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COL NIEL NELSON



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MARINE CORPS ENGINEER SCHOOL

The Marine Corps Engineer School was activated in May 1941 at Quantico, VA, and relocated to its present location at Courthouse Bay, Camp Lejeune, in 1942. The school prepares officer and enlisted personnel for duty with the Fleet Marine Force by providing formal instruction and practical application in the engineer, and utilities fields at the entry level, noncommissioned officer, and supervisory levels. The school was disbanded in 1947 and reactivated in 1949. In 1955 the school name was changed from Engineer School Battalion to Marine Corps Engineer School. Although the school has undergone many changes since its conception, it remains the center for educating engineers for the Marine Corps.

Administration Division: Responsible for personnel and legal administration, postal, morale, pay and administrative functions for permanent personnel and student personnel of Marine Corps Engineer School (MCES).

Academic Division

Responsible for academic operations to include: development of academic programs and the execution of approved courses of instruction; administrative, reproduction and audiovisual support functions associated with academics; administration of the apprenticeship program; and conduct of Marine Corps required training.

Support Division

Responsible for supply/fiscal management, equipment maintenance, billeting, food service, area facilities and area support tasks.

HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY

Provide service and support to MCES in the functional areas of administration/ personnel administration, supply/fiscal, MCCS and motor transport. Provide engineer equipment maintenance support and consolidated maintenance management for all assigned equipment. Perform other functions as necessary for the discipline, morale, and welfare of military personnel assigned to MCES.

COMBAT ENGINEER INSTRUCTION COMPANY

Prepare officers and enlisted personnel for duty with the Operating Forces by presenting formal instruction and practical application in the combat engineer Military Occupational Specialties at the entry, noncommissioned officer, and supervisory levels. Provide command, control, and other functions necessary for the discipline, morale, and welfare of the military personnel assigned.

Courses

Combat Engineer Officer (1302)
Reserve Combat Engineer Officer (1302)
Engineer Operations Chief (1371)
Combat Engineer NCO (1371)
Reserve Combat Engineer NCO (1371)
Basic Combat Engineer (1371)
Reserve Basic Combat Engineer (1371)

UTILITIES INSTRUCTION COMPANY

Prepare officers and enlisted personnel for duty with the Operating Forces by presenting formal instruction and practical application in the utilities Military Occupational Specialties at the entry, noncommissioned officer, and supervisory levels. Provide command, control, and such other functions necessary for the discipline, morale and welfare of the military personnel assigned.

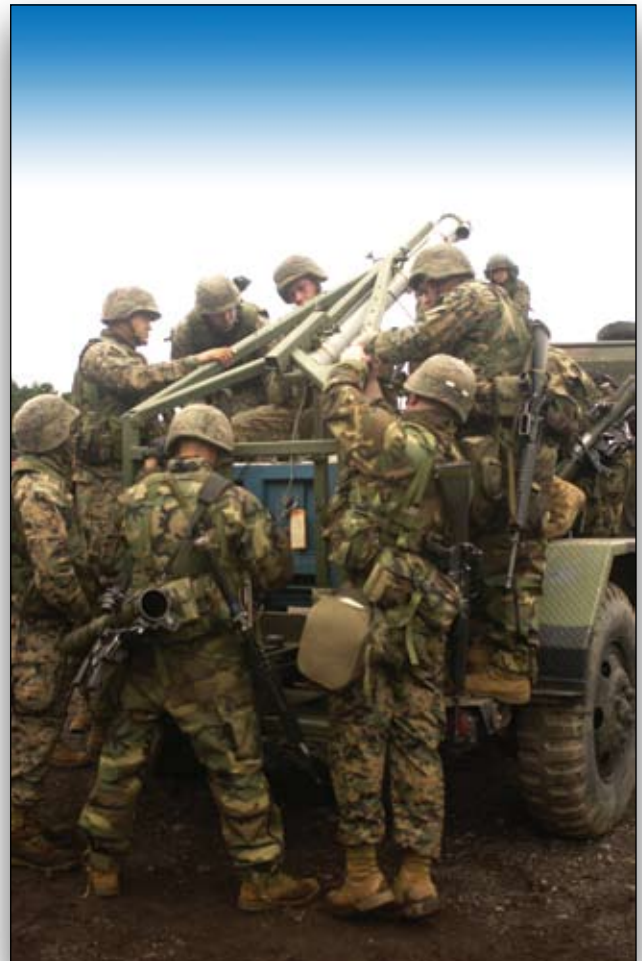
Courses

Utilities Officer (1120)
Utilities Chief (1169)
Hygiene Equipment Operator NCO (1171)
Basic Hygiene Equipment Operator (1171)
Electrician NCO (1141)
Basic Electrician (1141)
Electrical Equipment Repairman (1142)

MCES PREVIOUS COMMANDERS

Capt N. K. Brown	August 1941-June 1943
LtCol R.E. Fojt	June 1943-June 1946
LtCol J. H. Partridge	June 1946- Aug 1946
LtCol N. K. Brown	Aug 1946- June 1947
LtCol R. E. Fojt	July 1947-Mar 1949
Capt G. W. Ellis	Apr 1949- Nov 1950
LtCol T. W. Brundage	Dec 1950-Oct 1953

