

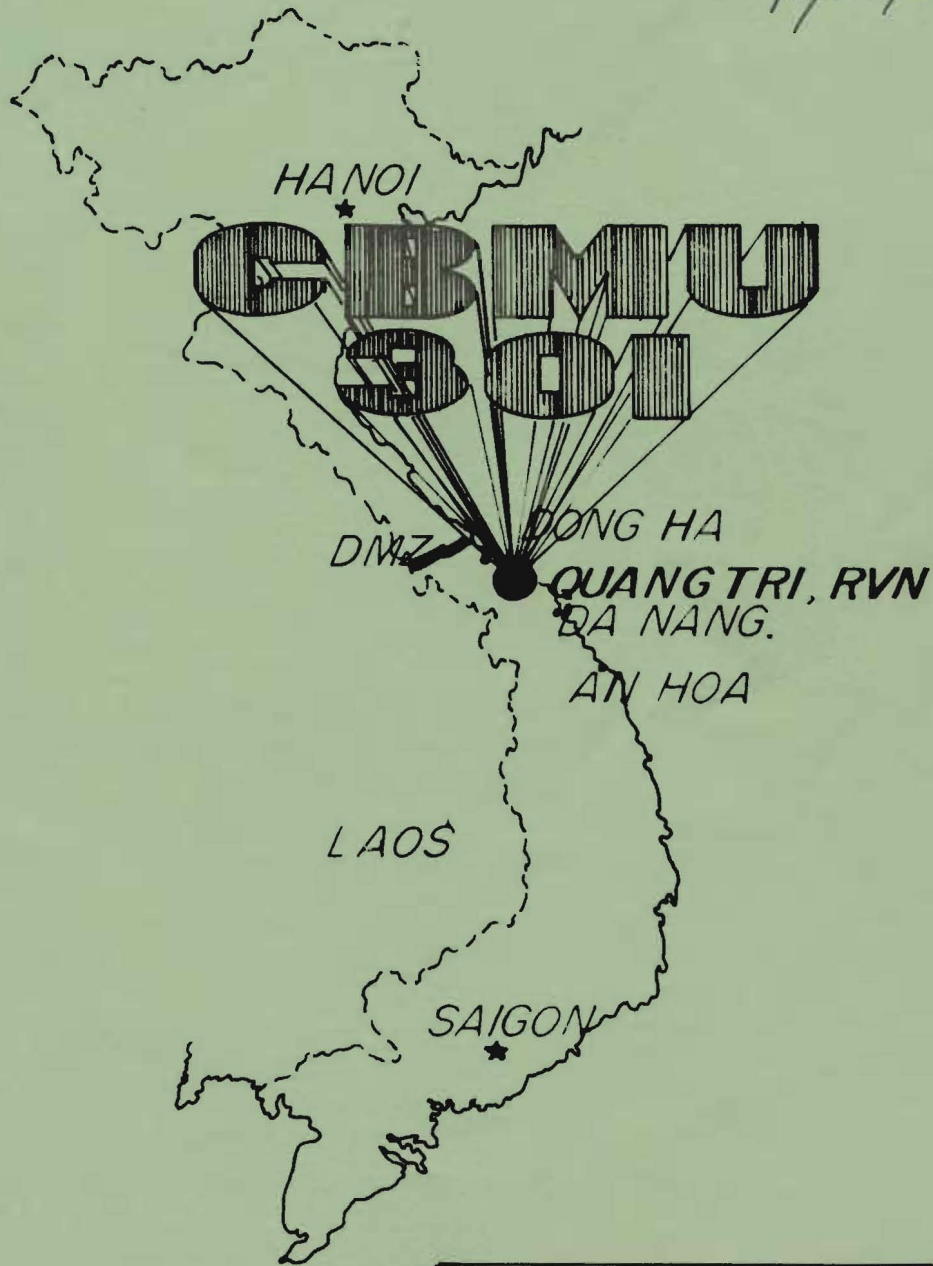
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1. Enclosure (1), summarizes the activities of Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit THREE ZERO ONE, headquartered at Quang Tri, Republic of Vietnam, from 26 April 1968 to 25 April 1969, and is forwarded in accordance with reference (a).


