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**HEADQUARTERS**

1st Engineer Battalion (Rein)  
1st Marine Division (-) (Rein), FMF  
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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (-) (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-3  
Field Historian)  
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     (b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
     (c) DivO 5750.2D

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 OCTOBER 1970 TO 31 OCTOBER 1970

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

1st Engineer Battalion (Rein) LtCol. W.F. GLOWICKI 1Feb70-Present

SUBORDINATE UNITS

1. Headquarters & Service Company	Capt. C.E. WILSON	18Sep70-Present
Engineer Support Company	Capt. P.R. CATALOGNE	5Sep70-Present
Company "A" (Rein)	1stLt T.H. DENIG	15Sep70-200ct70
Company "B" (Rein)	Capt. T.J. DUMONT	21Oct70-Present
Company "C" (Rein)	Capt. J.T. WILLIAMS	22Jun70-Present
	1stLt D.E. BARNES	21Sep70-110ct70
	1stLt M.D. WATERHOUSE	12Oct70-Present

ATTACHED UNITS

Company "C", 1st Shore Party Battalion Major J.G. DIXON 1Aug 70-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)	20Aug70-50ct70	Danang, RVN
Company "C" (Rein)	50ct70-Present	C.B. Baldy, RVN
Company "C", 1st Shore Party Battalion	19Aug70-Present	Danang, RVN
	25Feb70-Present	Danang, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj. D.P. HIBBS	11Sep70-Present
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj. E.J. URBAN	2Sep70-Present
S-1/Adjutant	Capt. J.M. STOOPS	20Nov69-150ct70
S-2	1stLt. H.E. COPPERBERG	16Oct70-Present
S-3	1stLt. E.S. BARNWELL	22Jul70-120ct70
S-4	1stLt. T.L. BREWSTER	13Oct70-Present
S-5	Maj. D.J. KINT	22Jul70-Present
Supply Officer	Maj. T.E. HARRIS	1Jul70-Present
Communication Officer	1stLt. R.F. KARSTEN	27May70-120ct70
Medical Officer	1stLt. T.L. BREWSTER	13Oct70-Present
Engineer Equipment Officer	1stLt. K.G. SEECHILLER	9Aug70-140ct70
	GySgt G.L. WEGE	150ct70-Present
	1stLt. A.G. TOWLE	14Sep70-Present
	Lt. H.G. GOLDSTEIN	25May70- 30ct70
	Lt. S.D. SIDES	40ct70-Present
	W.O. H.C. BOUCHER	3Sep70-Present

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886-70 5 Oct 70 Check LZ for minefield & mark if necessary

