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Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 February to 28 February 1970.

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(b) FMFPac 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2C

Encl: (1) 1st Engineer Battalion Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c) enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	
1st Engineer Battalion (Rein)	LtCol. W. F. GLOWICKI	1Feb70-Present

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company (Rein)	1stLt M. J. McLAUGHLIN	29Jan70-Present
Engineer Support Company (Rein)	Maj. F. BUTSKO	10Jan70-Present
Company "A" (Rein)	Capt. B. C. S. WORLEY	3Sept69-Present
Company "B" (Rein)	Capt. E. C. HEIN JR.	5Mar69-Present
Company "C" (Rein)	Capt. R. J. GADWILL	7Sept69-Present
Company "C" (Rein) 1st Shore Party Battalion	Maj. D. B. CONE	26Feb70-Present

<u>2. Location</u>		
1st Engineer Battalion (Rein)	21Aug67-Present	Danang, RVN
Engineer Support Company (Rein)	21Aug67-Present	Danang, RVN
Company "A" (Rein)	23Aug67-Present	Danang, RVN
Company "B" (Rein)	6Aug68-Present	An Hoa, RVN
Company "C" (Rein)	26Aug69-Present	Dong Trau, RVN
Company "C" (Rein) 1st Shore Party Battalion	25Feb70-Present	Danang, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Major H. S. BALL	14Mar70-Present
Sergeant Major	Major W. M. WINOSKI	1Feb70-13Mar70
S-1/Adjutant	Sgt. Maj. J. M. WISE	15Jun69-Present
S-2	Capt. J. M. STOOPS	20Nov69-Present
S-3	2ndLt. T. F. PESEK	12Mar70-Present
S-4	1stLt. T. W. HAYES	10Dec69-11Mar70
S-5	Maj. H. S. BALL	9Dec69-Present
Supply Officer	Maj. F. J. COX JR.	10Jan70-Present
Communications Officer	2ndLt. D. B. STONER	19Jan70-Present
Chaplain	2ndLt. G. F. MEDRANO	11Nov69-Present
Medical Officer	1stLt. H.G. WATKINS	21Oct69-Present
Engineer Equipment Officer	Lt. I. H. THOMSON	18Oct69-Present
Utilities Officer	Lt. L. L. STONEBURNER	16Jan70-Present
Construction Officer	1stLt. R. S. McLAUGHLIN	20Oct69-Present
	CWO-2 P. W. LINTS	13Oct69-Present
	CWO-2 L. B. BOTTS	23Oct69-Present

4. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	
33	876	

	<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
2	16

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The month of February opened with the 1st Engineer Battalion in support of the 1st Marine Division, in the Da Nang Tactical Area of Responsibility, under its new commander, Lieutenant Colonel Walter F. GLOWICKI. Demolition Teams accompanied infantry units on patrols and company size operations. Daily mine sweep patrols were conducted with a total of 2,385,600 meters of road cleared of hostile explosive devices and dud ordnance. Seventy Six Division Work Orders were completed in the categories of combat defense improvements and cantonment maintenance.

The dismantling of Fire Support Base Six Shooter by Company "A", 1st Engineer Battalion was completed on 11 February. Salvageable materiel was relocated to Hill 10. Remaining defenses were destroyed with heavy equipment and demolitions.

Improvements were made on the observation posts at Hill 270 and Reno. The helicopter landing zone was enlarged at Hill 270 and a new LZ was constructed at Reno.

Company "C", 1st Engineer Battalion began reconstruction of defenses at the Ba Ren Bridge on 15 February. Work began with the clearing of a uncharted minefield of unknown origin. Clearing operations consisted of burning vegetation with diesel fuel, explosive reconnaissance with bangalore torpedos, and individual probing. As of 28 February a total of 3 mines were uncovered.

Engineer Support Company remained heavily committed during February. Construction Platoon completed 4 work orders in preparation for Division Embarkation. Utilities Platoon produced 8,546,200 gallons of portable water.

1st Engineer Battalion continued to conduct Land Mine Warfare School for the Division. A total of 478 students received instruction.

Two experimental projects were conducted by the Battalion during the month. The MK 115 (Helicopter Trap Weapon) was tested. The results proved the device effective in clearing vegetation from potential helicopter landing zones. The testing results with the vehicle mounted counter land mine device were inconclusive. The system proved to be unreliable in its intent to detect buried electric wires. It was recommended to the Naval Weapons Center that a similar device be developed that could be hand carried.