LtCol F. A. Vaughn	Oct 1953-Mar 1955
LtCol N. Morgenthal	Mar 1955- Dec 1956
LtCol W.J. Heepe	Jan 1957-Aug 1958
Col P.J. Speckman	Sep 1958-June 1959
Col W. C. Capehart	Jul 1959-Oct 1960
Col E. A. Wright	Nov 1960-Aug 1961
Col W. H. Atkinson	Sep 1961-Oct 1962
LtCol N.J. Dennis	Nov 1962-Oct 1964
Col H. D. Clarke	Nov 1964-Jan 1966
Maj J. M. Mackenzie	Jan 1966-Oct 1966
Col L. G. Harmon	Nov 1966-Oct 1968
Col J. H. Reid Jr	Nov 1968-July 1970
Col G. A. Merrill	Aug 1970-May 1973
LtCol R. F. Goins	May 1973-July 1975
Col D. H. Hilderbrand	21 Jul 1975-24 Aug 1977
Col L.J. Piantadosi	24 Aug 1977-19 June 1979
Col J. G. Dixon	20 June 1979-10 May 1982
LtCol J. M. Butler	10 May 1982-12 Aug 1982
Col K. P. Millice	12 Aug 1982-25 June 1984
Col T.J. Dalzell	25 June 1984-9 May 1986
Col R. A. Tiebout	9 May 1986-31 May 1988
Col W. F. Thompson	31 May 1988-28 June 1990
Col J. A. Marapoti	28 June 1990-2 July 1992
Col B. T. Babin	2 July 1992-29 June 1994
Col N. T. Hartenstein	29 June 1994-26 June 1996
Col T. S. Phillips	26 June 1996-8 July 1998
Col W. A. Meier	8 July 1998-26 May 2000
Col J. I. Musca	26 May 2000-27 June 2002
Col R. J. Smith	27 June 2002-1 July 2004
Col J. N. Flowers	1 July 2004-29 June 2006
Col N. E. Nelson	29 June 2006- Present





LTCOL WAYNE SINCLAIR



SGTMAJ JAMES GREEN

1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION

On 24 February 1941, at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, then known as 1st Engineer Battalion, the unit was activated with the formation of the Headquarters and Service Company. All companies of the battalion were activated by 15 December 1941, just eight days after Pearl Harbor was attacked.

In August 1942, the battalion landed on Guadalcanal with the 1st Marine Division. Facing severe shortages of engineer equipment, the battalion used captured Japanese bulldozers and trucks to help complete the airfield and the defenses along the Marine perimeter. Serving as infantry at night, the engineers were kept busy repairing damage from Japanese bomber attacks.

The 1st Engineer Battalion fought in four other World War II campaigns: Eastern New Guinea, New Britain, Peleliu, and Okinawa. Typical of the role the engineers played was an attack that "C" Company participated in on New Britain in 1944. Facing a well entrenched enemy in swampy terrain, the engineers spent a torturous day building a corduroy road under direct enemy fire. In late afternoon, tanks were brought forward to lead the attack, but were unable to negotiate a 12 foot stream bank directly in front of the Japanese positions. Called upon to breach the final obstacle, two engineers moved forward on an unarmored bulldozer. Both were quickly killed, but another young engineer leaped aboard and managed to clear the way. That evening, the attack succeeded.

Following World War II, the battalion served in China on occupation duty, and then relocated to Camp Pendleton in 1947.

First Combat Engineer Battalion deployed to Korea in 1950 and participated in the brilliant landing at Inchon. During that conflict, the engineers participated in ten campaigns, but were best known for helping to lead the famous "breakout" at the Chosin Reservoir.

On 1 May 1957, the battalion was redesignated as the 1st Pioneer Battalion. In October 1962, elements of the battalion took part in the Cuban missile crisis. On 1 May 1963, the battalion was redesignated as 1st Engineer Battalion.

The battalion sailed for Vietnam in 1965, remaining there until 1971. Providing a variety of close combat engineer support throughout I Corps, the battalion also took part in the battle for Hue City. On 31 March 1976, not long after its return to Camp Pendleton, the battalion was redesignated 1st Combat Engineer Battalion which more closely reflects its specific mission.

On 17 August 1990, the battalion arrived in Saudi Arabia and began unloading MPF shipping and preparing defensive positions during Operation Desert Shield. Six months later, the engineers breached Iraqi minefields and obstacles as they attacked into Kuwait on 24 February 1991, in Operation Desert Storm. The liberation of Kuwait was secure on 28 February 1991 and the engineers prepared to return to the United States.

First Combat Engineer Battalion returned to San Mateo on 1 April 1991 and continued to provide engineering support to the 1st Marine Division.

From 29 December 1992 to 2 February 1993, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (-) (Fwd) deployed to Mogadishu, Somalia, in support of Operation RESTORE HOPE. During this period the battalion participated in the relief and security effort in Somalia. Elements of 1st CEB fortified positions and improved defenses at the US Embassy, Mogadishu Airport, and Mogadishu Stadium. Accomplishments during Operation RESTORE HOPE included 27 mines detected and recovered, 4 bridges reconnoitered, 55 road culverts constructed and emplaced, and 127 miles of road work and repair.

During 1994, 1st CEB conducted several significant operations and training exercises. 3rd Plt, Company A, deployed with 2/9 to Ft. Sherman, Panama, from 6-30 January. Company B supported 5th Marines and 23rd Marines during GOLDEN PHEASANT '94 from 24 to 27 February. 1st CEB deployed 18 Marines to Kuwait from 6 to 24 April to participate in NATIVE FURY with 3/7. 1st CEB engineers constructed a mobile assault course at the Udari Range Complex, provided 3/7 with mobility/countermobility support and conducted cross training with the Kuwaiti Army Engineers.

In August of 1994, 1st CEB provided a company (rein) to the Wenatchee National Forest in Yakima, Washington, and the Kootenai National Forest in Libby, Montana, in support of Task Force Wildfire. This support was to help efforts in containing the wildfires in Tyee, Washington, and Kooacanusa, Montana. A section of Marines were also deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation VIGILANT WARRIOR, I MEF's response to Iraq's military maneuvers on the Kuwaiti border.

