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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 herewith submitted.

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1ST ENGINEER BATTALION

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 SEPTEMBER 1970 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

1st Engineer Battalion (Rein)

Commander

LtCol W. F. GLOWICKI

1Feb70-Present

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters & Service Company

1stLt M.J. McLAUGHLIN

29Jan-17Sep70

Engineer Support Company

Capt C.E. WILSON

18Sep-Present

Company "A" (Rein)

Capt J.V. SELIGA

23Jul-4Sep70

Company "B" (Rein)

Capt P.R. CATALOGNE

5Sep-Present

Company "C" (Rein)

1stLt H.T. UNDERHILL

7Jun-14Sep70

Company "B" (Rein)

1stLt T.H. DENLING

15Sep-Present

Company "C" (Rein)

Capt. J.T. WILLIAMS

22Jun-Present

Company "C" (Rein)

1stLt R.A. TRETSCH

9Jun-20Sep70

Company "C" (Rein)

1stLt D.E. BARNES

21Sep-Present

ATTACHED UNITS

Company "C", 1st Shore Party Battalion

Maj. J.G. DIXON

1Aug-Present

2. 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)

20Aug70-Present

Danang, RVN

Company "C" (Rein)

19Aug70-Present

Danang, RVN

Company "C", 1st Shore Party Battalion

25Feb70-Present

Danang, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj D.J. KINDT

26Jul70-10Sep70

Sergeant Major

Maj D.P. HIBBS

11Sep70-Present

S-1/Adjutant

MgySgt C.H. WILLOUGHBY

11Aug70-1Sep70

S-2

SgtMaj H.J. URBAN

2Sep70-Present

S-3

Capt. J.M. STOOPS

20Nov69-Present

S-4

1stLt E.S. BARNWELL

22Jul70-Present

S-5

Maj D.J. KINDT

22Jul70-Present

Supply Officer

Maj T.E. HARRIS

1Jul70-Present

Supply Officer CPT/1000

1stLt R.F. KARSTEN

27May70-Present

Supply Officer CPT/1000

1stLt K.G. SEEGMILLER

9Aug70-Present

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Communication Officer	1stLt H.G. WATKINS	21Oct69-13Sep70
Medical Officer	1stLt A.G. TOWLE	14Sep70-Present
Engineer Equipment Officer	Lt. H.G. GOLDSTEIN	25May70-Present
Utilities Officer	1stLt R.S. McLAUGHLIN	20Oct69-23Sep70
Construction Officer	W.O. H.C. BOUCHER	3Sep70-Present
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt D.M. TURKAY	1Aug70-Present
	CWO-2 L.B. BOITTS	23Oct69-Present
	1stLt B.I. BEHNKE	28Mar70-23Sep70
	1stLt. J. GRADY	24Sep70-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>
40	344	1	12

Throughout the month of September 1970, the 1st Engineer Battalion remained committed to combat engineer support of the 1st Marine Division and other III MAF Units with mine detection and clearance sweeps, construction of combat defensive fortifications and Fire Support Base improvements. An average of 70 combat engineers were employed in demolition teams rendering close combat support to the 1st, 5th and 7th Marine Regiments on platoon and company size operations. Eighteen engineer road sweep teams conducted sweeps over 2,523 Km of road resulting in the detection of 27 pieces of enemy emplaced ordnance. The counter mine program was further enhanced by the vigorous application of the Voluntary Information Program. 196 ordinance items were recovered while expending 55,625 piastres.

The Land Mine Warfare School training program consisted of a Mobile Contact Team and the resident school for personnel of the 1st Engineer Battalion. The instruction conducted by the contact team consisted of instructing 1,768 personnel during (28) one half day courses in Demolition and Counter Surprise Firing Devices Tactics. The 1st Engineer Battalion Land Mine Warfare School graduated (79) students.

During this reporting period, the 1st Engineer Battalion completed the rehabilitation of the Hill 270 Fire Support Base. Engineers constructed a shower building and installed the water tank and shower fixtures needed to prepare the shower for operation. The drainage around the Infra-red observation Device Tower has been completed. All bunkers on the complex have been upgraded and Penta Prime has been applied over the required areas of the Base.

On the 16th of September 1970 construction began on FSB Dagger. All personnel and equipment to be utilized for the construction of FSB Dagger were staged and held lifted to the construction site.

Engineers cleared and constructed two (2) Landing Zones, fourteen (14) Gun Pads and five (5) ammo storage bunkers. The FSB was completed 27 September 1970.

The rehabilitation of FSB Ryder was completed 7 September 1970. The entire drainage system was upgraded in preparation for the upcoming Monsoon Season. A new trash chute was constructed and 3,850 gallons of Penta Prime was applied to areas which required water proofing. A total of 2,070 man hours were expended over a period of 11 days.

