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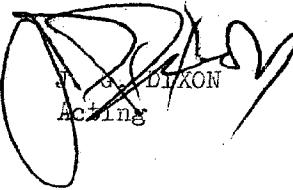
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1ST ENGINEER BATTALION

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 NOVEMBER 1970 TO 30 NOVEMBER 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

ATTACHED UNITS

Company "C", 1st Shore Party Battalion	Major J.G. DIXON	1Aug70-10Nov70
	Major R.W. SWEET	10Nov70-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) 5Oct70-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 11Sep70-14Nov70
Sergeant Major Maj. J.G. DIXON 14Nov70-Present
S-1/Adjutant SgtMaj. E.J. URBAN 2Sep70-Present
S-2 1stLt. H.E. COPPERBERG 16Oct70-Present
S-3 1stLt. T.L. BREWSTER 13Oct70-Present
S-4 Maj. D.J. KINNDT 22Jul70-10Nov70
S-5 Maj. J.G. DIXON 10Nov70-Present
Supply Officer Maj. T.E. HARRIS 1Jul70-Present
Communication Officer 1stLt. T.L. BREWSTER 13Oct70-Present
Medical Officer GySgt. G.L. WEGE 15Oct70-Present
Engineer Equipment Officer 1stLt. A.G. TOWLE 14Sep70-Present
Chaplain Lt. S.D. SIDES 4Oct70-Present
Lt. (CHC) W.R. ROWLAND 3Sep70-Present
Lt. (CHC) W.R. ROWLAND 10Oct70 - Present

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Utilities Officer
Construction Officer
Motor Transport Officer

1stLt. D.M. TURAY
W.C. K.E. WEADEROCK
1stLt. J. GRADY

1Aug70-Present
20ct70-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>
38	598	2	10

Throughout the month of November 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 12 Combat Engineers were employed in demolition teams rendering close combat support to the 1st and 5th Marine Regiments on platoon and company size operations. 14 Engineer Road Sweep Teams conducted sweeps over 2,523 Km of road resulting in the detection 20 pieces of enemy emplaced ordnance. The counter mine program was further enhanced by the vigorous application of the Voluntary Information Program. 103 ordnance items were recovered while expending 24,000 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 1462 personnel during 25 courses in Demolition and Counter Surprise Firing Device Tactics. The 1st Engineer Battalion Land Mine Warfare School graduated 142 students.

In conjunction with the turn-over of Hill 10 to the ARVN Forces, two carpenters from Company "C" and one electrician from Engineer Support Company provided skilled labor to rehabilitate the living quarters and offices which had been damaged by high winds and torrential rains during the monsoon season. The diligent efforts of these personnel aided in the smooth transition of the cantonment from Marine to ARVN responsibility.

To improve fields of fire, defensive positions, drainage and observation of surrounding terrain, elements of Engineer Support Company provided Heavy equipment to Hill 37. A new defensive berm was built and corrugated metal culvert was laid at strategic locations to remove excess rain water from the cantonment. In addition, site preparation for enlarging the LZ was completed by grading and dozing the laterite sub-base and hauling and spreading rock to prepare the site for M-8, LZ Matting. This project is currently underway by members of Company "A".

Improvements in drainage were also accomplished at the Northern Artillery Cantonment. Low areas within the defensive perimeter were filled in with soil and rock and culverts were located to relieve standing water. Excavation of a new well to provide a purer source of water for the cantonment commenced on

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9 November 1970. An M-37 Crane with a clam shell attachment did the excavation work. To prohibit the sandy soil from collapsing the well hole, 60" metal culvert was inserted. The depth of the well is 14 feet, and piping installation is now in progress.

During the month, improvement of fields of fire and defensive positions was accomplished at Hill 52 by effective employment of a Case 450 and Eimco tractors. For added safety for friendly personnel on Hill 52, four timber bunkers were constructed by elements of Company "A". The project commenced on 1 November 1970 and was completed in two days. The movement of construction materials to the site was accomplished by special convoy which employed a road sweep team also from Company "A".

Stemming from typhoon velocity winds, the LZ constructed of M-8 matting located at O.P. Reno was blown off of the hill. Engineer personnel and new matting were helilifted from O.P. Reno to re-construct the LZ. The operation was accomplished in minimum time by Company "C" personnel.

In General Support of the 5th Marines Regiment, carpenters from Company "B" completed twenty strong back tent decks for infantry units at Combat Base Ross. At Combat Base Baldy, fighting holes were built to improve the defensive perimeter. Utilities personnel from Engineer Support Company continued to improve the water and electrical systems at both Baldy and Ross.

One platoon of Company "C" repaired typhoon damage to offices and billeting areas in the Division Command Post and Headquarters Battalion areas. Carpenters from Company "C" also re-built the repelling tower at 1st Reconnaissance Battalion to permit this vital training to continue.

General Engineer Support was provided as evidenced by the completion of 73 Division Work orders, 30 Battalion Work orders and the production of 5,732,000 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. 1,224 tons of resupplies and combat essential cargo and 5,511 passengers were moved utilizing a total of 842 helicopter sorties.

