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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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1ST ENGINEER BATTALION

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 JULY 70 to 31 JULY 70

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

1st Engineer Battalion (Rein)

Commander

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1Feb70-Present

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters & Service Company

1stLt M.J. McLAUGHLIN

29Jan70-Present

Engineer Support Company

Maj D.J.KINDT

22May70-22Jul70

Company "A" (Rein)

Capt J. SELIGA

23Jul70-Present

Company "B" (Rein)

1stLt H.T. UNDERHILL

7Jun70-Present

Company "C" (Rein)

Capt J.T. WILLIAMS

22Jun70-Present

1stLt R.A. TRETSCH

9Jun70-Present

ATTACHED UNITS

Company "C", 1st Shore Party Battalion

Maj D.B. CONE
1stLt J.J. PRESTON26Feb70-1July70
2Jul70-Present2. Location

1st Engineer Battalion (Rein)

21Apr67-Present

Danang, RVN

Engineer Support Company

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

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj R.A. KERR

25Mar70-25Jul70

Maj D.J.KINDT

26Jul70-Present

Sergeant Major

1stSgt L. LIENAU

1Jul70-Present

S-1/Adjutant

Capt J.M. STOOPS

20Nov69-Present

S-2

1stLt M.D. WATERHOUSE

19May70-21Jul70

S-3

1stLt E.S. BARNWELL

22Jul70-Present

S-4

Maj F. BUTSKO

25Mar70-21Jul70

S-5

Maj D.J. KINDT

22Jul70-Present

Supply Officer

Maj T.E. HARRIS

1Jul70-Present

Communication 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

24Mar70-5July70

Utilities Officer

LtCmdr P.H. UHLES

22Jul70-Present

Construction Officer

Lt H.G. GOLDSTEIN

25May70-Present

Motor Transport Officer

1stLt R.S. McLAUGHLIN

20Oct69-Present

CWO-2 P.W. LINTS

13Oct69-4July70

GySgt C. CHAPMAN

4July70-Present

CWO-2 L.B. BOTTS

23Oct69-Present

1stLt B.I. BEHNKE

28Mar70-Present

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4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
42	945	2	14

Throughout July the 1st Engineer Battalion continued in General Support of the 1st Marine Division and other III MAF Units. An average of 33 combat engineers were employed in demolition 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 10 pieces of enemy emplaced ordnance were detected and destroyed. The counter mine program was further enhanced by the vigorous application of the Voluntary Informant Program. Seventy-eight (78) ordnance items were recovered while expending 8,950 piasters.

The 1st Marine Division Landmine Warfare School conducted by the 1st Engineer Battalion graduated 343 Marines. 228 personnel were instructed by a mobile contact team during a one-half day course in demolitions and counter Surprise Firing Device tactics.

On the 7th of July 1970, Brigader General SIMMONS, the Assistant Division Commander visited the 1st Engineer Battalion. He received a staff orientation briefing on the operations of the 1st Engineer Battalion.

On the 14th of July 1970 Colonel HALL, the FMFPac Engineer and Colonel OLSON, the III MAF Engineer visited the 1st Engineer Battalion. They received a staff orientation briefing on the operations of the 1st Engineer Battalion.

The rehabilitation of the Recon OP at Dong Den has been completed. A total of 477 man days and 45.6 equipment days were expended over a period of 57 days.

The rehabilitation of the An Trach Dam and Tay Thinh Irrigation Canal has been completed. The work was approved by Province and District Officials. A total of 590 man days and 141.6 equipment days were expended over a period of 59 days.

Construction of the wash racks in the 1st Engineer Battalion cantonment have been completed, utilizing 191.6 man days and 72.8 equipment days over a period of 10 days.

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Company "C", 1st Shore Party Battalion continues to operate 15 Landing Zones throughout the 1st Marine Division TAOR. 4,037 tons of supplies and 22,391 passengers were moved utilizing 2,306 helicopter sorties.

General Engineer Support was provided at an ever increasing tempo as evidenced by the completion of 93 Division Work Orders and by the production of 11,082,000 gallons of potable water.

In support of the Battalion's engineer operations the organic motor vehicles traveled a total of 69,528 miles.

Command and staff visits continued on a tri-weekly basis. These visits permitted the Battalion Commanding Officer and selected staff officers to visit each of the Division's regimental areas and job sites to gain first hand knowledge of progress and problem areas.

