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. Morganthal  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
LtCol N.J. Dennis  Nov 1962-Oct 1964
Col H. D. Clarke  Nov 1964-Jan 1966
Col L. G. Harmon  Nov 1966-Oct 1968
Col J. H. Reid Jr  Nov 1968-July 1970
LtCol R. F. Goins  May 1973-July 1975
Col J. G. Dixon  20 June 1979-10 May 1982
LtCol J. M. Butler  10 May 1982-12 Aug 1982
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
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 Koozamusa, 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 (MAGTFTC) 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 MOONLIGHT.

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.
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**

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2003-2004  LtCol  Hellman  R S
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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
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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
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 peacekeeping 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 ON SILVER AND BRONZE STAR

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE STEAMER 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. 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. Schweke  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 E. A. VonOrde Jr.  1 August 1966 - 26 June 1967
Lt.Col J. F. Mader   27 June 1967 - 13 June 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 W. M. Winski  16 August 1975 - 31 August 1977
Lt.Col J. G. Dixon   1 September 1977 - 18 June 1979
Lt.Col K. D. Pricer  7 June 1985 - 18 December 1986
Lt.Col Swanstrom M. E.  13 June 1991 - 12 January 1993
Lt.Col Smith  20 July 2000 - 19 June 2002
Lt.Col Micucci  20 June 2002 - 22 June 2004
Lt.Col Brennan  Current Commander

3rd Platoon, Charlie Company (Photo by unit)
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-
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 Cavalero             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 Napp                  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-Jun 95  

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4TH COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION

Lineage

1943-1945

Participated in the Following World War II Campaigns:
KWAJALEIN
SAIPAN
TINIAN
IWO JIMA


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.


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.
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

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)
**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 February 1957 10th Engineer Battalion.

Redesignated 2 October 1957 6th Engineer Battalion.


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.

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.

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)
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

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