935-70 5 Oct 70 Construct a turn type burn barrel

951-70 5 Oct 70 Inspect electrical distribution system

955-70 6 Oct 70 Provide (2) RTF's for (1) day

952-70 7 Oct 70 Provide men and materials to shore up LST

960-70 8 Oct 70 Provide (1) RTF for (6) hours

941-70 9 Oct 70 Provide men and materials to shore up LST

942-70 9 Oct 70 Construct (20) bulletin boards

943-70 9 Oct 70 Construct an IOD shelter

947-70 9 Oct 70 Construct (10) 32 cubic foot boxes

948-70 9 Oct 70 Construct (30) windshield covers

961-70 9 Oct 70 Provide (1) RTF for (3) days

874-70 10 Oct 70 Install drainage next to butler building

964-70 10 Oct 70 Construct (6) paint storage lockers

969-70 10 Oct 70 Provide (1) RTF for (1) day

919-70 11 Oct 70 Provide drainage for parking area

954-70 11 Oct 70 Provide (1) officer to inspect for bunker requirements

784-70 12 Oct 70 Provide (1) RTF from 27 August to 12 October

823-70 12 Oct 70 Waterproof COG & Comm. bunker

828-70 12 Oct 70 Gravel (500) yards of road

918-70 12 Oct 70 Determine required materials for PX security

946-70 12 Oct 70 Provide electrical contact team to COG

978-70 13 Oct 70 Prepare (30) half barrels for heads

962-70 13 Oct 70 Repair wiring in cantonment

983-70 13 Oct 70 Provide (1) RTF for (4) hours

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984-70 13 Oct 70 Provide (1) RTF for (1) day  
979-70 14 Oct 70 Provide (1) RTF for (1) day  
929-70 15 Oct 70 Provide (1) Plt. to work at HqBn for (30) days  
982-70 15 Oct 70 Construct (30) windshield covers  
988-70 15 Oct 70 Repair water line  
996-70 15 Oct 70 Provide (1) RTF for (1) day  
879-70 16 Oct 70 Construct (1) generator shed  
950-70 16 Oct 70 Provide material & secure all buildings in area  
985-70 16 Oct 70 Provide (2) RTF's for (2) days  
998-70 16 Oct 70 Construct (1) (4) hole head  
862-70 18 Oct 70 Level combat base  
976-70 18 Oct 70 Install ventilation in (5) bunkers  
100170 19 Oct 70 Determine requirements to upgrade bunkers  
101770 19 Oct 70 Rig (3) towers to be air lifted  
939-70 19 Oct 70 Provide TA to repair wall in firing pit  
956-70 19 Oct 70 Repair roof on COC bunker  
957-70 19 Oct 70 Construct (1) 8x12x8 bunker  
974-70 19 Oct 70 Construct (6) urinoils  
102070 20 Oct 70 Provide (1) RTF to move (1) conex box & (1) fuel drum  
100470 21 Oct 70 Install roof on post office  
101870 21 Oct 70 Rig (1) tower to be air lifted  
575-70 23 Oct 70 Construct perimeter berms & provide TA for bunkers  
829-70 23 Oct 70 Provide materials and rehabilitate O.P. 270  
958-70 23 Oct 70 Install decking & lighting kit in bunker  
953-70 23 Oct 70 Deliver (20) loads of rock  
101970 23 Oct 70 Paint (4) desk signs  
102270 23 Oct 70 Provide (1) RTF for (1) hour

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102370 24 Oct 70 Provide (1) RTF for (1) day  
102470 24 Oct 70 Provide (1) RTF for (4) hours  
102170 24 Oct 70 Provide (1) RTF for (3) days  
940-70 24 Oct 70 Level the Division Courtroom  
100970 26 Oct 70 Construct an ice storage box  
894-70 26 Oct 70 Construct (4) 10x24x8 bunkers  
101570 27 Oct 70 Construct (6) urinoils  
104370 28 Oct 70 Deliver (20) yards of CBR  
338-70 29 Oct 70 Provide TA for water point  
893-70 29 Oct 70 Provide TA to construct (1) 20x32x8 bunker  
906-70 30 Oct 70 Upgrade road to CO's office  
101170 30 Oct 70 Install electrical lines  
104170 30 Oct 70 Move SEAhut to new location  
106770 30 Oct 70 Provide TA & material to construct awnings  
106870 30 Oct 70 Provide (1) RTF for (3) hours  
871-70 31 Oct 70 Construct (2) SEAhuts  
107570 31 Oct 70 Construct (2) (4) hole heads

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

Man Hours - 9,049  
Equipment Hours - 1,063  
Lumber - 27,152 BF  
Plywood - 366 sheets  
Nails - 590 lb.  
Screen - 5 rolls  
Pipe - 137'  
Culvert - 270'  
Rock and Fill - 1,025 yards  
C-4 - 3 boxes  
Bunker light kits - 3  
Breaker Boxes - 5  
Insulator Racks - 6

Membrane Kits - 2  
Romex Wire - 500'  
55 Gallon Drums - 37  
20x32x8 bunker - 1  
Time Fuse - 50'  
Det Cord - 400'  
Tar - 5 Gallons  
Paint - 4 Gallons  
Tin - 91 sheets  
Cement - 8 bags  
Lampholders - 25  
Box Connectors - 50  
Wall Receptacles - 25

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c. The following 44 Battalion Work Orders were completed during the reporting period:

232-70 1 Oct 70 Construct (2) doors for the E.M. Club  
295-70 1 Oct 70 Construct (3) doors  
319-70 3 Oct 70 Rehinge outside door on the 1stSgt.'s hootch  
290-70 5 Oct 70 Unclog drain pipe in M.T. area  
299-70 5 Oct 70 Level SEAhut # 7487  
314-70 5 Oct 70 Waterproof sentry towers  
316-70 5 Oct 70 Construct (1) shelter shed for the messhall  
318-70 5 Oct 70 Repair roof on tire room  
324-70 5 Oct 70 Repair door on SEAhut  
333-70 5 Oct 70 Construct (1) 4.3 cubic foot block of concrete  
289-70 6 Oct 70 Repair roof on S/NCO Club  
310-70 6 Oct 70 Construct (1) door & install lights in main gate  
304-70 6 Oct 70 Issue materials for roof repair  
307-70 7 Oct 70 Construct one shelter shed for repairing mules  
247-70 9 Oct 70 Provide (275) yards of crushed rock  
326-70 10 Oct 70 Rehabilitate LMWS hootches  
327-70 10 Oct 70 Rehinge the door on the pump shed  
329-70 12 Oct 70 Construct mountout boxes  
306-70 12 Oct 70 Repair steps & floor of SEAhut  
288-70 12 Oct 70 Build washracks at utilities area  
331-70 17 Oct 70 Construct (1) urinoil  
332-70 17 Oct 70 Prepare (6) half barrels for heads  
334-70 19 Oct 70 Construct (2) tables  
279-70 19 Oct 70 Repair the roofs on (4) SEAhuts