A platoon (REIN) was deployed to Chilliwack, Canada, in January 1994 in support of the Royal Canadian Engineers. They conducted winter survival skills training, downhill skiing, and tactical movement in Arctic conditions. In April of 1996, the Battalion deployed to the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC) in Bridgeport, California, to conduct Mountain Warfare Training Course 4-96. In May of 1996, elements of 1st CEB conducted JTF-6 missions in Imperial Desert, California. The Marines were responsible for the capture of over 300 illegal aliens and over 500 pounds of Marijuana during the mission. In September of 1996, a company-sized element from the Battalion deployed to the Umatilla National Forest in Oregon to fight wild land fires as a part of a disaster relief task force (DRTF) to the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC).

In December 1996, 1st CEB deployed two full line companies, Support Company, and elements of H&S Company for Operation STEEL KNIGHT VI. This operation took place at Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTF) 29 Palms, and involved over 6000 Marines from every major unit comprising the ground combat element (GCE) of the I MEF MPF.

The battalion deployed two platoons in July of 1999 to support BRIGHT STAR Exercise in Egypt, providing force protection to the ground troops participating in the exercise. In June 2001, the battalion supported exercise RED REEF, Saudi Arabia, with one combat engineer platoon. During the exercise the platoon conducted bilateral live fire training with the Saudi engineers from 2nd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, Royal Saudi Marine Forces (RSMF). Additionally, the platoon landed in Aqaba, Jordan, for exercise INFINITE MOON-LIGHT.

Following the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States, a platoon with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) deployed to Afghanistan and supported the seizure of Bagram Airbase during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

In early 2003, 1st CEB deployed to Kuwait for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. In March, 1st CEB combined with 2nd CEB as the combat engineer element for the 1st Marine Division (REIN) and moved into Iraq in support of I MEF's march to Baghdad. Four combat engineer platoons remained in Iraq until late 2003 to provide support to the infantry battalions still located in the cities of Karbala, Diwaniyah, An Najaf, and As Samawah for Stability and Support Operations (SASO). By October 2003, all of the remaining platoons redeployed back to Camp Pendleton from Iraq.

1st CEB's companies returned to Iraq in March of 2004. Both Company C (REIN) and Company B (REIN) supported 1st Marine Division's Regimental Combat Teams (RCTs) 1 and 7 in Al Anbar Province. Two reinforced engineer platoons attached to MEUs also supported combat operations in Iraq. In July, the Battalion deployed a detachment to provide advanced IED training in theater. By October 2004, Company C and Company B redeployed back to Camp Pendleton, CA.

In 2005, 1st CEB platoons with both the 11th and 15th MEUs supported combat operations in Iraq. In March, an additional platoon joined combat operations in country. In September, Company C (REIN) deployed to western Al Anbar Province in support of RCT-2. Company C participated in Operation STEEL CURTAIN and operations in the vicinity of Haditha, Hit, Haqlaniyah, and Barwanah. In

February 2006, Company B deployed to Al Anbar Province in support of RCT-5. Company C returned to Camp Pendleton in March 2006, and subsequently deployed back to Iraq in August/September to relieve Bravo Company in Fallujah in support of both RCT 5 and 6. Company C will be returning from theater in April 2007, while Company B will deploy to Al Anbar Province in support of RCT-2.

COMMANDING OFFICERS OF 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION

Year	Grade	Last Name	First IN	MI
1939-1941	1st Lt	Riley	T	S
1941-1942	2nd Lt	Burnham	L	W
1942-1942	Capt	Frazer	J	G
1942-1944	Maj	Crockett	H	H
1944-1944	Maj	McGuinness	J	P
1944-1944	LtCol	Smith	C	W
1944-1946	Maj	Drummond	T	E
1946-1946	LtCol	Williams	E	M
1946-1946	LtCol	Shuey	C	M
1946-1949	LtCol	Brewer	J	C
1949-1950	LtCol	Figures	H	H
1950-1950	LtCol	Moore	F	R
1950-1951	LtCol	Partridge	J	H
1951-1952	LtCol	Kelsey	J	V
1952-1952	LtCol	Clark	H	D
1952-1953	LtCol	Augustine	F	W
1953-1954	LtCol	Joyner	J	M
1954-1955	LtCol	Coutts	L	G
1956-1958	LtCol	Witt	F	X
1958-1959	LtCol	Butler IV	J	J
1960-1961	LtCol	Turner	B	C
1961-1962	Maj	Hill	W	L
1962-1963	LtCol	Elliot	R	M
1964-1965	LtCol	Hetrick	L	W
1965-1966	LtCol	Aichele	J	R
1966-1967	Maj	Newton	C	O
1967-1968	LtCol	Cassedy	L	
1968-1969	LtCol	Hildebrand	D	H
1969-1969	LtCol	Mader	J	F
1969-1970	Maj	Winoski	W	M
1970-1971	LtCol	Glowicki	W	F
1971-1971	LtCol	Benstead	D	E
1971-1971	Maj	Harris	T	E
1971-1971	Maj	Solter	H	L
1971-1971	Maj	Schultz	J	T
1971-1973	Maj	Wall	C	N
1973-1976	Maj	McKeon	T	K
1976-1977	LtCol	Bernotas	A	A
1977-1978	LtCol	Lifset	E	W
1978-1980	LtCol	Smith	P	J
1980-1982	LtCol	Falkenbach	P	W
1982-1984	LtCol	Dumont	T	J
1984-1986	LtCol	Polyascko	G	J
1986-1988	LtCol	Cahill	R	E
1988-1989	LtCol	Kyle	W	P
1989-1991	LtCol	Kebelman III	F	C
1991-1993	LtCol	Holmquist	G	R



TOP: Two combat engineers from Charile Company, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion unearth explosives in Iraq, while another provides security. (Photo by Cpl Adam Schnell) BOT-TOM: Two Marines from the 1st Engineers examine a busted radiator hose during work to construct a protective berm in Iraq.



