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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

  
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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

7th Engineer Battalion (Rein), F&amp;F

LtCol. F.W. HARRIS III  
8 August 1966SUBORDINATE UNITS

HqCo	Capt. J. R. PHANEUF	- 5 December 1966
ServCo	Capt. H. A. MORGAN III	- 15 September 1966
Co"A"	Capt. N. PACULA Jr.	- 11 November 1966
Co"B"	Capt. H.L. CAMPBELL	- 27 August 1966
Co"C"	Capt. A.J. STEFFEN	- 1 October 1966
Co"D"	Capt. J.W. MARSHALL III	- 9 January 1967

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Bridge Co	Capt. W.D. LYTON Jr.	- 4 October 1966
3rd Bridge Co	Capt. L.M. WALTERS Jr.	- 11 November 1966
Co"A", 9th EngrBn	Capt. G.W. MIMS Jr.	- 12 September 1966

2. LOCATION

7th EngrBn	6 August 1965	DANANG, RVN
1st Bridge Co	8 December 1965	DANANG, RVN
3rd Bridge Co	17 October 1966	DANANG, RVN
Co"A", 9th EngrBn	26 June 1966	DANANG, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj. J. M. MACKENZIE	28 October 1966
S-1	Second Lt. J. R. HANFING	25 August 1966
S-2/3	Maj. L. E. RAMSEY	24 November 1966
S-4	Maj. W. S. SHEA	17 December 1966
Supply Off	Capt. J. W. WILSON	5 July 1966
Sgt.Maj.	Sgt.Maj. E. J. URBAN	8 August 1966

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
47	1374	2	18

## PART II

## Narrative Summary

The 7th Engineer Battalion (Rein) continued support of the III Marine Amphibious Force throughout I Corps Tactical Zone with primary effort concentrated in the Danang area.

Significant accomplishments during February included reopening Route 5 to An Hoa, completion of a 96 foot timber pile bent bridge on Route 5 south of the Song Tuy Loan river (see TabC, Photo #1); completion of a 96 foot timber pile bent bridge on Route 14 west of Hill 65 (see TabC, Photo #2); completion of a 185 foot cable suspension foot bridge east of Hill 55 (see TabC, Photo #3); completed clearing the mine field at the Marble Mountain Air Facility (see TabC, Photo #4); continued construction of road on Anderson Trail; built bypass and removed M6 bridge south of Marble Mountain, site prepared for construction of steel beam bridge; and the Battalion continued maintenance and upgrading of approximately 121 km of roads.

## PART III

## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration. None.

b. Enemy, weather, and terrain.

- (1) 040001H at AT 945694, bridge on Route #5 destroyed by demolitions.
- (2) 041350H at AT 918512 man from Company "D" struck unknown type mine. One Marine WIA med evac.
- (3) 050845H at AT 981621, detail from 1st Bridge Company received SA fire. One Marine WIA med evac.
- (4) 051122H at AT 910508, detail from Company "D" received heavy volume of automatic weapons fire and 60mm mortar fire. No casualties, no damage to equipment.
- (5) 070930H at AT 927520, detail from Company "D" received heavy volume of automatic weapons fire from unknown number of VC. No casualties.
- (6) 151433H at AT 996634, jeep from Company "B" detonated mine. 2 KIA, 2 WIA med evac.
- (7) 161340H at AT 910485, jeep from Headquarters Company was ambushed by 6 VC. 1 KIA, 1 WIA med evac.
- (8) 181045H at AT 995634, dump truck from Company "B" detonated mine. Vehicle heavily damaged.
- (9) 191910H at BT 042621, bridge repair detail received 15-20 rounds SA and Mortar fire from unknown number of VC. Returned fire VC broke contact.
- (10) 220945H at AT 959584, jeep from Company "D" detonated mine. 1 KIA, 3 WIA med evac.
- (11) 262120H at AT 971621, crane from Company "B" heavily damaged by demolitions.

c. Organization and Operations.

- (1) Officer Assignments - See TAB A of Enclosure (1).
- (2) Operations
  - (a) On 20Feb67 a 96' class 60 timber pile bent bridge was completed at AT 945695 (see TabC, photo #1).
  - (b) On 28Feb67 a 96' class 60 timber pile bent bridge was completed at AT 867573 (see TabC, Photo #2).
  - (c) On 10Feb67 a 185' steel cable suspension foot bridge was completed at AT 982621 (see TabC, photo #3).
  - (d) Constructed and continued upgrading 10 km of pioneer road from AT 874461 to AT 925530.

d. Plans.

