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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

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

#### SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters & Service Company Engineer Support Company	1stLt M.J. McLAUGHLIN Capt. J.T. WILLIAMS	29Jan70-Present 25Mar70-Present
Company "A" (Rein)	Capt. B.C.S. WORLEY	3Sept69-Present
Company "B" (Rein)	1stLt J.B. BELL	21Mar70-Present
Company "C" (Rein)	Capt. R.J. GADWILL	7Sept69-Present
Company "C" (Rein) 1st Shore Par	ty Maj. D.B. CONE	26Feb70-Present
Battalion		

# 2. Location 1st Engineer Battalion (Rein) Engineer Support Company (Rein) Company "A" (Rein)

Company "B" (Rein)
Company "C" (Rein)
Company "C" (Rein) 1st Shore
Party Battalion

21Apr67-Present 21Apr67-Present 23Aug68-Present 6Aug68-Present 26Aug68-Present 25Feb70-Present Danang, RVN
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An Hoa, RVN
Dong Trau, RVN
Danang, RVN

# 3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
S-1/Adjutant
S-2
S-3
S-4
S=5
Supply Officer
Communications Officer
Chaplain
Medical Officer
Engineer Equipment Officer
Utilities Officer
Construction Officer
Motor Transport Officer

Maj. R.A. KERR
Sgt. Maj. J.M. WISE
Capt. J.M. STOOPS
1stLt. T.F. PESEK
Maj. F. BUTSKO
Maj. F.J. COX
2ndLt. D.B. STONER
2ndLt. G.F. MEDRANO
1stLt. H.G. WATKINS
Lt H.H. ESLINGER
Lt L.L. STONEBURNER
1stLt. R.S. McLAUGHLIN
CWO-2 P.W. LINTS
CWO-2 L.B. BOTTS
1stLt. B.I. BEHNKE

25Feb70-Present 15Jun69-Present 20Nov69-Present 12Mar70-Present 25Mar70-Present 10Jan70-Present 19Jan70-Present 210ct69-Present 24Mar70-Present 20ct69-Present 130ct69-Present 230ct69-Present 28Mar70-Present

#### 4. Average Monthly Strength

	USMC
<u>OFF</u>	ENL
28	855

OFF ENL
2 12
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#### PART II

#### NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Throughout April the 1st Engineer Battalion continued in general support of the 1st Marine Division and other III MAF units. An average of 37 combat engineers were employed in demolitions teams rendering close combat engineer support to the 1st, 5th and 7th Marine Regiments. Seventeen engineer road sweep teams conducted mine clearing sweeps over 2,364 Km of road. During these sweeps 23 pieces of enemy emplaced ordnance were detected and destroyed. The counter mine program was further enhanced by vigorous application of the Voluntary Informant Program. 161 ordnance items were recovered while expending 43,420 piastres.

The 1st Marine Division Land Mine Warfare School, conducted by the 1st Engineer Battalion noted a slight increase in attendence, graduating 360 Marines and 96 Vietnamese. 626 personnel were instructed by a mobile contact team, which includes 250 Vietnamese, from Duy Kuyen District, who received a one - half day course in demolitions and counter - SFD tactics. Preliminary evaluation of the two day course of instruction, for Vietnamese sweep teams, indicates that the instruction is being well received and is effective. One road sweep had been turned over and another road sweep team is considered fully qualified at the present time as a result of this schooling and the on - the - job training given by Company A.

Route 4 from Hill 52 (AT788552) to Thuong Duc (ZC149538) was upgraded to a two - lane, class 20, fairweather road. This project was completed in five days and involved the application of 184.5 man days and 47.5 equipment days.

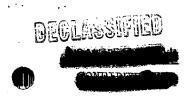
Reconstruction of defenses at Ba Ren Bridge (BT102510) was suspended temporarily pending completion of work on the bridge. It is anticipated that work on the defenses will resume about 20 May 70, dependent upon removal of the pontoon bridge.

Renovation of Hill 270 FSB (AT865680) was completed 13 April 70 and involved the expenditure of 994 man days and 100 engineer equipment days.