1993-1995	LtCol	Ellis	R	W
1995-1997	LtCol	Musca	J	I
1997-1999	LtCol	Wendel III	A	J
1999-2001	LtCol	Lottie	R	W
2001-2003	LtCol	Cyr	P	M
2003-2003	Maj	Jernigan	M	
2003-2004	LtCol	Hellman	R	S
2004-2006	LtCol	Couser	R	A
2006-	LtCol	Sinclair	W	A



LINEAGE OF 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION

1941-1949

ACTIVATED DATED 24 FEBRUARY 1941 AT GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, AS THE 1ST ENGINEER BATTALION, 1ST MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

RELOCATED DURING APRIL 1941 TO PARRIS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

RELOCATED DURING SEPTEMBER 1941 TO NEW RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA

DEPLOYED DURING JUNE 1942 TO WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

REDESIGNATED 12 JANUARY 1943 AS THE 1ST BATTALION, 17TH MARINES, 1ST MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

REDESIGNATED 30 JUNE 1944 AS THE FIRST ENGINEER BATTALION, 1ST MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS

GUADALCANAL

EASTERN NEW GUINEA

NEW BRITAIN

PELELIU

OKINAWA

DEPLOYED DURING SEPTEMBER 1945 TO TIENTSIN, CHINA

RELOCATED DURING JUNE 1947 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA

1950-1964

DEPLOYED DURING AUGUST 1950 TO KOBE, JAPAN, AND JOINED THE 1ST PROVISIONAL MARINE BRIGADE, FLEET MARINE FORCE

REDEPLOYED DURING SEPTEMBER 1950 TO INCHON, KOREA, AND JOINED THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

PARTICIPATED IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT, OPERATING FROM

PUSAN PERIMETER

INCHON-SEOUL

CHOSIN RESERVOIR

EAST-CENTRAL FRONT

WESTERN FRONT

PARTICIPATED IN THE DEFENSE OF THE KOREAN DEMILITARIZED ZONE, AUGUST 1953 – APRIL 1955

RELOCATED DURING APRIL 1955 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA

REDESIGNATED 1 MAY 1957 AS THE 1ST PIONEER BATTALION, 1ST MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

REDESIGNATED 1 MAY 1963 AS THE 1ST ENGINEER BATTALION, 1ST MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

1965 – 1975

REDEPLOYED DURING SEPTEMBER 1965 TO CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA

REDEPLOYED DURING JANUARY 1966 TO CHU LAI, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, JANUARY 1966 – APRIL 1971 OPERATING FROM

CHU LAI

DA NANG

RELOCATED DURING APRIL 1971 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION NEW ARRIVAL, THE RELOCATION OF REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA, CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA, APRIL – NOVEMBER 1975

1976 – 1999

REDESIGNATED 31 MARCH 1976 AS THE 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, 1ST DIVISION SUPPORT GROUP, 1ST MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

REASSIGNED DURING MAY 1978 TO THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM, SOUTHWEST ASIA, AUGUST 1990 – MARCH 1991

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION RESTORE HOPE, SOMALIA, JANUARY – FEBRUARY 1993

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN FIRE-FIGHTING EFFORTS, WESTERN UNITED STATES, AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 1994

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION VIGILANT WARRIOR, KUWAIT, OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 19 MARCH 2003 - PRESENT

HONORS AWARDED

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND TWO BRONZE STARS

WORLD WAR II

GUADALCANAL – 1942

PELELIU – 1944

OKINAWA – 1945

KOREA

1950

1950

1951

VIETNAM

1966 – 1967

1967 – 1968

JOINT MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD STREAMER

SOMALIA

1993

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

KOREA

1952 – 1953

SOUTHWEST ASIA

1990 - 1991

MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

VIETNAM

1969 – 1970

1986 – 1988

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND ONE BRONZE STAR

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE STREAMER WITH "ASIA"

CHINA SERVICE STREAMER

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

KOREAN SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER STARS

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER

VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER AND TWO BRONZE STARS

SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

KOREAN PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER

VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM STREAMER

VIETNAM MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION CIVIL ACTIONS STREAMER



LTCOL MARK BRENNAN



SGTMAJ RESTO

2D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION

The 2d Combat Engineer Battalion was activated on 1 November 1940 in order to support 2d Marine Brigade. With existing Company A and the activation of the Headquarters and Service Company, Companies B and C were organized 6 December 1940 in San Diego, California. On 1 April 1941, the Engineers were assigned to Division Special Troops of the 2d Marine Division. On 4 November 1941, 2d Engineer Battalion was relocated to Marine Barracks, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Upon Arrival, Headquarters and Service Company and Company A were assigned to construct Camp Caitlin, Oahu.

The 2d Engineer Battalion was relocated on 13 May 1942 to Camp Elliot, San Diego. From here, Engineers from Company A embarked for Guadalcanal, and participated in the landing on that island. On 8 September 1942 2d Engineer Battalion was redesignated as First Battalion, 18th Marines. During World War II, the Engineers of 18th Marines participated in Campaigns on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa. 18th Marines was redesignated 16 August 1944 as the 2d Engineer Battalion. On 23 September 1945, 2d Engineer Battalion was redeployed to Nagasaki, Japan to begin its duty as an Occupational Force.