On 25 February Company "C", 1st Shore Party Battalion became operationally and administratively attached to the 1st Engineer Battalion. Company "C" continued in its mission of providing technical assistance in helicopter transporting of equipment and supplies.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel

a. Gains and Losses:

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Dropped:	1		41	0		0
Joined:	2		115	0		0

b. KIA:	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	WIA:	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
	0	0		0	2

2. Intelligence

a. Road and Bridge Reconnaissance: Daily road sweep reports continue to include condition of bridge, road, and culvert conditions on a daily basis. The roads were in considerably better condition because of the decrease in rainfall. Bridge Reconnaissances are currently being conducted of all bridges within the Regimental TAORS.

b. Weather. The weather continued cool and cloudy during the reporting period, with a average temperature of 74°.

c. Terrain. Dry weather has continually improved the trafficability of the roads. Due to the dry weather the roads must be continually oiled to keep down the dust.

3. Mine Warfare:

a. A total of 11,250 \$VN was paid for the following ordnance collected under the VIP rewards program. All informants were Vietnamese children.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>BOOBYTRAPPED</u>
Chi-Com Grenade	9	
M79round	17	
155mm H.E.	4	
105mm H.E.	3	
B-40rocket	3	
COFRAMS	8	
20mmrounds	12	
LAAW	2	
81mm Illumination	3	
105mm Illumination	2	
60mm H.E.	9	
M-26 Grenade	2	
Claymore Mine	1	
Concussion Grenade	2	
175mm H.E.	1	
250lb Bomb	1	
81mm H.E.	2	

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b. The following ordnance was located and destroyed in place by road sweep teams of this Battalion.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>BOOBYTRAPPED</u>
M79 round	2	
M-26 grenade	4	2
LAAW	3	
60mm H.E.	2	2
CS grenade	1	
Box Mine	1	
81mm H.E.	2	1
81mm Illumination round	2	

4. Training: During the month of February a total of 478 students attended the three day course of instruction in Land Mine Warfare and Boobytraps conducted by the 1st Engineer Battalion. Unit attendance was as follows:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
1st Battalion, 1st Marines	39
2nd Battalion, 1st Marines	41
3rd Battalion, 1st Marines	37
1st Battalion, 5th Marines	30
2nd Battalion, 5th Marines	36
3rd Battalion, 5th Marines	34
1st Battalion, 7th Marines	59
2nd Battalion, 7th Marines	9
3rd Battalion, 7th Marines	39
1st Battalion, 26th Marines	20
2nd Battalion, 26th Marines	21
3rd Battalion, 26th Marines	9
1st Recon Battalion	22
1st Engineer Battalion	62
7th Engineer Battalion	20
9th Engineer Battalion	0

b. Mobile Instruction Team Attendance: ($\frac{1}{2}$ day course)

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
1st Recon Battalion	102
Division Schools	82
2nd Battalion, 7th Marines	95
1st Battalion, 1st Marines	50
51 ARVN	18

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5. Construction

a. The following 76 Division Work Orders were completed during the reporting period:

- D78-70 Completed 2 February 1970. Repair 20 foot tower.
- D59-70 Completed 2 February 1970. Provide tech. assistance for construction of 10X24 bunker.
- D46-70 Completed 3 February 1970. Construct revetment 252'X12'X5'.
- D797-69 Completed 3 February 1970. Install grease trap at LZ Baldy Hq. Messhall.
- D107-70 Completed 3 February 1970. Provide Tech. assistance and chain saw for bunker construction Alfa line Hq. Bn.
- D77-70 Completed 17 February 1970. Repair 60 foot tower, replace 12X12 caps, renovate hootch on top also.
- D715-69 Completed 2 February 1970. Construct (4) gun pads.
- D812-69 Completed 2 February 1970. Construct SNCO and Officer Club.
- D97-70 Completed 5 February 1970. Construct garbage shed for Regimental messhall.
- D9-70 Completed 5 February 1970. Issue 7 pcs. of 3/4" plywood.
- D98-70 Completed 5 February 1970. Construct generator shed for 15 kw w/matting deck.
- D569-69 Completed 5 February 1970. Issue 500 pieces of 18" culvert.
- D25-70 Completed 5 February 1970. Make repairs to "B" Co. defenses at An Hoa.
- D111-70 Completed 4 February 1970. Issue (4) 8X12X8, (3) 10X24X8, (3) 20X32 Bunkers w/deck and lights.
- D58-70 Completed 5 February 1970. Install 40' revetment in front of TPX vans at Hq. Bn. Comm.
- D81-70 Completed 7 February 1970. Inspect Officers and SNCO 's clubs to determine necessary repairs.
- D64-70 Completed 8 February 1970. Draw and issue (2) 10X24X8 Bunkers w/deck and lighting kits

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D106-70 Completed 12 February 1970. Construct and issue (39) Mount out boxes.