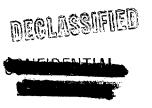
Renovation of fire support bases Reno (AT884747) and Ryder (AT946345) continues with no undue delay. On FSB Reno the installation of double apron fences and trench lines leaves the project 70% complete with only the drainage system to be completed. FSB Ryder is 80% complete with only the installation of 14 bunkers to be finished. During the month 360 man days and 90 equipment days were expended.

Company C, 1st Shore Party Battalion continues to operate fifteen landing zones throughout the 1st Marine Division TAOR. 6,749,261 pounds of supplies and 18,988 passengers were moved utilizing 1,537 helicopter lifts.

Six items of engineer equipment were on loan to the 7th Engineer Battalion to assist them in construction of route 540 from Liberty Bridge (AT925530) to An Hoa Combat Base (AT875460).



General engineer support was provided at an increasing tempo as evidenced by the completion of 60 Division Work Orders and by production of 10,937,000 gallons of potable water and 264,000 gallons of non-potable water.





#### PART III

# SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## 1. PERSONNEL

## a. Gains and Losses

			USMC			usn	
<u>0.</u>	PP'	-		ENL	<u>OFF</u>		ENL
Dropped	0			1.7	0		0
Joined	0			16	1		0

#### b. Casualties

OFF	<u>KI A</u>	ENL	HOS	TILE	WTA NO	N-HOSTILE
0		O	<u>off</u>	ENL	OFF	ENL
			0.	1	0	8

# 2. INTELLIGENCE

- a. Road and bridge reconnaissance continues, on a daily basis, as an integral part of the engineer road sweeps. 50% of the bridges in 1st Marine Division TAOR have been surveyed and the reports are on file at this Headquarters. A continuing effort is being made to accumulate aerial photos of LOC's. Due to the priority it is a slow program that is being pursued.
  - b. The weather continued to be sunny with temperatures in the high 80.

#### MINE WARFARE

a. During April, the engineer road sweep teams paid 43,420 \$VN, from Voluntary Informant Program funds, for the following 161 ordnance items:

LTEM	QUANITY
60 mm mortal HE Projectile 81 mm mortar HE Projectile 82 mm mortar HE Projectile 40 mm HE Projectile for M-79 M-26 Hand Grenade Chinese Communist Hand Grenade 105 mm HE Projectile 105 mm Projectile Detonator 155 mm HE Projectile	19 17 1 69 17 14 7 1



8" HE Projectile	1
Cofram Projectiles	5
LAAW	2
M-18A1 Claymore mine	2
B-40 Rocket	1

b. An average of seventeen engineer road sweep teams conducted mine clearing sweeps over 84.4 Km of road per day. During the conduct of these road sweeps the following 23 ordnance items, employed as mines or surprise firing devices, were located and destroyed.

<u>Item</u>	Quani ty
60 mm mortar HE Projectile	2
81 mm mortar HE Projectile	2
40 mm Projectile for M-79	6
M-26 Hand Grenade	2
M-33 Hand Grenade	.1
6 pound box mine	1
20 pound box mine	1
105 mm HE Projectile	2
155 mm HE Projectile	2
Unknown Type Mine	4

## 4. TRAINING

a. During April, 360 students graduated from the three day course of instruction at the 1st Marine Division Land Mine Warfare School which is conducted by 1st Engineer Battalion. Unit attendence is listed below.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Attendence</u>
1st Battalion, 1st Marines 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines 1st Battalion, 5th Marines 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines	46 50 25 15 37 27
1st Battalion, 7th Marines 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines	56 55
3rd Battalion, 7th Marines 7th Engineer Battalion	22 17
1st Engineer Battalion Combined Action Force Headquarters 1st Shore Party Battalion	8 1 1

b. A mobile instruction team traveled to six units to conduct a 1/2 day course of instruction for 626 personnel.