In support of the engineer operations a daily average of 36 organic motor vehicles traveled a total of 49,645 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.

Commencing 10 November 1970, elements of Company "B" began construction of a mess hall facility at FSB Myer. Materials were helilifted from Combat Base Baldy.

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PART III

1. Personnel

a. Gains and Losses

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>
DROPPED:	1		91	0		2
JOINED:	3		112	0		1

b. Casualties

<u>KIA</u>		<u>WIA</u>			
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>HOSTILE</u>		<u>NON-HOSTILE</u>	
0	1	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
		0	3	0	6

2. Intelligence Summary - Month of November 1970.

a. During the reporting period there were a total of 821 enemy sightings with 79 enemy initiated contacts. Friendly initiated contacts totaled 188. Most of the enemy initiated contacts were directed at CUPP Units, outlaying outposts, and patrols approaching enemy base camps and other critical positions. Much of the enemy's efforts have been toward maintaining logistic lines and procuring foodstuffs. Road sweep teams reported 10 incidents of enemy mining and boobytrapping throughout the TAOR. Overall enemy activity remained light and scattered with an expected enemy build up in December in preparation for the Spring Offensive.

3. Mine Warfare

a. During the month of November 1970, 1st Engineer Battalion Road Sweep Teams paid 24,000 \$VN from Voluntary Informant Program funds for the following 103 ordnance items. (Figures in parentheses are those employed as mines or Surprise Firing Devices.)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Chicom	21
M-79	30
81 mm HE	5
60 mm HE	18
M-26	10 (1)
Base Ball Frag	1
M-72 L.A.A.W.	3
105 mm HE	3

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Rock Mine 10 lbs.	1
M-18	2
RPG Round	1
Anti - Personnel Mine	1
Z 104 Mine.	1 (1)

b. In addition, sweep teams found the following 20 items of ordnance (Figures in parentheses are those employed as mines or Surprise Firing Devices).

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
82 mm Illum	1
82 mm HE	1
M-79 HE	2
M-72 L.A.A.W.	2
M-16 Anti - Personnel Mines	3 (1)
Base Ball Frag	1
Suspected Mines	4
60 mm HE	2
M-26 Grenade	1
Anti - Personnel Mines	2

4. Training

a. During November, 142 students graduated from the five 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	9
2nd Battalion, 1st Marines	30
3rd Battalion, 1st Marines	19
1st Battalion, 5th Marines	20
2nd Battalion, 5th Marines	14
3rd Battalion, 5th Marines	26
1st Engineer Battalion	24

142 Total

b. A mobile contact team traveled to elements of the 1st Marine Division to conduct twenty five (25) one-half day courses of instruction for 1,462 students. Unit attendance is listed below:

1st Battalion, 1st Marines	234
2nd Battalion, 1st Marines	408
3rd Battalion, 1st Marines	150
1st Battalion, 5th Marines	165
2nd Battalion, 5th Marines	141
3rd Battalion, 5th Marines	60
Recon and Headquarters Battalion	130
11th Marines	136
11th Motors Transport Battalion	38

1,462 Total

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5. Construction

a. The following 73 Division Work Orders were completed during the reporting period.

105270 2 Nov 70 Construct one storage shed with rack
107770 3 Nov 70 Provide one R.T.F. to unload one truck
107370 3 Nov 70 Repair movie screen and stage
104970 3 Nov 70 Provide and install matting
104770 3 Nov 70 Construct 4 - 8x8x8 bunkers
104570 3 Nov 70 Provide two R.T.F.'s for (2) days
989-70 4 Nov 70 Provide TA to pour 8 yards of concrete
100870 5 Nov 70 Provide materials & TA to repair bunkers
951-70 5 Nov 70 Inspect electrical distribution system
107870 5 Nov 70 Provide one load of 2" - 3" rock
107670 5 Nov 70 Inspect and correct improper wiring
106270 5 Nov 70 Provide team with slings to helo-lift 2 - trucks, 2 - trailers & 1 welder
108770 6 Nov 70 Dismantle SEAhut and rebuild at new location
926-70 6 Nov 70 Repair generator shed
822-70 6 Nov 70 Grade and install drainage around COC
101470 7 Nov 70 Provide TA to repair 5 bunkers
100570 7 Nov 70 Provide TA to repair bunkers
816-70 7 Nov 70 Construct drainage ditch as required
105870 7 Nov 70 Clear drains in messhall
103270 7 Nov 70 Haul rock to cover base of gun pits
103870 8 Nov 70 Provide TA to construct one SEAhut
103770 9 Nov 70 Provide equipment to level area

