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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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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters & Service Company	1stLt H.J. McLAUGHLIN	29Jan-Present
Engineer Support Company	Capt J.V. SELIGA	23Jul-Present
Company "A" (Rein)	1stLt H.T. UNDERHILL	7Jun-Present
Company "B" (Rein)	Capt J.T. WILLIAMS	22Jun-Present
Company "C" (Rein)	1stLt R.A. TRETSCH	9Jun-Present

ATTACHED UNITS

Company "C", 1st Shore Party Battalion	Maj J.G. DIXON	1Aug-Present
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2. <u>Location</u>		
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)	6Aug68-20Aug70	An Hoa, RVN
Company "C" (Rein)	20Aug70-Present	Danang, RVN
Company "C", 1st Shore Party Battalion	26Aug68-19Aug70	Dong Trau, RVN
	19Aug70-Present	Danang, RVN
	25Feb70-Present	Danang, RVN

3. <u>Staff Officers</u>		
Executive Officer	Maj D.J. KINDT	26Jul70-Present
Sergeant Major	1stSgt L. LIENAU	1Jul70-10Aug70
S-1/Adjutant	MGySgt C.M. WILLOUGHBY	11Aug70-Present
S-2	Capt J.M. STOOPS	20Nov69-Present
S-3	1stLt E.S. BARNWELL	22Jul70-Present
S-4	Maj D.J. KINDT	22Jul70-Present
S-5	Maj T.E. HARRIS	1Jul70-Present
Supply Officer	1stLt R.F. KARSTEN	27May70-Present
Communication Officer	1stLt G.F. MEDRANO	11Nov69-8Aug70
Chaplain	1stLt K.G. SEEGMILLER	9Aug70-Present
Medical Officer	1stLt H.G. WATKINS	21Oct69-Present
Engineer Equipment Officer	LtCmdr P.H. UHLES	22Jul70-10Aug70
Utilities Officer	Lt. H.G. GOLDSTEIN	25May70-Present
Construction Officer	1stLt R.S. McLAUGHLIN	20Oct69-Present
Motor Transport Officer	GySgt C. CHAPMAN	4Jul70-31Jul70
	1stLT D.M. TURRAY	1Aug70-Present
	CWO-2 L.B. BOTTS	23Oct69-Present
	1stLt B. I. BEHNKE	28Mar70-Present

PART II

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
41	939	1	11

Throughout August the 1st Engineer Battalion continued in support of the 1st Marine Division and other III MAF Units with mine clearance teams, construction of combat defensive fortifications and fire support base improvements. An average of 25 combat engineers were employed in demolition teams rendering close combat engineer support to the 1st, 5th, and 7th Marine Regiments on platoon and company size operations. Seventeen engineer road sweep teams conducted sweeps over 2,439 Km. of road resulting in the detection and destruction of 7 items of enemy emplaced ordnance. The counter mine program was further enhanced by the application of the Voluntary Information Program. 37 ordnance items were recovered while expending 5,050 piastres.

Fire Support Bases McNutt and Scimitar were constructed as part of a series of joint operations with CIDG and ARVN Forces. Both bases are out of the division TAO and support was coordinated with Quang Da Special Zone.

On the Fire Support Base McNutt complex 6 combat engineers utilizing (1) Case 450 tractor constructed six (6) 105 Howitzer positions and two (2) ammo berms. A total of 120 man hours and 16 equipment hours were utilized over a period of two days.

In the construction of the Fire Support Base Scimitar project, five (5) combat engineers utilizing (1) Case 450 tractor constructed four 155 Howitzers positions utilizing 150 man hours and 24 equipment hours over a period of three (3) days.

The 1st Marine Division Land Mine Warfare School conducted by the 1st Engineer Battalion was closed to outside units 1 August 1970 by Division Schools. However, the school remained open to instruct 1st Engineer Battalion personnel. A total of 126 students graduated from the school during the reporting period. 90 personnel from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines were instructed by a mobile contact team during a two day course in Demolition and Counter SFD Tactics.