D100-70 Completed 12 February 1970. Construct and issue (10) 4 hole heads for LZ's ROSS and BALDY.

D120-70 Completed 12 February 1970. Construct (1) 4 hole head.

D731-69 Completed 13 February 1970. Furnish fill dirt approx. 100 cu. yds. to fill sites that were for under ground bunkers.

D696-69 Completed 13 February 1970. Issue (4) 20X32X8 and (5) 10X24X8 bunkers and floor and lighting kit for (1) 20X32X8 bunker.

D755-69 Completed 13 February 1970. Install grease trap at messhall on hill 65.

D8-70 Completed 13 February 1970. Supply earth auger and operator to drill 97 post holes.

~~D122-70 Completed 13 February 1970. Construct (4) SEA huts at Can De Bridge.~~

D128-70 Completed 13 February 1970. Dismantle FSB Six Shooter.

D567-69 Completed 13 February 1970. Design and install perimeter defensive positions at FSB ROSS.

D61-70 Completed 13 February 1970. Draw and issue (1) 10X24X8 bunkers w/deck and lighting kit.

D91-70 Completed 13 February 1970. Construct a garbage shed at Namo Bridge.

D108-70 Completed 13 February 1970. Construct and issue (2) crates for ME-40 unit and (2) crates for 100 cubic foot refer.

D79-70 Completed 16 February 1970. Issue (2) 10X24 bunkers w/deck and lights.

D121-70 Completed 16 February 1970. Survey and make necessary repairs to wiring from generator to plant security lights.

D817-69 Completed 16 February 1970. Issue (7) two man fighting bunkers.

D99-70 Completed 16 February 1970. Issue 40,000 ft. of membrane to 1st Shore Party Battalion.

D43-70 Completed 16 February 1970. Install knife rests for two gates.

D136-70 Completed 16 February 1970. Construct box 15X12X13 in. w/top.

D60-70 Completed 16 February 1970. Issue (1) 10X24X8 bunker w/deck & lights.

D839-69 Completed 17 February 1970. Install guide wires and seat (2) towers.

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D679-69 Completed 17 February 1970. Provide (2) tractors to clear land at Hill 55.

D122-70 Completed 17 February 1970. Construct (4) SEA Huts at Cau Do Bridge.

D141-70 Completed 17 February 1970. Construct reviewing stand at NAC.

D85-70 Completed 17 February 1970. Provide technical assistance for renovating of enlisted club.

D132-70 Completed 17 February 1970. Prefab (1) Four hole head.

D101-70 Completed 19 February 1970. Construct 8X12 bunker w/platform at Hill 137.

D137-70 Completed 19 February 1970. Deliver 40 cu. yds. of sand to Comm. Co., Hq. Bn.

D125-70 Completed 20 February 1970. Inspect messhall for proper drainage installation.

D130-70 Completed 21 February 1970. Oil road from Rt. 540 to 1/26 C.P.

D144-70 Completed 21 February 1970. Construct and issue mount out boxes.

D827-69 Completed 21 February 1970. Construct concrete platform w/two flag poles.

D165-70 Completed 21 February 1970. Issue target material (prefab).

D158-70 Completed 21 February 1970. Grade 26th Mar. Bn. cantonment roads.

D174-70 Completed 21 February 1970. Install partitions in DEO Office Bldg.

D147-70 Completed 21 February 1970. Construct (1) display board.

D736-69 Completed 2 February 1970. Issue timber and penaprime.

D170-70 Completed 23 February 1970. Construct road block.

D163-70 Completed 23 February 1970. Construct (1) four hole head.

D57-70 Completed 23 February 1970. Repair and rewire messhall on hill 190.

D114-70 Completed 23 February 1970. Construct (10) perimeter machine gun emplacements and (3) knife rests.