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109070 9 Nov 70 Provide one R.T.F. for 4 hours
959-70 11 Nov 70 Construct awning over entrance to COC
109970 11 Nov 70 Provide one backhoe to uncover comm cable
105970 12 Nov 70 Clear drains out in messhall & showers
105370 12 Nov 70 Repair lights and relocate fixtures in messhall
104870 12 Nov 70 Inspect water tower & repair as necessary
104270 12 Nov 70 Provide equipment to excavate 25 trenches
112270 12 Nov 70 Unstop messhall drains
108870 13 Nov 70 Weld archway piping
977-70 14 Nov 70 Install sliding type windows in CO's quarters
110170 14 Nov 70 Provide one case 450 for one day
100770 16 Nov 70 Provide TA to repair bunkers
997-70 16 Nov 70 Repair hot water heater
991-70 16 Nov 70 Remove electrical pump
108570 16 Nov 70 Construct a drainage system
106970 16 Nov 70 Provide engineer assistance for excavating of drainage & making repairs to COC
103370 16 Nov 70 Install power line
102970 16 Nov 70 Provide TA to construct one bunker
100070 17 Nov 70 Repair or replace wiring
112970 17 Nov 70 Provide one R.T.F. to load two highbeds
109670 17 Nov 70 Correct electrical wiring
930-70 18 Nov 70 Provide one 60 KW generator
987-70 18 Nov 70 Make repairs to CO's office
103970 19 Nov 70 Draw & issue 60 sections of 24" culvert

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102770 19 Nov 70 Provide TA to construct 3 - 8x8x8 bunkers
972-70 21 Nov 70 Provide TA to construct 5 - 8x8x8 bunkers
114370 21 Nov 70 Construct 20 plaque boxes
104070 21 Nov 70 Inspect repellent tower
101670 22 Nov 70 Excavate 150' of ditch
817-70 22 Nov 70 Grade area in vicinity of BAS & messhall
112670 22 Nov 70 Inspect bunkers & survey drainage
110570 22 Nov 70 Haul 35 yards of sand
108070 23 Nov 70 Construct fighting holes
934-70 24 Nov 70 Install drainage & upgrade entrance to hill
114270 24 Nov 70 Provide one R.T.F. for one day
109870 24 Nov 70 Construct mountout boxes
113770 25 Nov 70 Construct (1) - 4 hole head
114970 25 Nov 70 Provide engineer assistance to construct security bars for cabinets
109370 27 Nov 70 Mark minefield boundaries
104670 27 Nov 70 Make necessary repairs to buildings damaged by the typhoon
114070 27 Nov 70 Construct 10 urinoils
102670 28 Nov 70 Construct 20 strongbacks
945-70 28 Nov 70 Clear fields of fire & construct berm with drainage
102870 28 Nov 70 Provide TA to construct 3 bunkers
116870 28 Nov 70 Provide 1 R.T.F. for 3 hours
115570 29 Nov 70 Construct (5) - 4 hole heads
116970 29 Nov 70 Construct (1) - 12 hole guard mail box

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111370 30 Nov 70 Rig towers for movement
111670 30 Nov 70 Construct mountout boxes
117170 30 Nov 70 Provide one R.T.F. for one day
117670 30 Nov 70 Provide one R.T.F. for two hours

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

Man Hours - 4,869	Wire - 415'
Equipment Hours - 258	55 Gallon Drums - 20
Lumber - 59,282 BF	10x24x8 Bunkers - 1
Plywood - 869 sheets	8x8x8 Bunkers - 11
Nails - 1,770 Lb.	Tin - 90 Sheets
Screen - 4 Rolls	Oxygen - 2,500 Lb.
Pipe - 114'	Acetylene - 335 Lb.
Culvert - 72'	$\frac{1}{2}$ " Steel Plate - 5 SqFt
Rock and Fill - 945 Yards	Plexiglas - 2 Sheets
Roofing Felt - 4 Rolls	Redimix - 80 Yards
5' Engineer Stakes - 30	M8A1 Matting - 238 pcs
Lamp Holders - 2	$\frac{1}{2}$ " Steel Rod - 23'
Brazing Rods - 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ Lb.	Welding Rods - 3 Lb.
Tar Paper - 22 Rolls	

c. The following 30 Battalion Work Orders were Completed during the reporting period:

346-70 1 Nov 70 Make necessary repairs to the 60 ton wash rack
353-70 2 Nov 70 Repair the ceiling in the messmans hootch
358-70 2 Nov 70 Construct 4 signs
359-70 2 Nov 70 Construct 1 door
381-70 2 Nov 70 Provide equipment to move one conex box
367-70 3 Nov 70 Repair the roof on the pump house
372-70 4 Nov 70 Repair the doors on 3 SEAHuts
343-70 4 Nov 70 Construct 2 burn barrels
352-70 4 Nov 70 Repair the door & partitions on one SEAHut
333-70 5 Nov 70 Construct (1) 4.3'x4.3'x4.3' block of concrete
313-70 6 Nov 70 Rebuild wall on bunker at LZ
379-70 6 Nov 70 Construct 12 tables for LMWS

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PART IV

SUBORDINATE UNIT COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

/1. Co C, 1st Shore Party Bn Command Chronology for 1-30 Nov70 FILED SEP
/2. Pictorial Supplement to Command Chronology

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