General Engineer Support was provided at an ever increasing tempo as evidenced by the completion of 78 Division Work orders and the production of 13,897,000 gallons of potable water during the reporting period.

Company "C", 1st Shore Party Battalion continues to operate 15 Landing Zones throughout the 1st Marine Division TAOB. 2,901 tons of resupplies and combat essential cargo and 11,135 passengers were moved utilizing a total of 1,700 helicopter sorties.

In support of the engineer operations, a daily average of 34 organic motor vehicles traveled a total of 98,247 miles within the 1st Marine Division TAOB.

During the reporting period the Commanding Officer and selected Staff Officers continued to visit each job site and supporting Regimental areas to gain first hand knowledge of progress and problem areas.

On 14 September 1970 the 1st Engineer Battalion began the demolition and leveling of An Hoa Combat Base. During the reporting period, ARVN and 1st Engineer Battalion personnel dismantled 325 buildings and 1st Engineer Battalion and "A" Company, 7th Engineer Battalion Heavy Equipment leveled 55% of the An Hoa area. A total of 2,320 man days and 256 equipment days were expended and an average of 127 personnel and 20 pieces of heavy engineer equipment were utilized during the reporting period.

In conjunction with re-deployment of selected 1st Marine Division Units from Vietnam, 1st Engineer Battalion's wash down facilities were utilized by 1st 175 Guns, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, and 3rd 8" Howitzers. In addition, washdown points were provided at Sea Bee Ramp, Bridge Ramp and Deep Water Pier for units preparing to board ship for re-deployment.

PART III

1. Personnela. Gains and Losses

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
DROPPED:	1	95	0	2
JOINED:	5	19	0	3

b. Casualties

	<u>KIA</u>		<u>WIA</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>HOSTILE</u>	<u>NON-HOSTILE</u>
	0	1	OFF	ENL
			70	1
				5

2. Intelligence Summary - Month of September 1970

a. During the reporting period there were a total of 1,360 enemy sightings with 135 enemy initiated contacts. Friendly initiated contacts for this period were 290. This past month the enemy has used mostly harassing type attacks to carry on his effort. Some of the most significant incidents have been directed at the An Hoa combat base, with reported rocket and mortar attacks. The mining activity increased over the past few months. The middle of the month was not as active, which can be attributed to the rice harvest during this period. There were harassing type 82 mm mortar attacks reported on Hills 34, 37, 52, 55 and 65. Toward the end of this month occurred one of the most significant incident occurring at coordinates AT822553, where a CUPP Unit engaged 20 Viet Cong pulling a boat south along a river branch. The results were 14 enemy KIA, no friendly casualties. The Golden Gate Bridge at coordinates AT966605 in the vicinity of Hill 55 was destroyed. Sniper fire was also reported along route 540. Vehicles travling this route were to proceed with caution. Over all this month has been quite which again would be attributed to the rice harvest.

3. Mine Warfare

a. During the month of September 1970, 1st Engineer Battalion Road Sweep Teams paid 55,625 \$VN from Voluntary Informant Program funds for the following 196 ordnance items. (Figures in parentheses are those employed as mines of Surprise Firing Devices)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
105 mm HE	17
105 mm illum	6
Chicoms	11
60 mm HE	27
60 mm illum	4
Coaframs	7
M-26 Grenades	34 (2)
M-79	47
81 mm HE	27
81 mm illum	3
105 detonators	4
Rifle Grenades	2
B-40 Rocket	1
175 mm HE	2
M-79 Warhead	3 (2)
M-33	1
155 mm HE	1
106 mm HE	1
L. A. A. W.	2
Fire Extinguisher	1

b. In addition, sweep teams found the following 32 items of ordnance.
(figures in parentheses are those employed as mines or Surprise Firing Devices)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
M-26 Grenades	4 (3)
60 mm illum	1
60 mm HE	3 (3)
81 mm illum	1
81 mm HE	2
82 mm fuze	1
105 mm HE	1
100 lb Box Mine	1
40 lb Box Mine	2 (2)
50 lb Box Mine	2 (2)
20 lb Rock Mine	1 (1)
30 lb Rock Mine	1 (1)
35 lb Rock Mine	1 (1)
15 lb Rock Mine	1 (1)
Anti-Personnel Mines	2 (2)
Homemade boobytraps	5 (5)
M-79	1 (1)
Chicom	1 (1)
10 lb mine in metal container	1 (1)

4. Training

a. During September, 79 students graduated from the three day course of instruction at the 1st Engineer Battalion Land Mine Warfare School. Unit attendance is listed below:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
1st Engineer Battalion	79

b. A mobile contact team traveled to elements of the 1st Marine Division to conduct twenty eight (28) one-half day courses of instruction for 1,708 students. Unit attendance is listed below:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
1st Battalion, 1st Marines	159
2nd Battalion, 1st Marines	307
3rd Battalion, 1st Marines	126
1st Battalion, 5th Marines	430
2nd Battalion, 5th Marines	358
3rd Battalion, 5th Marines	138
3rd Battalion, 7th Marines	124
1st Recon	66
	<u>1,708 Total</u>

5. Construction

a. The following 78 Division Work Orders were completed during the reporting period.