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1st Battalion, 1st Marines	58 <sup>.</sup>
1st Marine Division Schools	107
3rd Battalion, 5th Marines	190
1st Reconnaissance Battalion	<b>6</b> :
3rd Military Police Battalion	15
Duy Xuyen District	250

Counter - surprise firing device training was conduted, by Company C at the 7th Marine Regiment Command Post, for 360 personnel

c. The two day course of instruction for Vietnamese forces continued with an increase from ten to fifteen students per class. Thus far 96 Vietnamese have attended the school.

<u>Unit</u>	Attendence
Quang Da Special Zone	48
59th Popular Force Battalion	<b>1</b> 5
51st ARVN Regiment	8
1/34 Regular Force Brigade	4
Quang Nam Sector	21

d. General military subjects and MOS training was conducted by the individual companies to meet the continuing demands for skilled personnel. 3860 man hours were devoted to training during the month. This does not include the many hours involved in on the job training.

#### 5. Construction

- a. The following 60 Division Work Order were completed during the reporting period:
- D-251-70 Completed 1 April 1970. Repair of replace matting at LZ Hill 41.
- D-258-70 Completed 1 April 1970. Survey elect. system and drainage at Stack Arms.
- D-190-70 Completed 2 April 1970. Issue 2 20x32x8, 4 10x24x8, and 18x12x8 Bunkers.
- D-305-70 Completed 2 April 1970. Provide backhoe w/operater to dig defensate trenches.
- D-033-70 Completed 2 April 1970. Clear defensive position at Hill 270.
- D-255-70 Completed 2 April 1970. Enlarge Landing Zone
- D-285-70 Completed 3 April 1970. Install blower at 1st Recon



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D-230-70 Completed 3 April 1970. Construct 37/ mount out boxes

D-270-70 Completed 4 April 1970. Construct 96 mount out boxes

D-249-70 Completed 4 April 1970. Construct table for C.G. conf. room

D-227-70 Completed 5 April 1970. Construct mount out boxes

D-297-70 Completed 5 April 1970. Construct 17 mount out boxes

D-288-70 Completed 5 April 1970. Construct and issue 3 urinols

D-281-70 Completed 5 April 1970. Repair wiring system at Tu Can Bridge.

D-307-70 Completed 15 April 1970. Provide equipment to level area on Hill 10

D-317-70 Completed 15 April 1970. Relieve drainage system at messhall

D-225-70 Completed 15 April 1970. Deliver 6 loads of sand

D-261-70 Completed 15 April 1970. Install tie down cable

D-328-70 Completed 15 April 1970. Repair shower & sink

D-294-70 Completed 15 April 1970. Draw & issue 1 10x24x8 bunker.

D-330-70 Completed 15 April 1970. Oil area around Helo pad.

D-278-70 Completed 15 April 1970. Upgrade road from Thoung Duc to Hill 52

D-292-70 Completed 15 April 1970. Construct and issue mount out boxes

D-291-70 Completed 15 April 1970. Construct and issue 10 mount out boxes.

D-369-70 Completed 22 April 1970. Deliver 5 cu yata of sand to Div C.P.

D-284-70 Completed 19 April 1970. Const. (18) SEA Huts for 2/1

D-290-70 Completed 19 April 1970. Inspect outdoor theather for necessary repairs.

D-253-70 Completed 19 April 1970. Provide and Const. platform for Xenon Search light

D-315-70 Completed 18 April 1970. Install wiring from generator to COC

D-327-70 Completed 18 April 1970. Const. Berm in front of 81 mm mortar position

D-323-70 Completed 18 April 1970. Make repairs to Sea Hut at Stack Arms.





D-276-70 Completed 18 April 1970. Const 1 cabinet

D-301-70 Completed 18 April 1970. Provide (1) bath unit to 1st Med Bn.

D-320-70 Completed 18 April 1970. Const. & issue 9 mount out boxes

D-333-70 Completed 18 April 1970. Const. & issue 36 mount out boxes

D331-70 Completed 23 April 1970. Const 52 mount out boxes

D-348-70 Completed 24 April 1970. Const & issue mount out box

D-346-70 Completed 24 April 1970. Const & issue mount out box

D-139-70 Completed 24 April 1970. Survey and make necessary repair to drainage system at 2/1 messhall

B-354-70 Provide 1 forklift for 3 days. Completed 25 April 1970.

