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Encl: (1) 1st Engineer Battalion Command Chronology

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1ST ENGINEER BATTALION

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 JANUARY 1971 TO 31 JANUARY 1971

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PART I

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

1st Engineer Battalion (Rein)	<u>Commander</u>	
	LtCol. W.F. GLOWICKI	1Feb70-16Jan71
	LtCol. D. E. BENSTEAD	16Jan71-Present

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters & Service Company	Capt. J.V. SELIGA	30Nov70-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	22Jun70-19Jan71
Company "C" (Rein)	Capt. J.F. BRENNAN	19Jan71-Present
	1stLt. T.H. DENIG	2Dec70-Present

ATTACHED UNITS

Company "C", 1st Shore Party Battalion	Major R.W. SWEET	10Nov70-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)	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. J.G. DIXON	14Nov70-6Jan71
Sergeant Major	Maj. D.P. HIBBS	6Jan71-Present
S-1/Adjutant	SgtMaj. R.R. CLARK	22Dec70-Present
S-2	1stLt. H.E. COPPERBERG	16Oct70-Present
S-3	1stLt. T.B. BREWSTER	13Oct70-23Jan71
S-4	1stLt. R.L. OSTRANDER	23Jan71-Present
S-5	Maj. J.G. DIXON	10Nov70-Present
Supply Officer	Maj. T.E. HARRIS	1Jul70-Present
Communication Officer	1stLt. T.B. BREWSTER	13Oct70-23Jan71
Medical Officer	1stLt. R.L. OSTRANDER	23Jan71-Present
Engineer Equipment Officer	Capt. G.T. KALT	5Nov70-Present
	1stLt. J.W. OKEEFE	8Dec70-Present
	Lt. S.D. SIDES	4Oct70-Present
	W.O. H.C. BOUCHER	3Sep70-Present

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Utilities Officer
Construction Officer
Motor Transport Officer

1stLt. R.J. McWILLIAMS
W.O. K.E. WEADBROCK
1stLt. J.C. GRADY

25Dec70-Present
20Oct70-Present
24Sep70-Present

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4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	USN
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
40	690
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
1	11

Throughout the month of January 1971, 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 operation. 91 Engineer Road Sweep Teams conducted sweeps over 2,000 Km of road resulting in the detection of 8 pieces of enemy emplaced ordnance. The counter mine program was further enhanced by the vigorous application of the Voluntary Information Program, 28 ordnance items were recovered while expending 9,900 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 1,780 personnel during 28 courses in Demolition and Counter Surprise Firing Device Tactics. The 1st Engineer Battalion Land Mine Warfare School graduated 137 students.

Company "C", 1st Engineer Battalion personnel installed a 30 foot observation tower for 1st Battalion, 11th Marines at Hill 190. The tower was prefabricated by construction platoon of Support Company at Camp Faulkner. A CH-54 Sky Crane was utilized to lift the tower to Hill 190 and the tower was anchored into place by Company "C" personnel. Proper utilization of available assets enabled the actual work at the site to be completed in a minimum amount of time.

Construction and emplacement of moveable shelves in the Division Exchange Van was completed by Construction Platoon of Support Company. The moveable shelves allow for display and secure transporting of luxury items to Marines located in out lying cantonments.

Work to enlarge the landing zone and provide a tower for IOD equipment on OP Roundup was completed by personnel of Company "B". The IOD equipment was removed from the hill while engineer personnel blasted the granite rock to enlarge the landing zone. After blasting was completed a prefabricated tower was flown to the site from 1st Engineer Battalion, assembled at the site, and the IOD equipment installed. By proper utilization and coordination of available assets the on site work was completed in a minimum amount of time resulting in a minimum loss of the effective use of the IOD equipment.

The Engineer Equipment Platoon of Support Company provided a Case 450 to Golf CUPP, 5th Marines, position in Thach Khe Hamlet located on Route 535 to improve the unit's defensive positions. The tractor was utilized at the position for three (3) days during which time fields of fire and a hasty road was constructed which enables the unit to resupply by vehicle.

