

## HEADQUARTERS

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Encl: (1) 1st Engineer Battalion Command Chronology

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## 1st Engineer Battalion Command Chronology

## DEPARTMENT

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>DECLASSIFIED</u>
1st Engineer Battalion (Rein)	LtCol. W.F. GLOWICKI	1Feb70-Present
<u>SUBORDINATE UNITS</u>		
Headquarters & Service Company	1stLt M.J. McLAUGHLIN	29Jan70-Present
Engineer Support Company	Capt. J.T. WILLIAMS	25Mar70-21May70
Company "A" (Rein)	Maj. D.J. KINDT	22May70-Present
Company "B" (Rein)	Capt. B.C.S. WORLEY	3Sept69-Present
Company "C" (Rein)	1stLt J.B. BELL	21Mar70-Present
Company "C", 1st Shore Party Battalion	Captain R.J. GADWILL	7Sept69-Present
	Maj. D.B. CONE	26Feb70-Present
<u>2. Location</u>		
1st Engineer Battalion (Rein)	21Apr67-Present	Danang, RVN
Engineer Support Company (Rein)	21Apr67-Present	Danang, RVN
Company "A" (Rein)	23Aug68-Present	Danang, RVN
Company "B" (Rein)	6Aug68-Present	An Hoa, RVN
Company "C" (Rein)	26Aug69-Present	Dong Trau, RVN
Company "C", 1st Shore Party Battalion	25Feb70-Present	Danang, RVN
<u>3. Staff Officers</u>		
Executive Officer	Maj. R.A. KERR	29Mar70-Present
Sergeant Major	Sgt. Maj. J.M. WISE	15Jun69-Present
S-1/Adjutant	Capt. J.M. STOOPS	20Nov69-Present
S-2	1stLt. T.F. PESEK	12Mar70-18May70
S-3	1stLt. M.D. WATERHOUSE	19May70-Present
S-4	Maj. F. BUTSKO	25Mar70-Present
S-5	Maj. F.J. COX JR.	10Jan70-Present
Supply Officer	2ndLt. D.B. STONER	19Jan70-26May70
Communications Officer	1stLt. R.F. KARSTEN	27May70-Present
Chaplain	2ndLt G.F. MEDRANO	11Nov69-Present
Medical Officer	1stLt H.G. WATKINS	21Oct69-Present
Engineer Equipment Officer	Lt H.H. ESLINGER	24Mar70-Present
Utilities Officer	Lt L.L. STONEBURNER	16Jan70-Present
Construction Officer	1stLt R.S. McLAUGHLIN	20Oct69-Present
Motor Transport Officer	CWO-2 P.W. LINTS	13Oct69-Present
	CWO-2 L.B. BOTT	23Oct69-Present
	1stLt. B.I. BEHNKE	28Mar70-Present
<u>4. Average Monthly Strength</u>		
	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>ENL</u>
OFF	ENL	ENL
34	769	13

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## PART II

Throughout May 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 2,439 Km of road. During these sweeps 21 pieces of enemy emplaced ordnance were detected and destroyed. The counter mine program was further enhanced by vigorous application of the voluntary informant program. 400 ordnance items were recovered while expending 133,800 piastres.

The 1st Marine Division Land Mine Warfare School, conducted by the 1st Engineer Battalion graduated 358 Marines. 613 personnel were instructed by a mobile contact team during a one-half day course in demolitions and counter - SFD tactics.

The two day course of instruction for the Vietnamese was discontinued at request of Quang-Da Special Zone. All available personnel received instruction. During May, 70 Vietnamese were graduated from the two day course of instruction. A mobile contact team instructed an additional 30 Vietnamese in demolition and counter - SFD tactics. During the period 7 April - 23 May 1970, 176 Vietnamese were graduated from the two day course and 316 received instruction from the mobile instruction team.

Reconstruction of defenses at Ba Ren Bridge (BT102510) was completed 30 May with a total of 452 man days and 91.9 equipment days utilized over a period of 98 days.

Reconstruction of the Que Son District Headquarters (BT038347) was completed 31 May 1970. A total of 139 man days and 42.2 equipment days were involved over a 22 day period for the completion of this project.

Rehabilitation of the An Trach Dam and Tay Thinh Irrigation Canal (AT987663) has been completed to the specifications initially requested. However, the irrigation Service Chief of <sup>the</sup> Quang Nam Providence requested that the canal be made one (1) meter deeper. Work on this project is to resume on 6 June 1970.

Renovation of Fire Support Base Ryder (AT946345) continues with no undue delay. Forty-five (45) bunkers have been constructed with 5 bunkers awaiting construction. This project is 85% complete with a total of 310 man days and 87 equipment days expended during the month.