General Engineer Support was provided in the form of 76 Completed Division Work Orders and the production of 13,408,000 gallons of potable water.

On the 27th of August 1970 Col. BLUE, the 1st Marine Division G-4 and Col. CHANG FANG NANG of the Republic of China Marine Corps visited the 1st Engineer Battalion. They received a Staff Orientation briefing of the operations of the 1st Engineer Battalion.

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Eighteen (18) 1st Engineer Battalion personnel continued in the upgrading of the bunkers and drainage system at FSB Ryder in preparation for the up coming monsoon season. A new trash chute was constructed and 3,850 gallons of pentaprime was spread over the entire FSB Ryder complex. Eight (8) bunkers were rehabilitated during the reporting period. A total of 2090 man hours were expended in the completion of these projects.

Four (4) combat engineers were inserted on the Hill 270 Fire Support Base (AT865680) on 30 August 1970 to rehabilitate the existing bunkers and the internal drainage system. During the reporting period the engineers initiated the complete rehabilitation of the COC bunker.

Company "C", 1st Shore Party Battalion continues to operate 15 Landing Zones throughout the 1st Marine Division TAOR. 4,484 tons of supplies and 17,188 passengers were moved utilizing 2,356 helicopter sorties.

In support of the Battalions engineer operations a daily average of 32 Organic Motor Vehicles traveled a total of 80,265 miles within the 1st Marine Divisions TAOR.

During the reporting period the Commanding Officer and selected Staff Officers visited each of the Battalion's Regimental areas and job sites on a weekly basis to gain first hand knowledge and progress and problem areas.

PART III

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:	5	172	1	3
JOINED:	8	211	0	0

b. Casualties

	<u>KIA</u>		<u>WIA</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>HOSTILE</u>	<u>NON-HOSTILE</u>
	0	0	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
			0	2
				0
				8

2. Intelligence Summary Month of August 1970

a. During the month of August enemy activity remained at a relatively low level with (1740) enemy sightings reported by 1st Marine Division units. The majority of the activity was in the 7th Marines AO. There were (87) enemy initiated contacts, the two most significant of which were a 122 mm rocket attack against the An Hoa Combat Base and a mortar attack against the Hill 34 Complex. The remainder of the enemy incidents were harassing in nature. Heightened points of activity were on 19 August commemorating the anniversary of the Viet Minh Revolution and on 30 August the day of the Vietnamese National Senate Elections. Enemy efforts were directed toward terrorism and propagandizing on these two dates. In summary, the enemy did not have the capability to initiate any large scale coordinated attacks but smaller harassing operations such as mortar and rocket attacks and sapper activity was prevalent. Primary targets for the ground activity remained to be CAP, CUPP, PF, and RF units.

3. Mine Warfare

a. During the month of August, 1st Engineer Battalion road sweep teams paid 5,050 \$VN from Voluntary Informant Program funds for the following 37 ordnance items.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Claymore	2
8t mm	4
M-79	10
60 mm	1
Cofram	3
105 mm	8
TNT Sticks	3
M-26 Grenade	6

b. In addition sweep teams found the following 7 items of ordnance (figures in parentheses are those employed as mines of Surprise Firing Devices):

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Rockmine	(3)
Chicom	2
M-79	(1)
M-26 Grenade	(1)

4. Training

a. During August, 126 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 Engineer Battalion	126

b. A mobile contact team traveled to elements of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines to conduct a two day course of instruction for 90 personnel.