The 2d Engineer Battalion relocated to Camp Lejeune, during July 1946. A major redesignation took place on 17 May 1958 with 2d Engineer Battalion becoming the 2d Pioneer Battalion, 2d Marine Division. Engineers with BLT's 1/8, 3/6, and 2/2 landed in Lebanon during the summer of 1958. The 2d Pioneer Battalion maintained a combat-ready posture during the October/November Cuban Missile Crisis while on maneuvers in the Caribbean. Another change of designation took place on 1 April 1976 when the 2d Pioneer Battalion returned to its former designation as the 2d Engineer Battalion. During the spring of 1965, Marines from 2d Engineer Battalion landed in the Dominican Republic on a peace keeping mission. Also, training exercises in numerous European and South American Countries were supported by Marines from 2d Engineer Battalion, who participated in civic action projects. On 15 April 1976 the 2nd Engineer Battalion was designated as 2d Combat Engineer Battalion.

In the 1970's and early 1980's the Battalion furnished Combat Engineer Support to the Battalion Landing Teams (BLT) in the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, 29 Palms, Norway, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. From August 1982 to February 1984 Marines from 2d Combat Engineer Battalion were part of the multinational peacekeeping force in Beirut, Lebanon. Late in October 1983, Combat Engineers landed and occupied the island of Grenada with the 22nd Marine Amphibious Unit. The Battalion continued to provide Combat Engineer Platoons to the BLT's of the 22nd and 26th Marine Expeditionary Units and support elements of the Division throughout the world. During April 1990, elements of the Battalion supported Division units attached to Marine Forces Panama and participated in Operation "Just Cause". In August 1990, Company D, while deployed aboard the USS Barstable County off the coast of West Africa participated in Operation "Sharp Edge" assisting in the evacuation of civilians from Liberia. During Operations Desert Shield/Storm the Battalion deployed in support of the 4th MEB and the 2d Marine Division leading the Division through the myriad of obstacle belts into Kuwait. Recently engineers have participated in military operations in Bosnia, Haiti, and Cuba, and most recently, participating in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

HONORS

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

WORLD WAR II
TARAWA – 1943

IRAQ
2003

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER

SOUTHWEST ASIA
1990 – 1991

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND BRONZE STAR

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE STREAMER WITH “ASIA” AND “EUROPE”

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER

SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER

Medal of Honor Recipients:

First Lieutenant Alexander Bonnyman Jr. (Posthumously awarded. For actions against enemy forces on the island of Tarawa)
Staff Sergeant William J. Bordelon (Posthumously awarded. For actions against enemy forces on the island of Tarawa)

COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt.Col August L. Vogt 16 August 1944 - 6 February 1945, 10 July 1945 - 24 July 1945
Lt.Col Joseph S. Reynaud 7 February 1945 - 9 July 1945
Maj. Richard D. Kirkpatrick 25 July 1945 - 5 October 1945
Lt.Col John H. Partidge 6 October 1945 - 17 April 1946
Maj. Harry D. Clarke 25 June 1946 - 20 October 1946
Lt.Col William W. Lewis 21 October 1946 - 21 April 1947
Maj. (Lt.Col) Robert L. Smith 22 April 1949 - 25 July 1950, 30 August 1950 - 4 April 1951
Maj. Emile P. Moses 26 July 1950 - 5 August 1950
Lt.Col James M. Joyner 5 April 1951 - 28 July 1952
Lt.Col George L. H. Cooper 29 July 1952 - 23 December 1953
Maj. Thomas F. Savage Jr. 20 May 1954 - 8 July 1954
Lt.Col Nathaniel Morganthal 9 July 1954 - 28 February 1955
Lt.Col William L. Batchelor 1 March 1955 - 4 May 1956

Maj. Charles C. Cresap 5 May 1956 - 23 July 1956
 Lt.Col W. V. Schwebke 24 July 1956 - 20 October 1958
 Lt.Col H. R. Gingher 21 October 1958 - 1 July 1959
 Lt.Col J. W. Love 2 July 1959 - 3 June 1960
 Lt.Col J. G. Dibble 4 June 1960 - 30 June 1961
 Lt.Col J.F. Mentzer 1 July 1961 - 1 October 1962
 Lt.Col R. E. Brandel 2 October 1962 - 1 April 1963
 Maj. E. H. Jones 2 April 1963 - 17 September 1963
 Lt.Col F. R. DeNormandie 18 September 1963 - 9 January 1966
 Maj. J. J. Harp 11 May 1966 - 31 July 1966
 Lt.Col E. A. VonOrde Jr. 1 August 1966 - 26 June 1967
 Lt.Col J. F. Mader 27 June 1967 - 13 June 1968
 Maj. T. W. Jones 14 June 1967 - 9 July 1968
 Lt.Col G. B. Cornwall 10 July 1968 - 19 February 1970
 Lt.Col W. W. Winder 26 February 1971 - 14 June 1973
 Lt.Col C. F. Dininger Jr. 15 June 1973 - 8 July 1974
 Maj. J. P. Burke 9 July 1974 - 7 August 1974
 Lt.Col C. D. Wood 30 August 1974 - 15 August 1975