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I. EMPLOYMENT STATUS

A. MISSION

Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit THREE ZERO ONE is under the administrative control of Commander, Construction Battalions, Pacific Fleet and under the operational control of Commander, Naval Support Activity, Da Nang.

The primary mission of CBMU 301 is the maintenance and operation of public works and utilities at Naval and Marine Corps Shore Facilities located at Forward Combat Bases in the I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam.

The specific functions of CBMU 301 are:

- (1) Runway, taxiway, parking apron and helo pad maintenance.
- (2) Building, waterfront structure and road maintenance.
- (3) Maintenance and operation of utilities systems, except expeditionary systems.
- (4) Operation, maintenance and repair of assigned I Corps Pool electrical generators.
- (5) Maintenance of material handling equipment for NAVSUPACT Da Nang.
- (6) Minor construction for Navy, Marine, Army and MACV units in the Northern I Corps.

B. EMPLOYMENT SITES

CBMU 301 is located at four sites in the I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam, as of 25 April 1969.

- (1) Main Body, at the Quang Tri Combat Base. This portion of 301 consists of 9 officers and 226 men.
- (2) Detail Alpha, at the An Hoa Combat Base, consisting of 1 officer and 33 men.
- (3) Detail Bravo, at the Dong Ha Combat Base, consisting of 2 officers and 167 men.
- (4) Detail Charlie, at Cua Viet, consisting of 1 officer and 32 men.

During the reporting period, CBMU 301 has had detachments at Khe Sanh Combat Base and LZ STUD (Vandegrift Combat Base). Additionally, small details have on occasion been sent to accomplish specific projects at Hue, Phu Bai, Gio Linh, Hai Lang and other remote areas during this reporting period.

C. UNITS SUPPORTED

CEAU 301 supports the following units in the Northern I Corps of Vietnam:

1. Quang Tri

3rd Marine Division

3rd Marine Regiment
4th Marine Regiment
9th Marine Regiment
12th Marine Regiment
3rd Tank Battalion
3rd Motor Transport Battalion
3rd Shore Party
3rd Engineer Battalion
3rd Medical Battalion
3rd Reconnaissance Battalion

Force Logistics Support Group Bravo

7th Motor Transport Battalion

MACV (various units)

1st Brigade 5th Infantry Division

582th Signal Company

504th Military Police Company

63rd Maintenance Battalion

26th General Support Group

Provisional Marine Air Group 39

2. Dong Ha

12th Marines Regiment

1/12 Marines
2/12 Marines
4/12 Marines

108th Artillery

1/40 Artillery

F/26 Artillery

8/4 Artillery

2/94 Artillery

11th Engineers

9th Motor Transport Battalion

Fleet Logistics Support Group Bravo

3rd Shore Party

Sub Unit One

Communications Company

Headquarters Company/ 3rd Marine Regiment

Headquarters Company/ Sub Unit 2

MATCU 62

237th Maintenance

Delta Company/ 3rd Medical Battalion

OPS CO 1st Radio Battalion

3. Cua Viet

NSAD Cua Viet

Commander Task Force Clearwater

River Division

1st AMTRAC Battalion

14th Engineers

4. An Hoa

2/11 Marine Artillery

105th Army Artillery

Marine Air Group 16

5th Marine Regiment

II. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. On 3 June 1968, CDR WILLIAM E. BURDICK relieved LCDR HENRY A. HOLMES (center, photo #1) as Commanding Officer, Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit THREE ZERO ONE.

During the Change Of Command Ceremony, the camp at Dong Ha was formally dedicated as Camp Spillman, in honor of BUL CHARLES O. SPILLMAN, who was killed when the helicopter, in which he was a passenger, was shot down at Khe Sanh.



B. On 23 June 1968, Detail Bravo was relocated from Khe Sanh Combat Base to Landing Zone STUD (presently designated Vandegrift Combat Base).

C. On 1 July 1968, CEMU-301's Detail Delta assumed maintenance responsibilities at Quang Tri Combat Base.

D. On 3 September 1968, Detail Bravo was returned to Dong Ha. from Vandegrift.

E. On 28 March 1969, CEMU-301's main body relocated from Dong Ha to Quang Tri Combat Base. At this time, Detail Delta was disbanded and Detail Bravo was reformed at Dong Ha Combat Base.