D154-70 Completed 23 February 1970. Construct (2) four hole heads.

D749-69 Completed 23 February 1970. Design and construct pavilion at Stack Arms.

D29-70 Completed 23 February 1970. Issue 400' of rebar to DEO.

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D156-70 Completed 25 February 1970. Install (2) tie downs for field safe.
 D 4-70 Completed 25 February 1970. Repair drain at hill 10.
 D824-70 Completed 27 February 1970. Draw Mercury Vapor lights and install.
 D119-70 Completed 27 February 1970. Construct the required mount out boxes.
 D173-70 Completed 27 February 1970. Construct generator shed at Stack Arms.
 D118-70 Completed 27 February 1970. Prefab (2) pair of steps 25" high x 60" wide.

b. Personnel and materials used for the foregoing Division Work Orders.

Man Hours - 39,154.5	Pipe - 100 ft.
Equipment Hours - 1870	Wire - 14 rolls
Lumber - 131,582 BF	7/16" Cable - 600 ft.
Ridge Cap - 42 ft.	Cable Clamps 24
Nails - 3,164 lbs	Explosives 2,527 lbs
Screen - 17 rls.	Det. Cord and Fuse - 46,070 ft
Staples - 5 boxes	Blasting Caps - 1,045
Corr. Tin - 572 shts.	Fuse Liters - 945
Plywood - 756 shts	Charges - 100
Culvert - 1,070 pcs	MK-115 - 12
Revetment (5' x 12') 252 ft.	Bangalore Torpedos - 365 cases
Matting - 5 bundles	Paint - 22 gals
Dirt Fill - 100 cu. yds.	Shellac - 1 pt.
Cement - 154 bags	Stain - 1 qt.
Rock - 12 tons	Grease Traps - 2
Sand - 41 cu. yds.	Dead men kits - 6
Reinforcing Mesh - 2 rolls	2 Man fighting holes - 7
Rebar - 400 ft.	SEA huts w/lights - 8
Engr. Stakes - 200	Bunkers 10x24 - 15
Split Bolts - 5 boxes	Bunkers 8x12 - 5
Lag Screws - 85	Bunkers 20x32 - 7
Electric Acc. - 64	Deck and light kits - 10
Tape - 6 rolls	Flood lights and lamps - 14
Doors - 14	Handles and Hinges - 14

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c. The following 16 Battalion Work Orders were completed during the reporting period.

- B 17-70 Completed 21 February 1970. Construct 150 wood leads for placing bangalores.
- B 33-70 Completed 27 February 1970. Repair guard personnel SEA hut.
- B 30-70 Completed 27 February 1970. Construct 20 fire barrels w/covers.
- B 46-70 Completed 27 February 1970. Construct (1) 4 hole head.
- B 19-70 Completed 27 February 1970. Construct tool shed.
- B 16-70 Completed 27 February 1970. Install sink in SNCO/Officers messhall.
- B357-70 Completed 27 February 1970. Minor camp maintenance.
- B 24-70 Completed 17 February 1970. Construct Picture Frames.
- B387-70 Completed 17 February 1970. Construct Ext. 20x32 on Bn messhall at Baddy.
- B 28-70 Completed 17 February 1970. Construct hinged box 4'x 5'x 3'.
- B 27-70 Completed 19 February 1970. Construct 8 signs.
- B 25-70 Completed 7 February 1970. Replace light switch in E. M. Club.
- B 21-70 Completed 12 February 1970. Construct door for career planner office.
- B 18-70 Completed 12 February 1970. Construct new postal div. building.
- B 20-70 Completed 12 February 1970. Construct (30) signs.
- B 23-70 Completed 12 February 1970. Construct mount out box w/3 drawers.

d. Personnel and materials for the foregoing work order are as follows.

Man Hours - 717=	Tin - 110 shts
Equipment Hours - 8	Pipe - 25'
Plumbing Acc. - 21	Screen - 15 1/2 rolls
Sand bags - 250	Hasp - 1
Tar - 10 gal.	Hinges - 4
Nails - 501 lbs	55 Gal. drums - 20
Lumber - 6,820 BF	Plywood - 335 shts

7. Civil Affairs

- a. 19,000 board feet of lumber donated to the village of Son Thuy I.
- b. Eighteen med-caps were performed and over 200 patients treated.
- c. 16,000 board feet of lumber was donated to the Danang orphanage.

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