RAVING	DU	RTD	ADD	DU	LITWELL #
1st Bridge Co													
LATCH W D Jr	083482	2886	Capt	Capt	1302	0302/1302		1st Bde Co Cndr		Jul 67			
KIBBLE R N	090920	14pr67	Lt	Capt	1302	1302		Executive O		Dec 67			
			WO	WO	1310			Plt Cndr Equip Plt					
LAFLOUNT T L	094298	42092	Lt	2nd Lt	3002	3002		Plt Cndr Bde Plt/Supt		Apr 68			
			Lt	Lt	1302			Plt Cndr Bde Plt					
MOLEAD R D	093310	14pr67	Lt	1st Lt	1302	1302		Plt Cndr Bde Plt		Sep 67			
KADLECK J Jr	097088	3884	Lt	2nd Lt	1302	1302		Plt Cndr Bde Plt		Nov 67			
3rd Bridge Co													
MULLMAN B A	089928	4634	Capt	Capt	1302	1302/1310		3rd Bridge Co Cndr		Apr 68			
			Lt	Lt	1302			Executive O					
			Lt	Lt	1302			Plt Cndr Bde Plt					
			Lt	Lt	1302			Plt Cndr Bde Plt					
SUTTON C F L	098012	4738	Lt	2nd Lt	1302	1302		Plt Cndr Bde Plt		Nov 67			
MARGENTY J J	094412	4114	WO	2nd Lt	1310	1301		Plt Cndr Serv Plt		Apr 68			
JOHN P W Jr	094216	41754	WO	2nd Lt	3010	3002		Plt Cndr Bde Plt/Supt		Apr 68			
Co "A" 9th Bde													
HINES G W Jr	083529	29572	Capt	Capt	1302	1302/1320		"A" Co Cndr		Jun 67			
PLATZ W E	092647	14pr67	Lt	1st Lt	1301	1302		Executive O		Sep 67			
VANLANDERMAN T G	098113	3681	Lt	2nd Lt	1310	1310/1302		Plt Cndr Equip Plt		Jun 67			
PROBST R D	093372	14pr67	Lt	1st Lt	1302	1302		Plt Cndr Bde Plt		Sep 67			
MCWYEN S G	095678	60012	Lt	2nd Lt	1302	1301		Plt Cndr Bde Plt		May 68			
WHEELER G J	092818	14pr67	Lt	2nd Lt	1302	1301		Plt Cndr Bde Plt		May 68			
USN													
WOODRUM R W	709739		Lt	Lt				Dental Off		Dec 67			
WILLIAMS D J	712465		Lt	Lt				Captain		Apr 68			
HEMILL J L	700604		Lt	Lt				Bn Surgeon		Aug 67			

Report of Demolition Team Deployment

On 17 May W O C. A. McCULLOUGH and 32 enlisted personnel were organized into ten, three man, assault demolition teams plus SSgt. W. J. SKIDMORE, Platoon Sergeant, and a corpsman. The 33 personnel were flown by helicopter from the 7th Engineer Bn LZ to the U.S.S. OKINAWA (LPH-3).

The team reported to the Operations Officer of the 1st Bn 3rd Marines and were reorganized into three ten man teams to be assigned to Companies A, B and C. At 0945 on 19 May the entire detachment landed by helicopter on GREEN BEACH in connection with Operation Hickory. They were assigned a beach sector by Major THORNBERRY (XO of 1/3) and began to dig protective holes. After approximately one hour on the beach the sector received approximately 30 rounds of mortar fire. Three men, including the corpsman, were wounded and evacuated.

At about 1130 on 19 May nine personnel were taken by LVT to Co "A". The remainder stayed on GREEN BEACH until 1530 on the 21st. There were two mortar attacks during daylight on the 20th. At 1530 on the 21st the detachment moved by LCM to WHITE BEACH and were landed with elements of 3rd Shore Party Bn and 3rd Engineer Bn. They remained in positions on the beach until the evening of the 23rd at which time they were returned by helicopter to the USS OKINAWA. They were returned to the 7th Engineer Bn CP at 1630 on the 24th.

The 9 men sent to "A" 1/3 landed at BLUE BEACH and were taken under fire by artillery. They then were taken by LVT to join "A" Co at 1430. One man was evacuated (NBC) from the beach.

The next morning they were divided into two teams under the direction of SSgt SKIDMORE. Both teams were employed in the destruction of caves and they destroyed 52 caves.

On the 20th they returned to the beach where SSgt SKIDMORE destroyed 3 dud artillery rounds.

On the afternoon of the 24th they were heli-lifted to the OKINAWA and were returned to the 7th Engineer Bn CP at 1300 on the 25th.

TAB B
Enclosure (1)