Construction of Observation Post Reno (AT884747) was completed 31 May 1970. A total of 265 man days and 36.6 equipment days were expended for the completion of this project.

Rehabilitation of the Reconnaissance Observation Post at Dong Den progressed through the planning and estimating stage without problems. However, due to tactical consideration this project was placed on a 3 week hold. Work on this project was selected on

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project is scheduled to commence on 4 June 1970.

Construction of the recreational facilities at Stack Arms has been progressing steadily with no discernable problems. The basket ball court and volley ball court have been completed. This project is 90% complete with a total of 160 man days and 6 equipment days expended thusfar.

Removal and retrograding of yowers at Liberty Bridge was completed 30 May 1970. A total of 9.6 man days were utilized in the completion of this project.

Company "C" 1st Shore Party Battalion continues to operate fifteen landing zones throughout the 1st Marine Division TAOR. 7,031,965 pounds of supplies and 24,241 passengers were moved utilizing 1,608 helicopter sorties.

General Engineer Support was provided at an ever increasing tempo as evidenced by the completion of 95 Division Work Orders and by the production of 12,948,000 gallons of potable water and 128,000 gallons of non-potable water.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel

## a. Gains and Losses

	USMC	USN		
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Dropped:	2	30	0	0
Joined:	2	18	1	1

## b. Casualties

<u>OFF</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>HOSTILE</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>NON-HOSTILE</u>
0	0	0	0	2	17

2. Intelligence Summary Month of May 1970

a. Enemy activity during the month of May, decreased markedly midway through the month after an overall increase at the peak of his Spring - Summer Offensive. The break in activity occurred in conjunction with the celebrating of the Birth Enlightenment and Death of Buddha, and the birthday of Ho Chi Minh. Enemy forces were withdrawn to their base units during this time for a period of rest, retraining and political indoctrination prior to the commencement of the third phase of his Campaign K-700. The major goal of enemy activities has been, and will continue to be, disruption of the pacification/Vietnamization efforts through constant harrassment of refugee centers, terrorist activities, and political proselytizing, while sustained attacks on base units has been at a minimum due to a severe shortage of personnel in local enemy units.

b. Road and bridge reconnaissance continues on a daily basis as an integral part of engineer road sweeps. 50% of the bridges in 1st Marine Division TAOR have been surveyed, the reports are on file at this Headquarters. A continuing effort is being made to accumulate aerial photos of LOCs.

c. The weather continued to be sunny with temperatures in the low 90's.

3. Mine Warfare

a. During April, the engineer road sweep teams paid 133,800 \$VN, from Voluntary Information Program Funds, for the following 400 ordnance items:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
M-79 rounds	67
Chinese Communist Hand Grenades	62
M-18-A1 Claymore Mine	9
LAAW	9
M-26 Hand Grenades	107
105 mm H.E. Projectile	22
Co-Fram	26
175 mm H.E. Projectile	1
155 mm H.E. Projectile	2
B-40 Rocket	1
60 mm H. E. rounds	11
81 mm Illumination rounds	10
60 mm Illumination rounds	27
SID Set	1
Gasmask	1
30 pound Shape Charge	1
M-33 Hand Grenades	2
M-42 Hand Grenades	2
TNT Booster	4
81 mm H. E. rounds	7
Z - 10 A.P. Mines	2
2.75 Rocket Warhead	1
106 mm H.E. Projectile	1
61 mm H.E. round	1
M2A4 A.P. Mines	53
M-16 A.P. Mine	9
81 mm W.P. round	1
A.P. Mines (unk type)	8
50 pound Box Mine	1
W. P. Rocket Launcher	1

b. An average of seventeen Engineer Road Sweep Teams conducted mine clearing sweeps over 86.4 Km of road per day. During the conduct of the road sweeps 21 ordnance items, employed as mines or surprise firing devices, were located and destroyed.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
M-26 Hand Grenades	3
105 mm H.E. Projectile	3
A.P. Mines (unk type)	1
M2A4 A.P. Mines	1
M-79 rounds	6
40 pound Box Mine	1
60 mm H.E. round	1
LAAW	1
82 mm H.E. round	2
81 mm Illumination round	1
Chinese Communist Hand Grenade	1