Culvert to be utilized for bunkers and LZ matting for overhead cover was provided to Golf CUPP units 7, 8, and 9. Personnel from Company "B", 1st Engineer Battalion provided close combat support to CUPP units 7, 8, and 9 to advise and assists the units in improving their defensive positions and fields of fire.

A land clearing operation was begun at Goi Nai Island. The operation is being accomplished by utilizing three (3) EIMCO tractors from 1st Engineer Battalion and three (3) disc-harrows from Company "A", 7th Engineer Battalion. One TD-15 from 1st Engineer Battalion is being used as a retreiver for the EIMCO's. The land clearing operation is being conducted to provide resettlement land for the Vietnamese.

Personnel of Company "C" constructed one (1) 8x12x8 bunker, one (1) 8x8x8 bunker and rehabilitated one (1) 12x8x8 ammo bunker for elements of 1st Battalion, 11th Marines at Hill 65. In addition to the bunker rehabilitation and construction, one (1) 105mm Gun Pit was constructed soley by engineer personnel as an example. Seven (7) other gun positions were constructed utilizing materials furnished by 1st Engineer Battalion and technical assistance provided by Company "C" personnel.

General Engineer Support was provided as evidenced by the completion of 76 Division Work Orders, 18 Battalion Work Orders and the production of 7,955,000 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. 1,342 tons of resupplies and combat essential cargo and 13,440 passengers were moved utilizing a total of 1,227 helicopter sorties.

In support of the engineer operations a daily average of 39 organic motor vehicles traveled a total of 54,204 miles withing 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 knowlege of progress and problem areas.

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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:	5	103	0	0
JOINED:	11	105	2	0

b. Casualties

	<u>KIA HOSTILE</u>		<u>KIA NON-HOSTILE</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
	0	0	0	0

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

2. Enemy Information

a. During the month of January 1971, 1st Engineer Battalion Road Sweep Teams paid 9,900 \$VN from Voluntary Informant Program funds for the following 28 ordnance items. (Figures in parentheses are those employed at mines or Surprise Firing Devices.)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
M-26 Grenades	11
105mm HE rounds	3
60mm HE rounds	9
ChiComs	3
M-79 HE round	1
Road Mine, Bamboo pressure type	1 (1)
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	28 Total

b. In addition, sweep teams found the following 8 items of ordnance (Figures in parentheses are those employed as mines or Surprise Firing Devices).

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
M16A1	1
M-79 HE round	1
105mm Illum rounds	5
M-26 Grenades	1
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	8 Total

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3. Training

a. During January 1971, 137 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	11
2nd Battalion, 1st Marines	3
3rd Battalion, 1st Marines	12
1st Battalion, 5th Marines	13
2nd Battalion, 5th Marines	17
3rd Battalion, 5th Marines	17
1st Engineer Battalion	64
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	137 TOTAL

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 1,780 students. Unit attendance is listed below:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
1st Battalion, 1st Marines	111
2nd Battalion, 1st Marines	140
3rd Battalion, 1st Marines	191
1st Battalion, 5th Marines	756
2nd Battalion, 5th Marines	149
3rd Battalion, 5th Marines	111
1st Recon and Headquarters	109
11th Marines	111
11th Motor Transport	40
1st MP's (Special Contact)	20
3rd Battalion, 1st Marines (CUPP)	42
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	1,780 TOTAL

