

# APPENDIX D

## ENGINEER COMPANY WORKING SEPARATE FROM ENGINEER BATTALION

*Certain circumstances can cause the detachment of one or more companies for an extended period of time (when the company is with a deploying TF, with a TF attached to another brigade, or used to augment another engineer battalion [light or heavy]). This type of task organization is often found during contingency operations.*

### PLANNING

The company will be supported with a service-support slice from the engineer battalion headquarters company. The normal command relationship for the support slice is attached to the engineer company. This slice should be tailored to support the type of operation that the company participates in. At a minimum, it should include the personnel and equipment listed in Table D-1.

The engineer company must have the capability to stand alone under these circumstances. During contingency operations, the engineer company could be called on to support any number of operations. These include constructing refugee camps and EPW compounds, performing humanitarian missions, destroying captured enemy equipment, clearing areas of UXO, developing

combat roads and trails, and constructing base camps to support follow-on contingency forces.

The engineer company could also have additional attachments based on its mission requirements. These include, but are not limited to—

- Infantry or armored platoons for security.
- Vertical or horizontal construction elements.
- Water-purification units.
- Military police (MP) sections.
- EOD units.

**Table D-1. Support personnel and equipment**

| Maintenance                                                                                                                | POL                                  | Combat Health Support                               | Mess                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 maintenance NCOIC<br>6 mechanics<br>1 PLL clerk<br>1 M88<br>1 contact truck<br>1 ULLS computer<br>PLL to support OPTEMPO | 1 fuel handler<br>1 HEMMT fuel truck | 1 senior aidman with evacuation team<br>1 ambulance | 1 senior cook with mess team<br>1 vehicle with MKT or KcLFF |

These forces could also be coalition multinational forces in contingency operations. The engineer commander must ensure that he has the capability to support these varied

units to achieve his mission. In many cases, the company may also be augmented by civil-affairs personnel and military translators to facilitate operations in the AO.

### **PREPARATION**

For extended operations, the company is normally attached to the supported TF. The TF commander has to fully integrate the engineer company into all planning sessions, rehearsals, and administrative actions. After attachment, the engineer company commander ensures that the gaining TF

commander understands the capabilities, limitations, and requirements associated with the engineer company. The engineer commander and the TF commander coordinate the linkup point, linkup time, and the size of the force (personnel and equipment) being transferred.

### **EXECUTION**

The detached company is responsible for maintaining communications with the engineer battalion, where possible. The company reports equipment, personnel, and mission status according to unit SOPs.

Although the engineer battalion commander has no tasking, command authority, or OPCON over the detached company, he must anticipate reattachment and be prepared to refit or rearm the company as needed.