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1st Marine Division (-) (Rein), FMF
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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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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 OCTOBER 1970 TO 31 OCTOBER 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCommander

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

Headquarters & Service Company	Capt. C.E. WILSON	18Sep70-Present
Engineer Support Company	Capt. P.R. CATALOGNE	5Sep70-Present
Company "A" (Rein)	1stLt T.E. DENIG	15Sep70-20Oct70
	Capt. T.J. DUMONT	21Oct70-Present
Company "B" (Rein)	Capt. J.T. WILLIAMS	22Jun70-Present
Company "C" (Rein)	1stLt D.E. BARNES	21Sep70-11Oct70
	1stLt M.D. WATERHOUSE	12Oct70-Present

ATTACHED UNITS

Company "C", 1st Shore Party Battalion	Major J.G. DIXON	1Aug 70-Present
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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)	20Aug70-50Oct70	Danang, RVN
	50Oct70-Present	C.B. Baldy, 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.P. HIBBS	11Sep70-Present
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj. E.J. URBAN	2Sep70-Present
S-1/Adjutant	Capt. J.M. STOOPS	20Nov69-15Oct70
	1stLt. H.E. COPPERBERG	16Oct70-Present
S-2	1stLt. E.S. BARNWELL	22Jul70-12Oct70
	1stLt. T.L. BREWSTER	13Oct70-Present
S-3	Maj. D.J. KINDT	22Jul70-Present
S-4	Maj. T.E. HARRIS	1Jul70-Present
S-5	1stLt. R.F. KARSTEN	27May70-12Oct70
	1stLt. T.L. BREWSTER	13Oct70-Present
Supply Officer	1stLt. K.G. SEECHILLER	9Aug70-14Oct70
	GySgt G.L. WEGE	15Oct70-Present
Communication Officer	1stLt. A.G. TONLE	14Sep70-Present
Medical Officer	Lt. H.G. GOLDSTEIN	25May70- 30Oct70
	Lt. S.D. SIDES	4Oct70-Present
Engineer Equipment Officer	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 COC & 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 COC
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
Equipment Hours - 248
Lumber - 5,006 BF
Plywood - 232 sheets
Nails - 509 Lb.
55 Gallon Drums - 9
Romex Wire - 875'
Engineer Stakes - 90

Screen - 5 rolls
Lampholders - 18
Tar - 2 gallons
Pipe - 108'
Rock & Fill - 357 yards
Tin - 92 sheets
Breaker boxes - 5
Concertina - 50 rolls

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Utilities Officer
Construction Officer
Motor Transport Officer

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

1Aug70-Present
23Oct69- 20Oct70
20Oct70-Present
24Sep70-Present

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PART II

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<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>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	0	0	0	0	6

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 enemys' efforts were harrassing in nature, directed towards CUPP Units and outlying 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 of 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
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	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
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	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
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