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PART III

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1. Personnel

a. Gains and Losses

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
DROPPED:	10	96	0	2
JOINED:	7	167	0	3

b. Casualties

	<u>KIA</u>		<u>WIA</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>HOSTILE</u>	<u>NON-HOSTILE</u>
0	0	OFF	ENL	OFF
		0	0	0
				8

2. Intelligence Summary Month of July 1970

a. Enemy activity during the month of July was characterized by the same low level of the past two months. Enemy sightings and initiated incidents decreased from the previous month. NVA/VC efforts were directed toward the procurement of supplies and away from direct contact with Free World Forces. Effects of enemy activity on 1st Engineer Battalion personnel were limited to attempted interdiction of LOC's by mining and booby trapping.

b. During the month of July there was 2.7 inches of rainfall. Temperatures averaged in the mid - 90's.

3. Mine Warfare

a. During the month of July, 1st Engineer Battalion road sweep teams paid 8,950 \$VN from Voluntary Information Program Funds for the following 78 ordnance items (figures in parentheses are those employed as mines or Surprise Firing Devices):

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Chi-Com	27
M-26 Grenades	12 {1}
50 lb. Rock Mine	1 {1}
M-79	18
Cofram	7
105 Round	5
60 mm	6
Illumination Round Fuse	1
Pipemine	1

b. In addition sweep teams found the following 10 items of ordnance (figures in parentheses are those employed as mines of Surprise Firing Devices):

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
M-26 Grenades	3 (1)
M-79	1
105 Round	1
60mm	2
80 lb. Rock Mine	1 (1)
81mm	1
60 lb. Rock Mine	1 (1)

4. Training

a. During July, 343 students graduated from the three day course of instruction at the 1st Marine Division Landmine Warfare School which is conducted by the 1st Engineer Battalion. Unit attendance is listed below:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
1st Battalion, 1st Marines	29
2nd Battalion, 1st Marines	32
3rd Battalion, 1st Marines	35
1st Battalion, 5th Marines	0
2nd Battalion, 5th Marines	41
3rd Battalion, 5th Marines	30
1st Battalion, 7th Marines	34
2nd Battalion, 7th Marines	34
3rd Battalion, 7th Marines	29
3rd Battalion, 11th Marines	5
1st Engineer Battalion	54
7th Engineer Battalion	19
1st Medical Battalion	1

b. A mobile contact team traveled to 3 units to conduct a one-half day course of instruction for 228 personnel.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
Division Schools (ARVN)	45
Division Schools (USMC)	91
11th Marines	92

5. Construction

a. The following 93 Division Work Orders were completed during the reporting period:

610-70 02 July 1970 Issue (75) 4x4x14 & (40) 3x12x12 boxes to the 7th Marines.
617-70 02 July 1970 Provide forklift w/op for one day
606-70 02 July 1970 Repair roof of CO's office
572-70 02 July 1970 Install (7) 7x7x7 culvert fighting bunkers
624-70 03 July 1970 Issue (20) sheets of 3/4" plywood
485-70 03 July 1970 Provide material for (12) 8x8x8 bunkers
586-70 03 July 1970 Install Bath unit at LZ Baldy
593-70 03 July 1970 Const. (10) 32W Boxes, (10) 28x18x10 and (30) 19x14x9.
598-70 04 July 1970 Construct 35x21x21 mount out box
490-70 04 July 1970 Construct and install metal gate
502-70 04 July 1970 Construct (5) urinals and (50) half barrels
532-70 04 July 1970 Construct (20) field range crates
355-70 05 July 1970 Make repairs to canal at An Hoa
560-70 05 July 1970 Provide one scoop loader
609-70 05 July 1970 Issue (1) 10x24x8 bunker w/ltskit & decking
597-70 05 July 1970 Oil roads and area around LZ
579-70 06 July 1970 Deliver & grade 2"-3" rock for 30x100' area
567-70 06 July 1970 Install shelving at stack arms
445-70 07 July 1970 Provide assistance in upgrade of armament boxes
610-70 08 July 1970 Draw and issue (1) 20x32x8 and (1) 8x8x8 bunker
614-70 07 July 1970 Provide scoop loader w/operator
616-70 07 July 1970 Provide scoop loader w/op for (1) day
304-70 08 July 1970 Inspect and repair electrical systems
445-70 08 July 1970 Provide tech. assist. in upgrading ammunition storage.