D-262-70 Completed 25 April 1970. Install wiring in 2 sea huts.

D-322-70 Completed 25 April 1970. Install wiring at Div Schools.

D-368-70 Completed 25 April 1970. Const concrete deck in GI house

D-286-70 Completed 26 April 1970. Deliver 40 yds of 6" rocks

D-236-70 Completed 26 April 1970. Install proper drainage at messhall at 2/11

D-235-70 Completed 26 April 1970. Const. garbage house at 2/11

D-184-70 Completed 26 April 1970. Const metal gate

D-310-70 Completed 26 April 1970. Make necessary land clearing at An Howt Combat Base

D-359-70 Completed 27 April 1970. Clear area around Liberty Bridge Combat Base

D-371-70 Completed 27 April 1970. Provide 1 forklift to 1st Tank Bn.

D-344-70. Completed 28 April 1970. Const 1 mount out box

D-347-70 Completed 28 April 1970. Const and issue 2 mount out boxes

D-334-70 Completed 29 April 1970. Const & issue 54 mount out boxes

D-349-70. Completed 28 April 1970. Const wind shield covers

D-217-70 Replace 200 Amp wiring. Completed 28 April 1970

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D-370-70 Completed 29 April 1970. Lend engr. assist in leveling "Mike Tower" defensive.

D-381-70 Completed 29 April 1970. Provide forklift to 11MT Bn for 2 days

D-252-70 Completed 30 April 1970. Provide tech assistance to const Recreational facilities.

D-388-70 Completed 30 April 1970. Install drainage system

D-326-70 Completed 30 April 1970. Draw and issue (2) 20x32x8 Bunkers.

b. Personnel and materails used in the foregoing work orders.

Man hours- 11,009
Equipment hours- 1289
Lumber- 89633 bd. ft.
Plywood- 544 sheets
Nails- 1927 lbs.
Pipe- 268 ft.
55 Gal. drums- 3
Cement- 28 bags
Fuse Box-5
Light Fixtyre- 15
Pole Switch- 4
Romex- 140 ft.
Screen- 2 rolls
BusBar- 1
Bangelore- 250

Tin- 24 sheets
18 Standard SEA Huts
Tape 3 rolls
3/4"Cable- 210 ft.
Washers- 20
Wire- 1200 ft.
20x32x8 Bunker- 24
10x24x8 Bunker- 1
Culvert-100 ft.
Staples-150
Bath Unit- 1
C-4- 200 lbs
Det Cord- 1000 ft.
Caps- 1 box

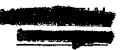
c. The following 10 Battalion Work Orders were completed during the reporting period:

B105-70 Completed 2 April 1970. Construct (2) File Cabinets. Completed 2 April 1970. Construct (1) Refer. B98-70 B88-70 Completed 3 April 1970. Rehabilitate maintenance shed at An Hom. B190-70 Completed 5 April 1970. Install Fighting Positions. B68-70 Completed 6 April 1970. Construct POL Tank Stands. B102-70 Completed 8 April 1970. Replace doors on S-4 Lot shed. B93-70 Completed 13 April 1970. Modify Comm Bunker. B100-70 Completed 16 April 1970. Construct three fighting holes. B99-70 Completed 23 April 1970. Construct Tank 4x4x4. B103-70 Completed 29 April 1970. Change doors on Bn messhall.

d. Personnel and materials used in the foregoing work orders.

Man hours- 1398
Plywood- 99 sheets
Equipment Hours-73
Lumber- 2100 bd. ft.
2" Pipe- 70 ft.
Cement- 4 bags

Nails-188 lbs
4x4x6 steel plate- 32 feet.
Pipe- 15 ft.
screen- 2rolls
Tin- 65 sheets.
Steel Plate- 2 sq. ft.



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