Lt.Col W. M. Winoski 16 August 1975 - 31 August 1977
 Lt.Col J. G. Dixon 1 September 1977 - 18 June 1979
 Lt.Col R. H. Huckaby 19 June 1979 - 1 July 1981
 Maj. M. L. Ogilvie 2 July 1983 - 6 June 1985
 Lt.Col K. D. Pricer 7 June 1985 - 18 December 1986
 Lt.Col Marapoti J. A 19 December 1986 - 21 July 1988
 Lt.Col Randel K. O 22 July 1988 - 15 December 1989
 Lt.Col Winchester J. D. 16 December 1989 - 12 June 1991
 Lt.Col Swanstrom M. E. 13 June 1991 - 12 January 1993
 Lt.Col Peagler Joe H. 13 January 1993 - 27 May 1994
 Lt.Col Trealease J. C. 28 May 1994 - 15 June 1995
 Lt.Col James M. Jennings 16 June 1995 - 16 January 1997
 Lt.Col Wissler 17 January 1997 - 25 July 1998
 Lt.Col Anderson 26 July 1998 - 19 July 2000
 Lt.Col Smith 20 July 2000 - 19 June 2002
 Lt.Col Micucci 20 June 2002 - 22 June 2004
 Lt.Col Ottignon 23 June 2004 - 23 June 2006
 Lt.Col Brennan Current Commander

3rd Platoon, Charlie Company (Photo by unit)





3D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION

LEFT: Alpha Company in the Philippines. TOP: Demo instruction by Lt Panter '93

The Battalion began service to our Corps as 1st Bn, 19th Marines in September 1942 and was redesignated 3d Engineer Battalion two years later. From August 1957 till Jan 1962, the Battalion served as the 3d Pioneer Battalion, and then reverted back to 3d Engineer Battalion until September 1975 when redesignated to 3d Combat Engineer Battalion.

Tested under fire in every clime and place, 3d CEB continued to “Engineer the Best Fight.” Over the years, the Battalion has been employed throughout the western Pacific while remaining home ported at Camp Hansen, Okinawa. Deploying in support of Division and III MEF exercises to the Republic of Korea is a normal battalion annual event for “Team Spirit” and “Valiant Blitz.” The flag has deployed on a variety of engineer exercises to the Philippines, Tinian, and Thailand and has deployed to Camp Fuji, Iwo Jima, and the Marianas Islands. During its existence, 3d CEB’s companies or platoons provided support to the 4th and 9th Marine Regiments in the Republic of Korea, mainland Japan, the Philippines, and Thailand.

Mobility, countermobility and survivability training was the battalion’s main emphasis ensuring a high degree of combat readiness. The 1980s & ‘90s saw an increase in disaster relief, humanitarian assistance, and civic action operations.

3d CEB provided three companies to operations “Desert Shield/Desert Storm” between August 1990 and March 1991. “Alpha” Company deployed from Hawaii with the 1st MEB, “Bravo” Company deployed via amphibious shipping 15 August 1990 from Okinawa, and “Charlie” Company flew to “Desert Shield” and landed five days before the air war began. The Marines from 3d CEB raised the esteem and pride of the battalion through their efforts and sweat. Leading the way, engineers from 3d CEB participated in breaching operations with “Task Force Grizzly” and “Papa Bear.” LCpl Kasey A. Krock of Bravo Company, attached to Alpha Company, 1st CEB, was awarded the Silver Star for his heroic actions during operation “Papa Bear.”

The 1993 Command Chronology shows B Company as Cadred but the rest of the Battalion continuing its high state of training and readiness. D Company was deactivated 9 Feb '95. H&S & C Companies were deactivated 5 April '95 and Engineer Support Company deactivated 6 Jun '95.

As the 3rd Combat Engineer units were being deactivated, Combat Engineer Company was manned and equipped and placed under the operational control of Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division on 24 April '95. From this time until the present, Combat Engineer Company (CEC) provided all the mobility, countermobility and survivability support to all of the 3rd Marine Division no matter where the training or operations took them. A good example of this was the combat engineer platoon assigned to BLT 1/3, 31st MEU. On short notice, this unit deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2-2. The engineer platoon played a vital role in Operation Al-Faljr (New Dawn). The mission of the operation was to clear the city of Fallujah of insurgents and provide a secure and stable environ-

ment for the populace. The heroic battle was the largest urban assault that the Marine Corps had participated in since Seoul, Korea. The Marines played a critical role in the assault beginning with a breach on D+2 for Regimental combat Team 7. A mechanized breach was conducted to provide a lane through numerous mines and Improvised Explosive Devices. Throughout the next two months, the engineers conducted upwards of 20 urban breaches a day in support of clearing operations. Numerous weapons caches were located by the platoon and destroyed. The Marines performed with honor, valor, and immense courage in this complex asymmetrical battle. After the assault, it was commonly remarked that Falluja, once the heart of the insurgency, was now the safest city in Iraq.