801-70 01 Sep 70 Repair well at Camp Lauer
 809-70 01 Sep 70 Construct windshield covers
 811-70 03 Sep 70 Construct mount out boxes
 795-70 03 Sep 70 Construct mount out boxes
 791-70 03 Sep 70 Construct one - four hole head
 722-70 04 Sep 70 Construct 12 urinoiles
 796-70 04 Sep 70 Pickup and deliver two - 10x24x8 bunkers
 798-70 04 Sep 70 Construct mount out boxes
 833-70 04 Sep 70 Provide one forklift for 3 days
 815-70 05 Sep 70 Provide 210 pieces of 36" culvert
 754-70 06 Sep 70 Provide one forklift for 2 days

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810-70 06 Sep 70 Provide one forklift for 1 day
814-70 06 Sep 70 Provide one forklift for 3 days
825-70 06 Sep 70 Provide 1 - 350 GPM pump & 1 - 3,000 gallon tank
826-70 06 Sep 70 Provide 1 - 350 GPM pump & 2 3,000 gallon tanks & 1 - floodlight unit
830-70 06 Sep 70 Provide one forklift for 3 days
781-70 07 Sep 70 Install one grease trap
806-70 08 Sep 70 Construct one mount-out box
802-70 08 Sep 70 Construct mount-out boxes
783-70 08 Sep 70 Survey area for construction of 200 meters of road
775-70 08 Sep 70 Construct 16 SEAhuts
827-70 08 Sep 70 Construct 6 gun pads
808-70 09 Sep 70 Construct windshield covers
859-70 11 Sep 70 Provide 1 - M-60 crane for 2 days
856-70 11 Sep 70 Provide one forklift for 3 days
772-70 11 Sep 70 Issue 50 half barrels and 10 urinoils
860-70 12 Sep 70 Provide one forklift for 1 day
841-70 12 Sep 70 Provide TA & materiel to waterproof COC bunker
857-70 13 Sep 70 Construct 300 - 2" x 4" x 14"
851-70 13 Sep 70 Provide one forklift for 3 days
733-70 13 Sep 70 Provide one forklift for 3 days
863-70 14 Sep 70 Repair broken water line in Hq. Co. area
864-70 14 Sep 70 Construct mount-out boxes
855-70 14 Sep 70 Provide one forklift for 3 days
875-70 15 Sep 70 Provide one forklift for 3 days
858-70 15 Sep 70 Construct mount-out boxes
842-70 15 Sep 70 Issue 60 pieces of 36" culvert

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786-70 15 Sep 70 Rehabilitate FSB Ryder