5. Construction

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

699-70 01 Aug 70 Construct and issue 30 stands
700-70 01 Aug 70 Construct and issue mount-out boxes
702-70 01 Aug 70 Construct and issue mount-out boxes
705-70 01 Aug 70 Construct and issue 20 crates for "B" packs
725-70 02 Aug 70 Provide a forklift w/operator for a 10 day period
706-70 03 Aug 70 Issue materiels to 1st M.A.W.
709-70 04 Aug 70 Construct and issue 38 mount-out boxes
710-70 04 Aug 70 Construct one 4 hole head & 3 urinoils
716-70 05 Aug 70 Install 40' of 4" pipe in main water line
718-70 05 Aug 70 Construct 1,000 pieces of 2" x 4" x 14"
711-70 05 Aug 70 Construct and issue mount-out boxes
723-70 06 Aug 70 Grade road from cantonment to water point
712-70 06 Aug 70 Construct and issue mount-out boxes
714-70 07 Aug 70 Provide a forklift w/operator for one day
698-70 07 Aug 70 Provide a forklift w/operator for four days
715-70 08 Aug 70 Provide a forklift w/operator for one day
736-70 08 Aug 70 Repair 3 shower heads in shower
728-70 08 Aug 70 Construct and issue 110 mount-out boxes
727-70 08 Aug 70 Provide a forklift to HqBn 5th Marines
726-70 09 Aug 70 Provide a forklift w/operator for one day
703-70 09 Aug 70 Provide assistance for construction of 3 bunkers
695-70 09 Aug 70 Repair broken drainage line
694-70 09 Aug 70 Construct and issue mount-out boxes
690-70 10 Aug 70 Construct and issue (62) 16cu boxes
687-70 10 Aug 70 Construct and issue mount-out boxes
686-70 10 Aug 70 Construct drainage ditch at NAC

643-70 10 Aug 70 Install three Blackjack poles
628-70 11 Aug 70 Cover trash at Liberty Bridge
580-70 11 Aug 70 Provide a forklift w/operator for two days
518-70 11 Aug 70 Extract Cofferdam and parts from river
484-70 12 Aug 70 Install drainage from showers
719-70 12 Aug 70 Install ventilation in guard bunker
731-70 13 Aug 70 Construct and issue mount-out boxes
730-70 13 Aug 70 Construct and issue 70 mount-out boxes
708-70 13 Aug 70 Deliver 5 yards of sand
701-70 14 Aug 70 Provide assistance to construct 3 SEA huts
737-70 14 Aug 70 Construct and issue two 3 hole heads
740-70 14 Aug 70 Construct and issue mount-out boxes
732-70 15 Aug 70 Deliver 500 yards of fill *6000 ft²*
742-70 15 Aug 70 Construct 3 picture frames
755-70 15 Aug 70 Construct and issue windshield covers
743-70 15 Aug 70 Prefab one 4 hole head for air delivery
741-70 16 Aug 70 Construct and issue one 4 hole head
707-70 16 Aug 70 Repair shower building
759-70 17 Aug 70 Provide a forklift for one day
767-70 17 Aug 70 Install one 3000 gallon tank and one 350GPM pump
745-70 17 Aug 70 Install one 40' x 16' partition
749-70 18 Aug 70 Construct and issue mount-out boxes
760-70 18 Aug 70 Construct and issue 10 plaques
747-70 19 Aug 70 Construct and issue (20) 32cu boxes
721-70 20 Aug 70 Construct and issue 20 urinoils