4. Training

a. During May, 358 students graduated from the three day course of instruction at the 1st Marine Division Land Mine Warfare School which is conducted by the 1st Engineer Battalion. Unit attendance is listed below:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ATTENDENCE</u>
1st Battalion, 1st Marines	44
2nd Battalion, 1st Marines	52
3rd Battalion, 1st Marines	28
1st Battalion, 5th Marines	31
2nd Battalion, 5th Marines	31
3rd Battalion, 5th Marines	35
1st Battalion, 7th Marines	50
2nd Battalion, 7th Marines	46
3rd Battalion, 7th Marines	18
3rd Battalion, 11th Marines	5
7th Engineer Battalion	12
1st Engineer Battalion	5
"C", 1st Shore Party Battalion	1

b. A mobile instruction team traveled to seven (7) Units to conduct a 1/2 day course of instruction for 613 personnel.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
Ground Forces 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines	244
Division Schools	111
"C" 1st Battalion, 5th Marines	30
3rd Battalion, 7th Marines	97
1st Motor Transport	35
1st Battalion, 5th Marines	35
5th Marine Regiment	61

Counter - Surprise Firing Device Training was conducted, by Company "C" at the 7th Marine Regiment Command Post, for 513 personnel.

c. The two-day course of instruction for Vietnamese Forces continued with a total of 70 students receiving instruction during the reporting period.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
Dac Khu Da Nang	13
Tieu Khu Quang Nam	8
Quang Da Special Zone	26
Da Nang Special Zone	16
59th Battalion	2
Quang Nam Sector	5

5. Construction

a. The following 95 Division Work Orders were completed during the reporting period:

Work Order No. & Date Completed	Remarks
353-70 2 May 1970	Oil roads between Hill 65 and 52
260-70 2 May 1970	Survey drainage system
332-70 2 May 1970	Repair O Club, SNC0 and E Club
336-70 2 May 1970	Const. grease trap 2/11 messhall
342-70 5 May 1970	Const recreation room at C.G. mess
227-70 5 May 1970	Const & issue mount out boxes
326-70 5 May 1970	Draw & issue 2 20x32x8 bunkers
360-70 6 May 1970	Const & issue 46 mount out boxes
392-70 7 May 1970	Issue 100 4x4x2 boxes
358-70 7 May 1970	Cancelled by DEO
373-70 7 May 1970	Rehabilitate Chieu Hoi Club
411-70 7 May 1970	Provide 3 man survey recon team
308-70 9 May 1970	Modify existing bunker
287-70 9 May 1970	Inspect shower facilites
282-70 9 May 1970	Grade and install necessary drainage
379-70 9 May 1970	Provide forklift
372-70 10 May 1970	Survey "B" line 1st Recon Bn.
387-70 10 May 1970	Provide technical assistance and 2 bunkers
384-70 10 May 1970	Issue 11 8x12x8 bunkers w/floor and lights
461-70 16 May 1970	Const and issue 94 mount out boxes
420-70 16 May 1970	Const and issue 22 mount out boxes
436-70 16 May 1970	Const and issue 2 mount out boxes
443-70 16 May 1970	Const and issue 55 mount out boxes

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446-70	16 May 1970	Const & issue 4 mount out boxes
399-70	16 May 1970	Const & issue 23 mount out boxes
669-69	16 May 1970	Const 1 grandstand with seathing capacity of 40
357-70	16 May 1970	Const & issue 47 mount out boxes
417-70	16 May 1970	Deliver 50 yds of 2-3" rock
352-70	17 May 1970	Const & issue 10 mount out boxes
351-70	17 May 1970	Const & issue 167 wind shield covers
397-70	17 May 1970	Const & issue 48 mount out boxes
340-70	17 May 1970	Const & issue 110 wind shield covers
337-70	17 May 1970	Const & issue 97 mount out boxes
363-70	17 May 1970	Const & issue 113 mount out boxes
377-70	18 May 1970	Const & issue 48 mount out crates
361-70	18 May 1970	Const & issue 124 wind shield covers
382-70	18 May 1970	Const & issue 4 4 hoseheads, 10 urinols, 40 1/2 barrels
428-70	18 May 1970	Deliver 3 bundles of M8A1 matting
424-70	18 May 1970	Repair electrical system
242-70	18 May 1970	Cancelled
438-70	19 May 1970	Survey for chain link fence
412-70	19 May 1970	Install grease trap & necessary drainage
430-70	19 May 1970	Provide 1 forklift for 1 day
398-70	19 May 1970	Install drainage pipe
386-70	20 May 1970	Const & issue 5 mount out crates
385-70	20 May 1970	Issue & deliver 2 20x32x8 dunker to Hill 65
271-70	20 May 1970	Repair 2 showers Hill 65
342-70	20 May 1970	Const recreation area in CG mess
383-70	20 May 1970	Const & issue 36 mount out boxes

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