F. On 16 April 1969, CEMU-301's camp at Quang Tri was formally dedicated in honor of SW2 EDWARD C. ADAMS, killed at Khe Sanh.

III. ENEMY ACTION

During this reporting period the main body of CEMU-301 and all details were subjected to numerous enemy artillery and rocket attacks. The following is a chronological list of enemy attacks at CEMU-301's employment sites.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Enemy Action</u>	<u>Location</u>
26 April 1968	One artillery attack	Dong Ha
29 April 1968	Three artillery attacks	Dong Ha
1 May 1968	One artillery attack	Dong Ha
6 May 1968	One artillery attack	Dong Ha
10 May 1968	One artillery attack	Dong Ha
11 May 1968	Two artillery attacks	Dong Ha
13 May 1968	One artillery attack	Dong Ha
14 May 1968	Two artillery attacks	Dong Ha
	Shrapnel damage was sustained by water storage tanks at CEMU-301's water point.	
15 May 1968	One artillery attack	Dong Ha
19 May 1968	One artillery attack	Dong Ha
27 May 1968	Three artillery attacks	Dong Ha
28 May 1968	One artillery attack	Dong Ha
30 May 1968	One artillery attack	Dong Ha

<u>Date</u>	<u>Enemy Action</u>	<u>Location</u>
2 June 1968	One artillery attack	Dong Ha
3 June 1968	One artillery attack	Dong Ha
5 June 1968	One artillery attack	Cua Viet
13 June 1968	One artillery attack	Cua Viet
14 June 1968	One artillery attack	Cua Viet
	On 13 and 14 June several rounds impacted within Detail Charlie's area at Cua Viet. The electrical shop was destroyed, two new 150 KW generators and nine pieces of construction and material handling equipment were damaged.	
19 June 1968	One artillery attack	Cua Viet
20 June 1968	One artillery attack	Dong Ha
	At approximately 1630 on 20 June, the Dong Ha Ammunition Storage Point was ignited by enemy artillery. A continuous series of secondary explosions lasted until 2300 that evening with sporadic explosions continuing through the rest of the next day. CEMU-301 sustained minor damage to three pieces of equipment, had one two ton stake truck destroyed, lost lubrication oil worth \$2500, and sustained damage to forty-nine (49) Camp buildings totaling \$7,100.	
21 June 1968	Two artillery attacks	Dong Ha
21 June 1968	One artillery attack	Cua Viet
27 June 1968	One artillery attack	Cua Viet
30 June 1968	One artillery attack	Cua Viet
12 July 1968	One artillery attack	LZ STUD
25 July 1968	One artillery attack	Cua Viet
29 July 1968	One artillery attack	Cua Viet
3 August 1968	One artillery attack	Cua Viet
5 August 1968	One artillery attack	Cua Viet
6 August 1968	One artillery attack	Cua Viet

<u>Date</u>	<u>Enemy Action</u>	<u>Location</u>
7 August 1968	One artillery attack	Cua Viet/Dong Ha
8 August 1968	One artillery attack	Cua Viet/Dong Ha
9 August 1968	Dong Ha received 51 rounds of misdirected "friendly" artillery fire	
13 August 1968	One rocket attack	Quang Tri
19 August 1968	One artillery attack	Cua Viet
22 August 1968	One rocket attack	Quang Tri
26 August 1968	One artillery attack	An Hoa
26 August 1968	One artillery attack	Dong Ha
	Eleven pieces of unit equipment were damaged during this attack.	
28 August 1968	One attack	An Hoa
31 August 1968	Two attacks	An Hoa
4 Sept. 1968	One rocket attack	Quang Tri
4 Sept. 1968	One artillery attack	An Hoa
19 Sept. 1968	One artillery attack	Cua Viet
21 Sept. 1968	Two artillery attacks	An Hoa
22 Oct. 1968	One artillery attack	Dong Ha
30 Oct. 1968	One artillery attack	Dong Ha
1 Nov. 1968	Two artillery attacks	Dong Ha
Dec. 1968	None	
Jan. 1968	None	
22/23 Feb 1969	Ammunition storage boxes lining the runway at An Hoa were blown up by enemy action causing damage to runway.	
25 Feb. 1969	Mortar, artillery and rocket attack	An Hoa
1 Mar. 1969	Mortar, artillery and rocket attack	An Hoa
2 Mar. 1969	Mortar, artillery and rocket attack	An Hoa