4. The following 76 Division Work Orders were completed during the reporting period.

1177-70 1 Jan 71 Cut and issue (40) feces disposal barrels
1210-70 1 Jan 71 Provide (1) portable shower unit
1235-70 1 Jan 71 Provide equipment to improve defensive positions
1103-70 3 Jan 71 Provide engr. asst. to repair (1) 8x8x8 bunker
1214-70 3 Jan 71 Repair wiring in living quarters
1248-70 3 Jan 71 Erect 200 meters of triple concertina
1119-70 4 Jan 71 Cut and issue (15) urinoils ~~DECLASSIFIED~~
1252-70 5 Jan 71 Dismantle (5) buildings
1121-70 5 Jan 71 Dismantle, clean and store materials
1072-70 6 Jan 71 Construct 12 x 20 hard surface with overhead cover
1157-70 6 Jan 71 Cut and issue (4) urinoils
1217-70 6 Jan 71 Upgrade cantonment roads
794-70 7 Jan 71 Prepare washdown point near tactical water point
1170-70 7 Jan 71 Install culvert around CO's office
1250-70 7 Jan 71 Replace wooden footings under (2) reefers
850-70 8 Jan 71 Mark all minefields controlled by Marine forces
7-71 8 Jan 71 Construct one standard 8x8x8 bunker
9-71 8 Jan 71 Rehab one 12x8x8 bunker
25-71 8 Jan 71 Construct one standard 8x8x8 bunker
421-70 9 Jan 71 Grade route from Hill 65 to Hill 52 and oil
993-70 9 Jan 71 Assess electrical requirements and make repairs
1003-70 9 Jan 71 Install drain pipe in garbage house
1095-70 9 Jan 71 Inspect messhall and showers

1173-70 9 Jan 71 Construct (2) SEAhuts
1208-70 9 Jan 71 Construct (1) grease trap
1240-70 9 Jan 71 Haul (5) loads of rock DECLASSIFIED
3-71 9 Jan 71 Deliver 60 yards of rock
5-71 9 Jan 71 Inspect and repair the water plumbing system
6-71 9 Jan 71 Cut and issue (20) excreta barrels
14-71 9 Jan 71 Construct (5) platforms for 3,000 gallon tanks
1060-70 10 Jan 71 Rebuild drainage in messhall and showers
1081-70 10 Jan 71 Provide emergency water storage for BAS
289-70 11 Jan 71 Oil route 535 bi-weekly
905-70 11 Jan 71 Operate and maintain the water point
937-70 11 Jan 71 Install one grease trap
967-70 11 Jan 71 Install power line to perimeter lighting
1013-70 11 Jan 71 Provide technical assistance to install sidewalk
1082-70 11 Jan 71 Replace 30' observation tower
1213-70 12 Jan 71 Provide engineer assistance to improve drainage
1234-70 12 Jan 71 Reinforce the door on the exchange
1255-70 12 Jan 71 Raise the roof of the IOD tower to 8'
1123-70 13 Jan 71 Survey for the construction of drainage ditch
1156-70 13 Jan 71 Install plumbing in rehabilitated area
1180-70 13 Jan 71 Repair storm damage
1007-70 14 Jan 71 Provide technical assistance to repair bunkers
15-71 14 Jan 71 Conduct survey of SEAhuts, showers and heads
1251-70 15 Jan 71 Provide (2) truckloads of CBR
23-71 15 Jan 71 Provide one backhoe to dig trench 400 yards long