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529-70 09 July 1970 Construct (4) crates for ME-10 & (1) crate for MQ-51
612-70 09 July 1970 Construct (10) mount-out boxes as in Encl. (1)
640-70 09 July 1970 Construct & varnish (1) 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 12" picture frame
641-70 09 July 1970 Provide survey team to inspect CP-39
644-70 10 July 1970 Construct boxes as shown in Encl. (1)
648-70 10 July 1970 Construct (52) coffins as in Encl. (1)
603-70 10 July 1970 Conduct survey of Hill 190
650-70 10 July 1970 Provide grader and (4) loads of laterite
623-70 11 July 1970 Construct (4) field range crates, (4) vacuum jugs, (3) 3' X 3' X 3' solid plywood boxes
626-70 11 July 1970 Construct (15) boxes using $\frac{1}{2}$ " plywood
655-70 11 July 1970 Provide tractor to raze Hill 25
653-70 11 July 1970 Issue (40) sheets of 3/4" plywood for Go Noi Island
652-70 12 July 1970 Construct and issue (5) mount-out boxes
639-70 12 July 1970 Issue (8) 2" X 4" X 8' for FSB Ryder
634-70 13 July 1970 Issue (2) full size membranes for Vietnamization
627-70 14 July 1970 Construct (1) four hole head
665-70 16 July 1970 Provide forklift w/op to load pallets of "B" wire
659-70 17 July 1970 Provide forklifts w/op to load ships
635-70 17 July 1970 Provide (15) half barrels for heads
633-70 17 July 1970 Re-erect Camp Muir monument to a better site
645-70 17 July 1970 Provide equipment to cover a ditch
602-70 18 July 1970 Deliver (30) yards of 2"-3" rock to 3/5 forward CP
607-70 18 July 1970 Grade lower access road at Hill 65
667-70 18 July 1970 Construct decking on (3) gun pads and provide a Mini-dozer for excavation and berm work

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562-70 18 July 1970 Construct concrete slabs for reefer units
661-70 19 July 1970 Install doors and ventilation in ammo bunkers
663-70 19 July 1970 Provide equipment to level land at QL-1(AT960778)
664-70 19 July 1970 Install (1) 25' Blackjack pole. Unit has pole
666-70 19 July 1970 Construct and issue (11) mount-out boxes
689-70 20 July 1970 Repair water system and install purification unit
684-70 20 July 1970 Provide forklift w/op to move supplies
683-70 20 July 1970 Construct (3) picture frames
678-70 21 July 1970 Cut (500) 2" X 4" X 14"
677-70 21 July 1970 Provide forklift w/op to move supplies
672-70 21 July 1970 Provide equip. to fill a trench & level a mound
654-70 21 July 1970 Construct and issue mount-out boxes as in Encl. (1)
637-70 21 July 1970 Construct (1) 14' water tower
542-70 22 July 1970 Construct and issue (20) mount-out boxes
511-70 22 July 1970 Survey and repair water system at Hills 10 & 41
494-70 22 July 1970 Deliver 75 yards of 6"(-) rock to An Hoa
600-70 22 July 1970 Construct entrance way to generator shed
629-70 23 July 1970 Inspect and repair the ammo bunker as necessary
630-70 23 July 1970 Provide materials and repair (2) towers
646-70 23 July 1970 Provide forklift w/op for a five day period
615-70 24 July 1970 Construct and issue (1) 4' X 4' X 2' box
611-70 24 July 1970 Inspect and repair 20' tower on Hill 37
697-70 25 July 1970 Repair electric system & install lights & wiring in warehouse # 87
696-70 25 July 1970 Provide forklift w/op for (1) day

