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BY THE SHIRT TAIL — Any means possible was the rule of thumb for stopping running backs during 2nd Combat Engineers' 26-20 victory over Headquarters Battalion.

2nd Eng. Bn. dumps HqBn. 26-20

In a battle for their first win of the season Headquarters Battalion (HqBn.) came up on the short end of a 26-20 score against 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion.

Things started off on the right foot for HqBn. as they scored early in the first quarter with Mackey pounding up the middle from 11 yards out to score the game's first touchdown.

The HqBn. defense stopped the Engineer offense cold, getting the ball back for the offense. HqBn. found the Engineer defense too much to handle, having to punt on fourth down.

Ken Revels started his one man scoring spree by returning the HqBn. 70 yards for the tying touchdown. The conversion failed, leaving the score knotted at 6-6.

Having given up a quick score, HqBn. went right to work, to get the lead back. Thomas capped a 50 yard scoring drive putting HqBn. back on top, 12-6.

With less than a minute remaining in the half, Engineers went right to work with Revels running once and catching one pass good for his second TD and knotting the score again. The two point conversion put Engineers on top 14-12 at the half.

Lightning may not strike twice, but Revels does, as the fleet footed running back received the second half kickoff and scampered 75 yards for another touchdown. The conversion failed leaving Engineers on top 20-12.

Still looking for that first victory, HqBn. went on the move once again, after picking off and Engineer pass, to stop their drive cold.

Thomas put HqBn. back in the game with a three yard burst up the middle to pay dirt. The two point conversion knotted the score once again, 20-20.

With the game tied up once again, Engineers went to their game and tie breaker, Revels who capped the final scoring drive of the game with a 25 yard romp around right end for the score. The conversion failed leaving Engineers on top by a slim six point, 26-20.

Not yet ready to give up hope on their first victory, HqBn. went to work driving down field until they got to the Engineer 11 yard line. With first and 10 at the 11 HqBn. could get no closer as the Engineers stopped them in their tracks.

Engineers took over on downs and ran out the clock, handing HqBn. a 26-20 loss.

The one bright spot for the Engineers was the play of Ken Revels. He supplied a great deal of the offense they were able to muster and had a nose for the ball on defense.



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AROUND THE END— Ken Revels, 2nd Combat Engineers returns a punt against the 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion during a disappointing 34-0 loss for he and his teammates. He played consistently well on both offense and defense but could not muster the play needed for a score.

In a battle of defenses 2nd Combat Engineers downed the flashy styled 2nd Marines 12-6.

Moving the ball with any great results proved to be hard for both teams during the entire game. Engineers put the first points on the board on the last play of the first half.

After recovering a fumbled punt, the Engineers had a first down on the 2nd Marines 28 yard

line. After picking up two first downs, running back Revels swept the left end for the score. The conversion failed, leaving the score 6-0 at the half.

Defense was the name of the game in the second half. The Engineer defense set up the next score, a 2nd Marines fumble on the 11 yard line. The 2nd Marines' defense made things hard, but after picking up a first down just inside the one-yard line quarterback Hudson put the second Engineer TD on the board on a QB keeper. The conversion again failed.

Being down 12-0 in the fourth quarter, 2nd Marines quit their flashy style of play and played basic fundamental football. Going back to the basics was the answer as the 2nd Marines put their first real drive together with running back Anderson slamming into the end zone from six yards out.

Giving up a quick score just gave the Engineer defense something to get tough about. Tough they got as the 2nd Marines offense was held in check, giving Engineers their first win of the season.