<u>Date</u>	<u>Enemy Action</u>	<u>Location</u>
3 Mar. 1969	Rocket attack	An Hoa
8 Mar. 1969	Rocket and mortar attack	An Hoa
10 Mar. 1969	Rocket and mortar attack	An Hoa
15 Mar. 1969	Rocket attack	An Hoa
17 Mar. 1969	Rocket and mortar attack	An Hoa
19 Mar. 1969	Rocket and mortar attack	An Hoa
20 Mar. 1969	Mortar attack	An Hoa
24 Mar. 1969	Mortar attack	An Hoa
4 Apr. 1969	Rocket attack	An Hoa
9 Apr. 1969	Mortar attack	An Hoa
13 Apr. 1969	Mortar attack	An Hoa
22 Apr. 1969	Rocket attack	Cua Viet

IV. MAJOR PROBLEMS

A. Lack of construction materials in September through November 1968. The massive MER (Minimum Essential Requirement) construction program during those months diverted all common construction materials to cantonment construction. None was available for routine maintenance and minor construction. An increased supply inventory and the completion of the MER program has since permitted routine and assured supply of vital materials. During the MER program most of the builders of CEMU 301 were assigned to support of Naval Construction Forces efforts in construction of facilities at Quang Tri.

B. The Unit was below personnel allowance from December 1968 to the end of this reporting period. The shortage, up to 100 men out of an allowance of 487, was concentrated in the Group VIII ratings. This condition has adversely affected the Unit's road maintenance capability, adequate generator maintenance, and backlog of minor construction. Further, in view of the shortage being concentrated in the Group VIII ratings, a reduction in the direct labor percentage has evolved.

C. The command has been concerned with the direct labor output continuing at a level below 45%, the desired goal. One conclusion is that the division of the Unit into two camps of about equal strength, Dong Ha and Quang Tri, has required duplication of facilities and services, planning, estimating and engineering staffs, communication watches, dispensaries, night security watches, etc., and has made goal attainment particularly difficult.

6. Trung Son Refugee Camp at Cam Lo: A seven-room school for Buddhist refugee children has been designed and planned by CB&U 301 personnel. Construction began with the formal ground breaking ceremonies April 20th. One hundred fifty students will be accommodated in the first phase. Vietnamese are providing skilled labor while Seabees provide material and technical assistance. (Photo #4)

7. Cua Viet: Personnel from Detail Charlie contributed their skills and material to the construction of a new elementary school for their Vietnamese neighbors across the Cua Viet River.

K. AWARDS

1. Letters of Commendation and Appreciation: 53

2. Medals and Awards

a. Bronze Star: 1 LTJG Martin KUK (Photo #5)

b. Navy Commendation Medal: 4

- (1) EOCS Joseph M. BENTON
- (2) SW2 Edward C. ADAMS
- (3) SW2 John E. REEK
- (4) EO2 Wilbert L. CARL

c. Navy Achievement Medal: 2

- (1) CMCS Donald Lee DIAL
- (2) CS1 Raymond V. TENNEN

d. Good Conduct Medal: 3

- (1) SD2 Rodrigo Jimenez DIAZ
- (2) YN1 Walter Rae REICHMAN
- (3) UT2 Paul G. LAVELLA

e. Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal: 533

f. Vietnam Service Medal: 533

g. Purple Heart: 12

- (1) CN Larry W. SCOTT
- (2) CN James L. FREDERICK
- (3) S CN Michael D. LONGMECKER
- (4) UTCN Emmett J. FITZGERALD
- (5) EO2 Ivan F. DAVIS
- (6) CE2 Robert E. FOGAL
- (7) SW3 James F. HAHN
- (8) SW3 Ronald E. BORTMAS
- (9) BUCN Isaac WILLIAMSON
- (10) SWCN Jerald D. WEAVER
- (11) SW2 Robert E. MCCLINTON
- (12) BU3 William TENNIS