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693-70 25 July 1970 Construct and issue (50) mount-out boxes
691-70 26 July 1970 Construct and issue (4) mount-out boxes
680-70 27 July 1970 Construct and issue (75) mount-out boxes
658-70 27 July 1970 Construct (1) 100cu' reefer crate & (18) lids
647-70 28 July 1970 Provide tech. assistance to const. (2) 8X8X8 bnks
685-70 29 July 1970 Provide forklift w/op to move supplies for S-4
642-70 29 July 1970 Construct (10) mount-out boxes
523-70 29 July 1970 Provide forklift w/op for two days
198-70 29 July 1970 Renovate OP Reno and Construct defensive position
568-70 30 July 1970 Install drainage near messhall
522-70 30 July 1970 Provide forklift w/op for 1st tank bn supply
656-70 30 July 1970 Repair messhall and storage building.
correct bad wiring in (2) huts for 3/1 platoon
637-70 30 July 1970 Construct (1) 14' water tower
524-70 30 July 1970 Repair roof on two SEA huts
498-70 30 July 1970 Construct LZ at Hill 190
584-70 30 July 1970 Make repairs to drainage at Dia La Pass
619-70 31 July 1970 Construct stairway from LZ401 to S-3 COC
662-70 31 July 1970 Put membrane on 10X24 comm bunker
621-70 31 July 1970 Issue materials listed in enclosure (1)
573-70 31 July 1970 Draw and issue (1) 8X8X8 bunker
657-70 31 July 1970 Provide equipment to install drainage from
two bunkers at LZ 469

b. The following construction material was expended on the
foregoing Division Work Orders.

674-70 20 May 1970 Provide 1 TD-18 w/operator

448-70 21 May 1970 Provide 1 forklift for 1 day

457-70 21 May 1970 Provide 1 PU-239 generator to Camp Lauer

376-70 21 May 1970 Const & issue 2 rifle boxes

453-70 21 May 1970 Const 1 picutre frame 17x22"

380-70 21 May 1970 Const & issue 146 mount out boxes

407-70 21 May 1970 Const grease trap at Dai La Pass Messhall

455-70 21 May 1970 Deliver 50 yds of sand to Hill 35

306-70 21 May 1970 Cover trash pits & grade contonment

418-70 21 May 1970 Repair LZ rock crusher

405-70 21 May 1970 Const & issue 85 mount out boxes

429-70 22 May 1970 Make repair to supply hut

437-70 22 May 1970 Deliver 35 yds of sand to 1st Med

402-70 22 May 1970 Install MBAI matting for halo pad at NAC

444-70 22 May 1970 Replace decking

433-70 22 May 1970 Cover trash pit and level supply area

232-70 22 May 1970 Make necessary wiring to Hill 55

272-70 22 May 1970 Const 16x16 platform

414-70 22 May 1970 Deliver 250 yds of sand

378-70 22 May 1970 Provide equipment to 7th Engineer Battalion

241-70 26 May 1970 Upgrade and provide drainage to contonment roads at NAC

419-70 26 May 1970 Deliver 80 yds of CBR to Div School

454-70 26 May 1970 Move tower from 3/7 to 1/7 area

195-70 26 May 1970 Const & issue 1 2 hole head & 2 4 hole head

426-70 26 May 1970 Draw & const 2 16x32 Sea Hut

435-70 26 May 1970 Provide equipment to re-route trenches

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499-70 26 May 1970 Const 1 volly ball court at Stack Arms
 451-70 27 May 1970 Deliver 50 yds of 6" rock
 478-70 27 May 1970 Provide 1 forklift for 1 day
 389-70 27 May 1970 Provide 1 case 450 & 1 580 backhoe for 1 day
 482-70 27 May 1970 Const & issue 4 hole head
 413-70 27 May 1970 Const & issue 153 mount out hexes
 450-70 27 May 1970 Prefab 400 2x4x48 and 800 2x4x20 mount out boxes
 458-70 27 May 1970 Provide 1 forklift to unload 50 trucks
 461-70 27 May 1970 Const & issue 94 mount out boxes
 473-70 27 May 1970 Deliver 10 yds CBR
 102-70 27 May 1970 Install light at each corner of LZ
 479-70 27 May 1970 Make repair to water line at Dai La Pass
 468-70 27 May 1970 Haul 10 yds 2-3" rock & 10 yds of sand
 465-70 29 May 1970 Deliver 150 yds 2-3" rock
 790-69 29 May 1970 Draw & issue 4 10x24x8 bunkers
 293-70 29 May 1970 Provide technical assistance for const of fougasse
 496-70 30 May 1970 Provide 1 forklift for 4 days
 472-70 30 May 1970 Install electrical grounding device
 466-70 30 May 1970 Provide technical assistance for const of 1 8x12 bunker
 803-69 30 May 1970 Draw & issue 1 20x32x8 bunker

b. The following construction material was expended on the foregoing Division Work Orders.