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256-70 20 Oct 70 Rewire NCO Club  
302-70 20 Oct 70 Rehabilitate "C" Co. living quarters  
340-70 20 Oct 70 Construct (2) urinoils  
342-70 20 Oct 70 Rehabilitate perimeter wire  
338-70 21 Oct 70 Construct (3) (4) hole heads  
277-70 22 Oct 70 Repair the roofs on (5) SEAhuts  
341-70 22 Oct 70 Inspect wiring in Hut #7406 & make necessary repairs  
344-70 22 Oct 70 Construct (3) ammo boxes  
345-70 22 Oct 70 Construct (8) windshield covers  
282-70 23 Oct 70 Repair roof on generator shed  
350-70 24 Oct 70 Repair awning support at messhall  
349-70 26 Oct 70 Demolish bunker at tower #6 & fill in hole  
368-70 28 Oct 70 Deliver one load of rock for a drywell  
360-70 29 Oct 70 Construct a guard shack at the main gate  
361-70 29 Oct 70 Replace lights in the S-5 building  
362-70 29 Oct 70 Replace hot water heater in shower #7431  
321-70 30 Oct 70 Rehabilitate "A" Co. living quarters  
351-70 30 Oct 70 Repair lights in M.T. Shop  
357-70 30 Oct 70 Construct storm flaps on the S-5 building  
370-70 30 Oct 70 Repair wiring in the CO's office

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

Man Hours - 1,800	Screen - 5 rolls
Equipment Hours - 248	Lampholders - 18
Lumber - 5,006 BF	Tar - 2 gallons
Plywood - 232 sheets	Pipe - 108'
Nails - 509 Lb.	Rock & Fill - 357 yards
55 Gallon Drums - 9	Tin - 92 sheets
Romex Wire - 875'	Breaker boxes - 5
Engineer Stakes - 90	Concertina - 50 rolls

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Utilities Officer  
Construction Officer  
Motor Transport Officer

1stLt. D.M. TURAY  
CWO-2 LB. BOTT  
W.O. K.E. WEADEROCK  
1stLt. J. GRADY

1 Aug 70-Present  
23 Oct 69- 20 Oct 70  
20 Oct 70-Present  
24 Sep 70-Present

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## PART II

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
34	615	2	11

Throughout the month of October 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, Fire Support Base improvements, and the leveling of a major portion of An Hoa Combat Base. An average of 16 Combat Engineers were employed in demolition teams rendering close combat support to the 1st and 5th Marine Regiments on platoon and company size operations. 16 Engineer Road Sweep Teams conducted sweeps over 2,523 Km of road resulting in the detection 135 pieces of enemy emplaced ordnance. The counter mine program was further enhanced by the vigorous application of the Voluntary Information Program. 149 ordnance items were recovered while expending 20,600 piastres.

The Land Mine Warfare School Training Program consisted of a Mobile Contact Team and the resident school for personnel of the 1st Marine Division. The instruction conducted by the contact team consisted of instructing 1,334 personnel during 23 courses in Demolition and Counter Surprise Firing Device Tactics. The 1st Engineer Battalion Land Mine Warfare School graduated 153 students.

On 16 October 1970, the An Hoa Salvage Project was completed by 1st Engineer Battalion. A total of 340 buildings were destroyed and the Combat Base was returned to its natural state except for the airfield, the industrial complex, and the area occupied by the ARVN Forces, which were to remain. The project commenced on 14 September 1970 and utilized heavy equipment and personnel from 1st Engineer Battalion and "A" Company, 7th Engineer Battalion.

In preparation for the Monsoon Season, 1st Engineer Battalion personnel positioned critical construction materials at strategic locations throughout the Division TAOR. These materials included heavy timbers, metal culvert, LZ matting and crushed rock. The materials were located at Hill 34, Combat Base Baldy, Hill 37 and Camp Faulkner.