1148-70 15 Jan 71 Grade and fill around the Post Office
1089-70 16 Jan 71 Upgrade roads and drainage in cantonment
1094-70 17 Jan 71 Relocate burn pit
19-71 17 Jan 71 Improve defensive positions in the Hamlet
924-70 18 Jan 71 Deliver rock to the messhall, motor pool & supply lot
1253-70 19 Jan 71 Provide engineer assistance to erect (1) bunker
1114-70 20 Jan 71 Survey for the construction of berms
1220-70 20 Jan 71 Repair deck of passenger bunker
1242-70 21 Jan 71 Repair or replace IOD tower
1243-70 21 Jan 71 Survey for construction of boobytrap lane
4-71 21 Jan 71 Survey for drainage problem DECLASSIFIED
11-71 22 Jan 71 Construct two 7'-7" culvert bunkers
21-71 22 Jan 71 Relocate stage in EM Club
1231-70 22 Jan 71 Enlarge the LZ, build and install one tower
1239-70 23 Jan 71 Repair one LZ on the north end of the Hill
12-71 23 Jan 71 Make repairs to two ammo bunkers
8-71 24 Jan 71 Install one grease trap
34-71 25 Jan 71 Install water line for washdown point
1136-70 27 Jan 71 Repair perimeter electrical wiring
37-71 27 Jan 71 Salvage invasion pipe
41-71 27 Jan 71 Improve (3) defensive positions
16-71 28 Jan 71 Construct (1) lubrication rack
22-71 28 Jan 71 Reconstruct (1) 16x8 SEAhut
32-71 28 Jan 71 Use dozer to push trash off hill
1-71 28 Jan 71 Construct moveable shelves in exchange van

1189-70 28 Jan 71 Repair blast wall
1120-70 28 Jan 71 Provide and install (1) water faucet
1249-70 30 Jan 71 Grade roadbed around messhall

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

Man Hours - 4,325	Wire - 2,050'
Equipment Hours - 1,076	8x8x8 bunker - 1 EA
Lumber - 19,579 BF	Rock & Fill - 386 Tons
Plywood - 47 SH	Nails - 400 LB
Tarpaper - 6 RL	Pipe - 166'
Oxygen - 4,200 LB	Acetylene - 700 LB
55 gallon drums - 64 EA	Lampholders - 8 EA
Receptacles - 8 EA	Metal Handles - 32 EA
Culvert - 314 LF	Cement - 36 SK
Engineer Stakes - 140 EA	M8A1 Matting - 15 Bundles
Barbed Wire - 200 LF	Tie Wire - 425 LF
Minefield Marking Signs - 1,030 EA	Pre-Fab Doors - 2 EA
Tin - 30 SH	Screen - 2 RL
Steel Plate - 8 SF	

b. The following 18 Battalion Work Orders were completed during the reporting period.

435-70 8 Jan 71 Rebuild the roof on (1) fighting hole
429-70 9 Jan 71 Make repairs to leaking plumbing
239-70 9 Jan 71 Construct 90 grappling hooks
382-70 9 Jan 71 Repair the roof of the MEDCAP building
418-70 11 Jan 71 Paint the barber shop
2-71 11 Jan 71 Construct (1) Road Master sign
296-70 12 Jan 71 Stockpile monsoon preparation materials
5-71 14 Jan 71 Repaint the LMWS sign
11-71 19 Jan 71 Construct (1) grease trap
6-71 20 Jan 71 Deliver (2) loads of sand

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15-71 24 Jan 71 Deliver (18) loads of sand to perimeter areas
12-71 28 Jan 71 Repair the ladders on (3) observation towers
16-71 28 Jan 71 Repair the foot bridge at the Heavy Equipment lot
3-71 29 Jan 71 Construct (1) portable IOD tower
10-71 29 Jan 71 Construct new stock shelves for the exchange
18-71 29 Jan 71 Construct (6) signs required for vehicles
20-71 29 Jan 71 Repaint the name boards at the main gate
21-71 30 Jan 71 Construct (1) embarkation box

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

Man Hours - 176	Sand - 40 Tons
Equipment Hours - 28	Nails - 82 LB
Lumber - 444 BF	Plywood - 36 SH
Paint - 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ gallons	7" Bolts - 12 EA
5" Bolts - 14 EA	Lag Bolts - 28 EA
Steel Plate - 12 SF	Oxygen - 2,400 LB
Acetylene - 1,100 LB	Welding Rod - 3 LB
Pipe - 8'	55 gallon drums - 3 EA
3/8" Round stock - 150'	

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PART IV

SUBORDINATE UNIT COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

A. 1st Shore Party Bn, Company "C", Command Chronology FILED SEP
B. Pictorial Supplement to Command Chronology

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