Nails	Plywood	Lumber	Rock	Equip. Hrs	Man Hrs
2304 lbs	3,614 Shts	72,781 BF	1410 yds	1,620 hrs	25,180
Wire	Lampholder	Bunkers	Road Oil	SEA Huts	Screen
840 rls	74	20x32x8 - 3 10x24x8 - 4 8x12x8 - 2	18,000 gal.	2	7 rolls

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2" Elbow Joints	Matting	Tin	Cement	Pipe	Sand
4	39 bdds	118 pcs	352 Bags	65 ft	285 yds
Heads	Switches				
4 holers - 3	4				
2 holers - 1					

c. The following 8 Battalion Work Orders were completed during the reporting Period:

Work Order No. & Date Completed	Remarks
118-70 12 May 1970	Const frame door in pool room
15-70 12 May 1970	Const handrail on Liberty Bridge
71-70 12 May 1970	Const 1 55 gal drum rack for 8 barrels
115-70 17 May 1970	Install fence around club & flick
120-70 22 May 1970	Const 1 Vietnamese head
45-70 23 May 1970	Lay tile in mess hall
89-70 25 May 1970	Repair wiring in hootch 7470
87-70 25 May 1970	Install flourecent lights in special service

d. The following construction material was expended on the foregoing Battalion Work Orders:

Man Hours	Equipment Hours	Plywood	Lumber	Rock	Doors
649 hrs	28	3 shts	9,80 BF	8 Loads	3
Angle Iron	Pipe	Romex	Flourecent Lights	Breaker Box	Tile
30 Ft	90'	79	8	2	43 crates
Asphalt	Round Mold				
15 gal	320 ft				

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<u>Man Hours</u>	<u>Equipment Hours</u>	<u>Tin</u>	<u>Sandbags</u>	<u>Cement</u>	<u>Pipe</u>	<u>Nails</u>
10,394	1,492	93 Sheets	9,150	51 Bags	78'	1,700Lbs
<u>55 Gal Drums</u>	<u>Bunkers</u>	<u>TNT</u>	<u>C-4</u>	<u>Culvert</u>	<u>Plywood</u>	
45	(2)-10X24X8 (7)-7X7X7 (13)-8X8X8	100Lbs	120Lbs	400'	1,237 Sheets	
<u>Lumber</u>	<u>40Lb Cratering Charge</u>	<u>15Lb Shape Charge</u>	<u>Gate Valves</u>			
130,013 BF	40	40	2			
<u>Discharge Hose</u>	<u>Creosote</u>	<u>Laterite</u>	<u>Roofing Paper</u>	<u>Romex Wire</u>	<u>Screen</u>	
30'	2 Pallets	4 Loads	4 Rolls	300'	4 Rolls	
<u>Tanglefoot</u>	<u>Double Apron</u>	<u>Tactical Wire</u>	<u>M8A1 Matting</u>	<u>Membrane Kits</u>		
400 Meters	400 Meters	600 Meters	20 Bundles	2		
<u>Engineer Stakes</u>	<u>Pentaprime</u>	<u>Pre-Fab Doors</u>				
1 Bundle	40 Barrels	14				
	10 Pallets					

c. The following 9 Battalion Work Orders were completed during the reporting period:

- 155-70 01 July 1970 Repair fire truck as necessary
- 153-70 12 July 1970 Repair roof on SNCO club
- 164-70 15 July 1970 Put door and hasp on pump house
- 170-70 20 July 1970 Construct 200 engineer stakes
- 161-70 25 July 1970 Construct 350 minefield marking signs
- 171-70 26 July 1970 Construct and install (2) 4" pipe Volleyball Poles
- 172-70 27 July 1970 Paint monument at Hill 55
- 173-70 27 July 1970 Repair head located on ballfield
- 175-70 27 July 1970 Construct 1 wind protector for urinoil

d. The following construction material was expended on the foregoing Battalion Work Orders:

<u>Plywood</u>	<u>Screen</u>	<u>Nails</u>	<u>Man Hours</u>	<u>Equipment Hours</u>	<u>Tin</u>
16 Sheets	$\frac{1}{2}$ Roll	75 Lbs	241	19	59 Sheets
<u>Paint</u>	<u>Pipe</u>	<u>Cable</u>	<u>Lumber</u>	<u>Pre-Fab Door</u>	
5 Gal	38'	52'	451 BF	1	

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PART IV

TAB A SUBORDINATE UNIT COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FILED SEP

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