On 18 October 1970, a Case 450 tractor was inserted by air at Hill 52 to better fields of fire and construct gun positions. A Case 450 was also helilifted to OP Round-Up to cut an LZ for the 5th Marines.

General Engineer Support was provided as evidenced by the completion of 80 Division Work orders, 44 Battalion Work Orders and the production of 8,031,000 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. 1,892 tons of resupplies and

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combat essential cargo and 12,321 passengers were moved utilizing a total of 1,317 helicopter sorties.

In support of the engineer operations a daily average of 34 organic motor vehicles traveled a total of 42,212 miles within the 1st Marine Division TACR.

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.

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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:	7	117	1	0
JOINED:	1	30	1	2

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	0	0	0
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2. Intelligence Summary - Month of October 1970

a. During the reporting period there were a total of 1,086 enemy sightings with 88 enemy initiated contacts, friendly initiated contacts totaled 188. Most of the enemy's efforts were harrassing in nature, directed towards CUPP Units and outlaying outposts. The most significant enemy activity were the several rocket attacks on the DaNang Air Base. Road Sweep Teams reported 24 incidents of enemy mining and boobytrapping throughout the TAOR. Over all enemy activity was light due in large part to the adverse weather conditions which greatly impeded movement of men and supplies.

3. Mine Warfare

a. During the month of October 1970, 1st Engineer Battalion Road Sweep Teams paid 20,600 \$VN from Voluntary Informant Program funds for the following 149 ordnance items. (Figures in parentheses are those employed as mines or Surprise Firing Devices.)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
105 mm Fuse	1
105 mm HE rounds	17
M-79 HE rounds	4
60 mm HE rounds	36
60 mm illum	1 (1)

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M-26 Grenades	10	(2)
ChiComs	25	
M-25	1	
81 mm Smoke round	1	
M16A1	1	
Claymore	2	
80 mm	1	
M-84A1	45	
L.A.A.W.	1	(1)
81 mm illum round	2	

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	3 (2)
ChiComs	1
Booster	1
Mine Detonators	2
60 mm HE rounds	10
Cone Shape Mines (40 lbs.)	4
57 mm Recoiless Rifle	1
500 lb Bombs	2
M-16A1	95
M-14A1	2
M-79 illum round	1
Rocket Tail	1
105 mm HE round	1
M-67 Frag	1
Rock Mine (50 to 60 lbs)	1
Rock Mine (25 lbs)	1 (1)
Rock Mine (20 lbs)	1
81 mm Casing with C-4 inside	1 (1)
Suspect Mine	1

4. Training

a. During October, 153 students graduated from the five (5) 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 Battalion, 1st Marines	19
2nd Battalion, 1st Marines	32

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3rd Battalion, 1st Marines	22
1st Battalion, 5th Marines	21
2nd Battalion, 5th Marines	18
3rd Battalion, 5th Marines	19
1st Engineer Battalion	13
11th Marines	7
1st Recon	2

153 Total

b. A mobile contact team traveled to elements of the 1st Marine Division to conduct twenty three (23) one-half day courses of instruction for 1,334 students. Unit attendance is listed below:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
1st Battalion, 1st Marines	183
2nd Battalion, 1st Marines	129
3rd Battalion, 1st Marines	113
1st Battalion, 5th Marines	190
2nd Battalion, 5th Marines	168
3rd Battalion, 5th Marines	181
Hq. 1st Marine Regiment	87
Recon and Hq.	33
11th Marines	111
11th Motor Transport	139

1,334 Total

##### 5. Construction

a. The following 80 Division Work Orders were completed during the reporting period.

898-70	1 Oct 70	Provide (1) 3000 gal. Tank and (1) 55 GPM Pump
900-70	1 Oct 70	Provide (2) 3000 gal. Tank and (1) Flood Light Unit
910-70	1 Oct 70	Deliver (6) loads of Rock
911-70	1 Oct 70	Deliver (6) loads of Rock
916-70	1 Oct 70	Provide (1) RTF for 3 days
909-70	2 Oct 70	Deliver (6) loads of Rock
921-70	2 Oct 70	Construct (4) 4 hole heads
899-70	3 Oct 70	Provide (1) 3000 gal Tank and (1) 55 GPM Pump
914-70	3 Oct 70	Provide (1) RTF for 4 days
936-70	3 Oct 70	Construct (1) one hole head
938-70	5 Oct 70	Provide (1) RTF for (1) day

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PART IV

SUBORDINATE UNIT COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
AND  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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