COMMANDING OFFICERS OF 3D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION SINCE REDESIGNATION 1 MAY 1963

Maj WL Persec	Jan 62-May 62
LtCol JH Cavaleiro	May 62-Jun 63
LtCol JR Einum	Jun 63-Aug 63
LtCol CC Cresap	Aug 63-Aug 64
LtCol CN Wann, Jr	Aug 64-May 65
LtCol NJ Dennis	May 65-May 66
Maj CJ Smith	May 66-Jun 66
Maj CD Wood	Jun 66-Sep 66
LtCol GM Pearce, Jr	Sep 66-Feb 67
LtCol JH Reid, Jr	Feb 67-Oct 67
LtCol RC McCutchan	Oct 67-Nov 67
LtCol JW Perrin	Nov 67-Mar 68
Maj RS Krolak	Mar 68-Sep 68
LtCol WA Persec	Sep 68-Apr 69
LtCol JR Lilley	Apr 69-Aug 69
LtCol RC Damm	Aug 69-Sep 69
LtCol JW Medis	Sep 69-May 70
LtCol EK Maxwell	May 70-Aug 70
LtCol DD Crews, Jr	Aug 70-May 71
LtCol CR Gibson	May 71-Jan 72
Maj RF Goins	Jan 72-Aug 72
Maj WH Long	Aug 72-Jun 73
LtCol PJ Shank	Jul 73-Sep 73
LtCol JW Marks	Sep 73-Aug 74
Maj RK Wiederhold	Aug 74-Aug 74
LtCol JC Thorp	Aug 74-Sep 75
LtCol LT Nappi	Sep 75-Oct 76
LtCol KP Millice, Jr	Oct 76-Oct 77
Maj RJ Gadwill	Oct 77-Dec 77
Col JB Townsend	Dec 77-Nov 78
Col DR Mabry	Nov 78-Jul 79
LtCol JJ Kirkpatrick	Jul 79-Jul 80
LtCol CE Barnett	Jul 80-Jul 80
LtCol GR Melbaum	Jul 80-Nov 80
LtCol HL Luttrell	Nov 80-Jul 81
Maj RG Wilmes	Jul 81-Jun 82
Maj HG Rudge	Jun 82-Jul 82
LtCol PR Catalogne	Jul 82-May 83
Maj AE Flores	May 83-Jun 83
LtCol DE Crais	Jun 83-Jul 84
LtCol RW Schumacher, Jr	Jul 84-Jul 86
LtCol MD Kolar	Jul 86-May 88
Ltcol JD Terry	May 88-Nov 89
LtCol KD Frantz	Nov 89-Jun 90
LtCol WA Spencer	Jun 90-Jan 92
LtCol FA Panter, Jr	Jan 92-Jun 93
LtCol R Tiberg	Jun 93-6 Jun 95



4TH COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION



Lineage

1943-1945

Activated 25 August 1943 at Camp Pendleton, California, as Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 20th Marines, 4th Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force. Deployed During February 1944 to the Pacific Area. Redesignated 31 August as Headquarters and Service Company, 4th Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force.

Participated in the Following World War II Campaigns:

KWAJALEIN
SAIPAN
TINIAN
IWO JIMA

Redeployed During October 1945 to Maui, Territory of Hawaii. Relocated During November 1945 to Camp Pendleton, California Deactivated 15 November 1945.

1951-Present

Reactivated 1 November 1951 at Baltimore, Maryland, as Headquarters Company, 1st Engineer Battalion, USMCR. Redesignated 1 July 1962 as 4th Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, USMCR.

Redesignated 1 June 1976 as 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, USMCR. Participated in Numerous Training Exercises throughout the 1970's and 1980's. Called to Active Duty 22 January 1991 to Participate in the Persian Gulf War. Released from Active Duty 1 April 1991. Participated in Numerous Training Exercises Throughout the 1990's.

In January 2003 the Battalion activated and deployed personnel in support of the Global War on Terror. Marines from the Battalion's line companies as well as the Battalion Staff deployed to the Horn of Africa, Kuwait and Iraq. Marines deploying to Africa served as a Provisional Rifle Company. Marines deploying to Kuwait and then into Iraq Served as the I MEF Engineer Group Staff, traditional engineers attached to Regimental Combat Teams and as the 5TH Provisional Civil Affairs Group during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Marines from 4th CEB have been continuously deployed to Iraq in support Of Operation Iraqi Freedom since the beginning of 2003. To date, Charlie Company with attachments from other 4th CEB Companies is currently deployed throughout Al Anbar Province, Iraq while another unit from 4th CEB prepares to deploy to Iraq.

In addition to supporting the Global War on Terror, Marines from 4th CEB are highly active in supporting their local communities and upholding the highest traditions of our Corps. Marines from 4th CEB have been involved in a highly successful Toys For Tots program, supporting funerals for our fallen comrades in arms, representing the Unit at formal events and just recently supported a meal for injured Marines and Sailors families at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Marines also continue to complete annual training requirements, attend two week annual training exercises and observe the tradition of the Marine Corp's Birthday Ball.



Lance Cpl. Dustin L. Meadows, a combat engineer with Charlie Company, 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division, wades through the Euphrates River after searching an island for weapons caches. He was part of Team Tank, which included Regimental Combat Team 2 Marines from various units. Together, they successfully disrupted insurgent activity in the area. (Photo by Cpl Adam Johnston)

Commanding Officers

LtCol N.A. Canzona	1965 - 1966
LtCol M. Shaw	1966 - 1971
LtCol C.M. Schmieg	1971 - 1971
Maj J.C. Beazell	1971 - 1972
LtCol W.R. Bosley	1972 - 1975
LtCol R.B.D. Crawford	1975 - 1976
Maj H.R. Sullivan	1976 - 1977
LtCol R.E. Nippard	1977 - 1979
LtCol A.F. Schuster	1979 - 1981
LtCol H.R. Sullivan	1981 - 1983
LtCol W.M. Kerr	1983 - 1985
LtCol M.C. Hickey Jr.	1985 - 1987
LtCol M.W. Henig	1987 - 1989
Col W.E. Sanders	1989 - 1991
Col G.W. Enders	1991 - 1993
LtCol T.M. Cook	1993 - 1995
LtCol R.B. Turpin	1995 - 1997
LtCol R.L. Miller	1997 - 1999
LtCol F.D. Shroyer	1999 - 2001
Col M.C. Howard	2001 - 2004
LtCol C. S. Wessinger	2004 - 2006
LtCol L. F. Henigan	2006-Present