868-70 16 Sep 70 Provide one forklift for 2 days

150-70 16 Sep 70 Maintain roads at An Hoa

880-70 18 Sep 70 Provide one forklift for 1 day

845-70 18 Sep 70 Prepare gun positions for 4 - 105's & 2 - 4.2 mortors

669-70 18 Sep 70 Upgrade access road and install drainage

883-70 19 Sep 70 Provide two forklifts for 3 days

844-70 19 Sep 70 Rebuild berms at Hill 10 & Hill 41

870-70 20 Sep 70 Provide one forklift for 3 days

896-70 21 Sep 70 Repair electrical system in FDC bunker

889-70 21 Sep 70 Repair wiring in M.T. building

887-70 21 Sep 70 Provide one forklift for 3 days

866-70 21 Sep 70 Level 6 areas for 106~~AA~~ mule positions

797-70 21 Sep 70 Clear drainage ditches at Xua Tra

812-70 21 Sep 70 Provide 260 cubic yards of fill

717-70 21 Sep 70 Provide support to move two 30' towers

890-70 22 Sep 70 Provide one dozer to clear area for bus stop

882-70 22 Sep 70 Construct windshield covers

881-70 22 Sep 70 Provide two forklifts for 3 days

901-70 23 Sep 70 Provide one SNCO 1345/1349 to conduct inspection

888-70 23 Sep 70 Construct mount-out boxes

877-70 23 Sep 70 Provide one forklift for 4 days

853-70 23 Sep 70 Construct mount-out boxes

675-70 23 Sep 70 Dig trench through berm for drainage

903-70 24 Sep 70 Construct one gun pad using 6" rock for base

892-70 24 Sep 70 Deliver one load of crushed rock

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884-70 24 Sep 70 Construct mount out boxes
876-70 24 Sep 70 Issue 20 half barrels and 10 urinoils
805-70 24 Sep 70 Construct one - 2 hole head
902-70 25 Sep 70 Construct mount out boxes
849-70 25 Sep 70 Pull deepwell pump and clean unit
917-70 27 Sep 70 Construct mount out boxes
907-70 27 Sep 70 Provide one forklift for 1 day
885-70 27 Sep 70 Check Hill 41 for minefield
869-70 27 Sep 70 Provide 10 yards of CBR
915-70 28 Sep 70 Provide one forklift for 2 days
913-70 28 Sep 70 Provide one forklift for 1 day
854-70 28 Sep 70 Replace baffle in grease trap
843-70 28 Sep 70 Provide TA to install two air conditioners
813-70 28 Sep 70 Provide fill and rock as required
895-70 30 Sep 70 Construct mount out boxes and windshield covers

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

Man Hours - 11,810
Equipment Hours - 2,078
Lumber - 13,458 BF
Plywood - 1,164 sheets
Nails - 720 lb.
Screen - 3 rolls
Pipe - 151'
Gulvert - 2,290'
Rock and Fill - 4,690 yards
#8 AWG - 100'

Road Oil - 125,000 Gallons
Soil Binder - 5 - 55 gallon drums
Membrane Kit - 1
Wire - 1,000'
Rafters Gussets - 800
Penaprime - 70 Barrels, 3,850
55 Gallon Drums - 80
10x24x8 Bunkers - 2
1/2" Steel Plate - 192 Sq.Ft.
#6 Split Bolt Connectors - 8

c. The following 3d Battalion Work Orders were completed during the reporting period:

221-70 02 Sep 70 Construct a metal rack for drying pots
230-70 02 Sep 70 Repair drain in shower
233-70 02 Sep 70 Repair one ME-10 reefer unit
234-70 03 Sep 70 Construct one sign

236-70 03 Sep 70 Install lights in the outdoor theatre
237-70 03 Sep 70 Construct 200 blocks for the M-16 Rifle
240-70 03 Sep 70 Dig drainage ditch at E. M. Club
238-70 04 Sep 70 Deliver 2 loads of sand to LZ 467
241-70 05 Sep 70 Install floor support in hut #7513
250-70 05 Sep 70 Construct 19 bulletin boards
246-70 06 Sep 70 Remove water fountain from NCO Club
235-70 10 Sep 70 Install 2 ceiling fans in the NCO Club
257-70 10 Sep 70 Install louvers in the NCO Club
267-70 10 Sep 70 Repair leaks in the Division Post Office roof
266-70 12 Sep 70 Install partitions in the HE shop
225-70 14 Sep 70 Raise the floor behind the bar in the "O" Club
251-70 14 Sep 70 Construct 6 windsock swivel apparatuses
271-70 15 Sep 70 Construct 3 boxes
274-70 15 Sep 70 Construct 1 door for the tool room
242-70 16 Sep 70 Construct 2 doors for the 1stSgt hootch
265-70 16 Sep 70 Construct 1 generator shed
214-70 17 Sep 70 Construct 1 sign for M.T.
262-70 19 Sep 70 Paint 12 helmets white
276-70 21 Sep 70 Construct 1 ammo bunker
275-70 23 Sep 70 Construct 15 windsock swivel apparatuses
283-70 23 Sep 70 Construct 30 - 1" x 6" x 48" & 30 - 1" x 6" x 36"
285-70 23 Sep 70 Construct 400 minefield marking signs
286-70 24 Sep 70 Construct 1 pedestal desk
278-70 25 Sep 70 Construct roofs on fighting holes
293-70 25 Sep 70 Construct an office in the S-4 lot shed
294-70 29 Sep 70 Construct 1 - 4 hole head

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

Men Hours - 712
Equipment Hours - 35
Lumber - 10,949 BF
Plywood - 99 Sheets

Screen - 7 Rolls
Lamp Holders - 5
Tar - 30 lb.
Pipe - 204'

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Nails - 305 lb.
Pre-Fab Doors - 4
Romex Wire - 20'
Rock & Fill - 120 yards

Paint - 5 Gallons
Roofing Paper - 10 Rolls
Freon 12 - 4 lb.
1/4" Round Stock - 56'

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PART IV

SUBORDINATE UNIT COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
AND
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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**PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
FOR THE PERIOD
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