668-70 20 Aug 70 Rehab decking in one SEA hut

735-70 20 Aug 70 Install 20' of 3/4" water line

763-70 21 Aug 70 Construct (40) 16cu boxes

765-70 21 Aug 70 Provide one forklift for 6 days

764-70 22 Aug 70 Provide 4 forklifts for 6 days

757-70 24 Aug 70 Provide grader to grade storage and parking lot

179-70 25 Aug 70 Install (14) 500 watt mercury vapor lights

793-70 26 Aug 70 Construct and issue (35) 64cu boxes

785-70 26 Aug 70 Construct and issue 74 mount-out boxes

748-70 27 Aug 70 Relocate partition and door. Install 3 fans

773-70 27 Aug 70 Construct and issue one mount-out box

805-70 27 Aug 70 Construct and issue one 2 hole head

599-70 28 Aug 70 Deliver 25 yards of 2"-3" rock

768-70 28 Aug 70 Repair "D" Co and "H & S" Co showers

776-70 28 Aug 70 Disconnect electric supply to Dental Van

403-70 29 Aug 70 Dispose of matting and bunker materiels

789-70 29 Aug 70 Construct and issue 39 mount-out boxes

788-70 29 Aug 70 Provide 4 truckloads of sand

753-70 30 Aug 70 Excavate burn pit in Mass II area

790-70 30 Aug 70 Provide one truckload of sand

756-70 30 Aug 70 Provide one forklift w/operator for $\frac{1}{2}$ day

752-70 31 Aug 70 Replace lighting fixtures & install partitions

792-70 31 Aug 70 Construct and issue mount-out boxes

682-70 31 Aug 70 Install six 12' long culverts along MSR and berm

809-70 31 Aug 70 Construct and issue 32 windshield covers

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

Man Hours - 5,440	Pipe - 80'
Equipment Hours - 993	Hinges - 6
Lumber - 64,922 BF	500 Watt Lights - 14
Plywood - 1,412 Sheets	Blackjack Poles - 3
Nails - 658 lb.	Bolts - 30
Tin - 220 Sheets	Rock - 625 Yards
Screen - 9 Rolls	Fill - 500 Yards

c. The following 36 Battalion Work Orders were completed during the reporting period:

177-70 01 Aug 70 Rehab two SEA Huts
179-70 01 Aug 70 Construct two screen doors
176-70 02 Aug 70 Rehab Buildings #7409, 7410 & 7583
178-70 02 Aug 70 Construct one sign for the Main Gate
180-70 04 Aug 70 Repair electric wiring in SEA Hut #7435
169-70 06 Aug 70 Construct wash trough on shower building #7431
184-70 06 Aug 70 Repair electric system in Huts #7409, 7410 & 7583
183-70 06 Aug 70 Repair electrical system in SEA Hut #7539
185-70 08 Aug 70 Construct ten boxes for PU667 Generators
186-70 09 Aug 70 Repair ceiling and screen on bldg's 7435 & 7446
190-70 10 Aug 70 Construct and issue one 4 hole head
182-70 11 Aug 70 Construct 4 Blackboards
187-70 11 Aug 70 Construct and issue 3 reefer crates
192-70 12 Aug 70 Construct two signs
195-70 12 Aug 70 Construct (40) 40cu boxes
197-70 13 Aug 70 Construct and issue one 4 hole head
196-70 13 Aug 70 Install drainage pipe
188-70 14 Aug 70 Repair all SEA Huts in Company area

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203-70 14 Aug 70 Construct one letter drop box
202-70 15 Aug 70 Repair drainage system of "H & S" Co shower
204-70 15 Aug 70 Improve drainage in the Support Company area
205-70 16 Aug 70 Remove partitions in the LMWS huts
226-70 16 Aug 70 Replace shutters on the Officers messhall
207-70 17 Aug 70 Construct (8) 40cu boxes w/skids
209-70 17 Aug 70 Construct 5 lids and one 60cu box
218-70 17 Aug 70 Repair faucet in sink of hut #7470
206-70 18 Aug 70 Cut 200 minefield marking signs
224-70 19 Aug 70 Construct and issue (4) picture frames
216-70 20 Aug 70 Repair leaks in the SNCO Club roof
194-70 20 Aug 70 Crate towers for transfer to FLC
215-70 20 Aug 70 Construct (3) 4 hole heads
212-70 24 Aug 70 Construct 3 tables
219-70 26 Aug 70 Construct 6 disks, 1' radius
220-70 27 Aug 70 Construct 10 mount-out boxes
229-70 31 Aug 70 Construct 6 arrows as per encl. (1)
236-70 31 Aug 70 Install lights in outdoor movie and NCO Club

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

Man Hours - 1,763	Screen - 5 Rolls
Equipment Hours - 24	Lamp Holders - 17
Lumber - 12,299 BF	Hinges - 12
Plywood - 366 Sheets	Paint - 1 Gallon
Tin - 3 Sheets	Tar - 3 Gallons
Nails - 262 lb.	15/30 Breaker Boxes - 3
Romex Wire - 1,420'	Pre-Fab Doors - 4