Instructor Inspector

LtCol L. Cassidy	1968 - 1970
LtCol J. M. Butler	1971 - 1973
LtCol W. E. Phelps	1973 - 1976
LtCol K. P. Millice	1976 - 1979
LtCol C. A. Sakowicz	1979 - 1980
LtCol J. S. Walker	1980 - 1983
LtCol T. L. Koscia	1983 - 1985
LtCol R. I. Edwards	1985 - 1987
LtCol K. D. Pricer	1987 - 1988
LtCol F. C. Winter	1988 - 1990
LtCol D. C. Kleveno	1990 - 1992
LtCol E. J. Maguire	1992 - 1993
LtCol M. J. Perry	1993 - 1995
LtCol S. E. Ferguson	1995 - 1997
LtCol D. B. Bixler	1997 - 1999
LtCol M. L. Haskett	1999 - 2001
LtCol R. G. Gentry	2001 - 2003
LtCol K. J. Wall	2003 - 2005
LtCol D. E. Humpert	2005 - Present



6TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION

Unit Summation. *Provide general support and engineering support of a deliberate nature to the Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF), to include survivability, counter-mobility and mobility enhancements; and general supply support incident to the handling, storage and distribution of Bulk Class I (water) and Bulk Class III (W) Subclass 4 (Fuel) and III (A) Subclass 1 (Fuel)*

Composition. *The Engineer Support Battalion is composed of 10 Companies at various locations across the country. It includes three Engineer Line Companies (Eugene OR, South Bend, IN, Peoria, IL), three Bulk Fuel Companies (Tucson, AZ, Wilmington, DE, Phoenix, AZ), two Bridge Companies (Battle Creek, MI, Folsom, PA), a Engineer Support Company (Battle Creek, MI), and a Headquarters and Services Company (Portland, OR.)*

Unit Lineage

1944-1945 Activated 1 November 1944 at Guadalcanal as the 6TH Engineer Battalion, 6th Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force.

Participated in the following Campaigns:

Okinawa and Occupation of Japan, August to November 1945.

Deactivated 26 March 1946

Reactivated 1 November 1957 as 3D Engineer Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Redesignated 1 July 1962 as 5th Engineer Battalion, Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Redesignated 1 February 1957 10th Engineer Battalion.

Redesignated 2 October 1957 6th Engineer Battalion.

Redesignated 31 May 1976 6th Engineer Support Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group, Fleet Marine Force, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

January-April 1991 Elements participated in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Southwest Asia.

January-June 2003 participated in the following:

Deployment to Camp Pendleton, California

Deployment to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Demobilization.

June 2003-Present Elements and personnel deployed worldwide in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Global War on Terrorism.



Building bridges may not have been what the soldiers of the U.S. Army's 216th Engineer Battalion expected to be doing in Iraq. But with the help of Marines from 6th Engineer Support Battalion, they participated in the \$4 million Tikrit Bridge rebuilding project in Tikrit, Iraq during 2004. (Photo by Army SPC Joe Alger)

Unit Honors

Presidential Unit Citation Streamer with One Bronze Star World War II Okinawa 1945

Iraq 2003

Meritorious Unit Commendation Streamer with One Bronze Star 1987-1989

Southwest Asia 1990-1991

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Streamer with One Bronze star

World War II Victory Streamer

China Service Streamer

National Defense Service Streamer with Two Bronze Stars

Southwest Asia Service Streamer with Two Bronze Stars

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Streamer

Significant Events

During Operations Iraq Freedom the battalion constructed and operated the longest expeditionary fuel line in Marine Corps History.

Constructed in 3 days less than half the planned time. 60 Miles in length...ten times longer than previous longest.



7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION

July-September 1997

7th Engineer Support Battalion deployed a company in support of Operation ALASKAN ROAD. This is an on-going project on Annette Island, Alaska eventually totaling 14 miles of road, and a base camp for operations.

July-September 2000

7th Engineer Support Battalion deployed a company in support of Operation VERTICAL HORIZON in the Kingdom of Tonga. This was the first Marine Corps Engineer mission in Tonga, constructing a music/library/administrative facility for Tailulu College, and a town hall for a small village on the island of VaVa'U.

January-July 2003

7th Engineer Support Battalion deployed to Kuwait and eventually Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. The Battalion was augmented with a company from 6th Engineer Support Battalion prior to deployment. The battalion conducted the breach at the Kuwait-Iraqi border with several breaching points and lanes for Task Force Tarawa and Regimental Combat Team-7. Throughout the Operation, 7th Engineer Support Battalions were in direct support of various ground units, and improved trafficability on roads and airfields, established cantonment areas, cleared Ammunition Supply Points, and stored and distributed bulk liquids. A detachment of 7th ESB remained behind in order to conduct the wash down and reload of MPF gear in Kuwait until November of 2003

March 2004- March 2005

7th Engineer Support Battalion formed and deployed as CSSB-1 in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM II. The deployment took 7th ESB to Kuwait to unload gear and convoy to Camp Fallujah, Iraq, with elements at Al Taqqadum Air Base. 7th ESB participated in Operation VIGILANT RESOLVE in April 2004, Operation AL FAJR in November 2004, and the Iraqi Elections in January 2005.

March 2006 – September 2006

7th Engineer Support Battalion formed and deployed as CLB-5 in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM 05-07.2. The battalion again was based out of Camp Fallujah and conducted combat service support operations throughout the Al Anbar Province.

7th Engineer Support Battalion Commanding Officers 1992-2007

Lieutenant Colonel Frank C. Winter	September 1991 - August 1993
Lieutenant Colonel John L. Sweeny	August 1993 - July 1995
Lieutenant Colonel John F. Bower	July 1995 – June 1997
Lieutenant Colonel James E. Harbison	June 1997 – June 1999
Lieutenant Colonel James N. Flowers	June 1999 – June 2001
Lieutenant Colonel S. H. Poindexter	June 2001 – July 2003
Lieutenant Colonel John M. Schultz	July 2003 – June 2005
Lieutenant Colonel Randy J. Lawson	June 2005 - Present

Marines from the 7th work on a road repair mission in Iraq (Photo by 7th ESB)

