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Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 September to 30 September 1970

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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. DesignationCommander

1st Engineer Battalion (Rein)

LtCol W. F. GLOWICKI

1Feb70-Present

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters &amp; Service Company

1stLt M.J. McLAUGHLIN

29Jan-17Sep70

Capt C.E. WILSON

18Sep-Present

Engineer Support Company

Capt J.V. SELIGA

23Jul-4Sep70

Capt P.R. CATALOGNE

5Sep-Present

Company "A" (Rein)

1stLt H.T. UNDERHILL

7Jun-14Sep70

1stLt T.H. DENING

15Sep-Present

Company "B" (Rein)

Capt. J.T. WILLIAMS

22Jun-Present

Company "C" (Rein)

1stLt. R.A. TRETSCH

9Jun-20Sep70

1stLt D.E. BARNES

21Sep-Present

ATTACHED UNITSCompany "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

MajSgt C.M. WILLOUGHBY

11Aug70-1Sep70

S-2

SgtMaj E.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

Communication Officer

1stLt R.F. KARSTEN

27May70-Present

1stLt K.G. SEEGRILLER

9Aug70-Present

Communication Officer

Medical Officer

Engineer Equipment Officer

Utilities Officer

Construction Officer

Motor Transport Officer

1stLt H.G. WATKINS

1stLt A.G. TOWLE

Lt. H.G. GOLDSTEIN

1stLt R.S. McLAUGHLIN

W.O. H.C. BOUCHER

1stLt D.M. TURKAY

CWO-2 L.B. BOTTS

1stLt B.I. BEHNKE

1stLt. J. GRADY

21Oct69-13Sep70

14Sep70-Present

25May70-Present

20Oct69-28Sep70

3Sep70-Present

1Aug70-Present

23Oct69-Present

28Mar70-23Sep70

24Sep70-Present

## PART II

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>
40		844	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 ordnance 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 1,708 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 helo 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 TAOR. 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 TAOR.

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. Personnel

## a. Gains and Losses

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
DROPPED:	1	95
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
JOINED:	5	19
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
	0	0
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## b. Casualties

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
	0	1
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
	10	1
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
	1	5
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>

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 traveling 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
Chicom	11
60 mm HE	27
60 mm illum	4
Coafams	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 of 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 urinoils  
 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 mortars

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~~RR~~ 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	Road Oil - 125,000 Gallons
Equipment Hours - 2,078	Soil Binder - 5 - 55 gallon drums
Lumber - 13,458 BF	Membrane Kit - 1
Plywood - 1,164 sheets	Wire - 1,000'
Nails - 720 lb.	Rafter Gussets - 800
Screen - 3 rolls	Pensaprim - 70 Barrels, 3,850
Pipe - 151'	55 Gallon Drums - 80
Culvert - 2,290'	10x24x8 Bunkers - 2
Rock and Fill - 4,690 yards	1/2" Steel Plate - 192 Sq.Ft.
#8 AWG - 100'	#6 Split Bolt Connectors - 8

c. The following 31 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 52 467  
 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 1st Sgt 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"x6"x48" & 30 - 1"x6"x36"  
 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:

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

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

**COMMITTEE**  
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'

**PART IV**  
**SUBORDINATE UNIT COMMAND CHRONOLOGY**  
**AND**  
**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

**PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE COMMAND CHRONOLOGY**  
**FOR THE PERIOD**  
**1 SEPTEMBER TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1970**