- (1) Construct 46' steel beam class 60 bridge at BT 071701.
- (2) Upgrading Anderson Trail from Route 1c to 2nd Bn, 1st Marines C.P.
- (3) Upgrading Route #5 to An Hoa from Song Thu Bon Ferry (AT 925530 to AT 874461).
- (4) Pioneer and upgrade road/bridge approach on Dia Loc bypass via Hill 37 (AT 914587).

e. Training.

- (1) Command Indoctrination and information continues for newly arrived personnel and debriefing for those departing.
- (2) 66 personnel attended the 1st Engineer Battalion Land Mine Warfare School.
- (3) One man attended instruction course in generator operation and maintenance.
- (4) Three personnel attended ADM school. One was initial training and two attended refresher training.
- (5) One Marine and one Corpsman attended formal Vietnamese Language School.
- (6) One man attended mess management course.
- (7) Two men attended formal Embarkation School.
- (8) One officer attended the WESTPAC Area NBC conference.
- (9) 50 personnel fired individual weapons for familiarization on the Battalion 1000 inch range.
- (10) The Battalion conducted alert drills on 22 Feb and 28 Feb.

f. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply(1) Administration

- (a) On 1 February the inspection of Battalion Supply was completed by a team from 1st Marine Division.
- (b) On 1 February two TD-18 tractors were invoiced to this Battalion from 1st 8" Howitzer Battery, FMF.
- (c) On 2 February an Ordnance Inspection team from 1st Marine Division visited the Battalion.
- (d) On 3 February a request for water supply equipment was forwarded to GIC and C.G. FMF PAC.
- (e) On 5 February instructions were given to turn in all M416B1 trailers issued in error to this Battalion.
- (f) On 8 February Battalion Supply turned in excess ordnance repair parts.
- (g) On 10 February a total of 51 bunkers had been embarked under the current construction program.
- (h) On 13 February a request to establish a repair parts issue point was forwarded to 1st Marine Division.
- (i) On 14 February a total of 84 M51A2 dump trucks were issued to this Battalion.
- (j) On 15 February this Battalion was inspected by 1st Marine Division Embarkation Officer.
- (k) On 16 February a request to establish a bulk fuel dispensing point at Hill 37 (AT 916585) was forwarded to 1st Marine Division.
- (l) On 19 February a command inspection of the Battalion messhall was conducted.
- (m) On 20 February two generators were recommended for the rebuilding program.
- (n) On 22 February 85 upper torso body armor jackets were ~~unfused~~ for the rehabilitation program.
- (o) On 24 February this Battalion was required to furnish an M38A1 vehicle to the Division Red Cross section until further notice.
- (p) On 25 February a report containing the results of a dust mask test was submitted to 1st Marine Division.
- (q) On 28 February this Battalion received 42 M-64 tractors.

- (2) Supply.
- (a) 7th Engineer Battalion, FMF (RUC 21300). During the reporting period the Battalion Supply Section processed 84 priority 02 and 05 requisitions and 1841 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 2071 receipts from due, 1904 issues from due and 431 issues from warehouse.
- (b) 1st Bridge Company, FMF (RUC 21325). During the reporting period the Company Supply Section processed 271 requisitions. Also processed were 285 receipts from due, 140 issues from due and 67 issues from warehouse.
- (c) 3rd Bridge Company, FMF (RUC 21335). During the reporting period the Company Supply Section processed 339 requisitions. Also processed were 39 receipts from due, 13 issues from due and 160 issues from warehouse.
- (3) Motor Transport. Approximately 130,000 miles were logged on the Battalion's motor transport vehicles during February.
- (4) Maintenance. The Battalion Maintenance Platoon completed 143 motor transport work orders during February. A total of 147 work orders were submitted, 31 were sent to maintenance Battalion. Total work orders for engineer equipment were 140 with 110 completed and 11 sent to 1st FSR.
- (5) Messing. The Battalion Mess Staff continued the normal mess operation of providing four meals daily except on Sunday; the ~~fourth~~ meal being a midnight ration for night crews. On Sunday a brunch replaces breakfast and dinner. Closer control of mess operations was aided by issuing early and late chow passes to members of this Battalion.
- (6) Medical. The Battalion Aid Station treated 698 military and 78 Vietnamese. During February the Dental Clinic treated 356 military and 52 Vietnamese.
- (7) Embarkation. During the reporting period the following was manifested for surface shipping:

<u>Type Cargo</u>	<u>Shipped to</u>
Five Bridge Trailers, M-118	Chu-Lai
48 Bunkers	Phu-Bai

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action.

- (1) The civil affairs program continues on a daily basis.
- (2) Activities were as follows:
- (a) MEDCAP program treated 525 Vietnamese.
- (b) The Battalion sponsored, Vietnamese brickyard produced a total of 14,289 soil bricks.
- (c) A total of 430 bars of soap were distributed to Vietnamese.
- (d) Due to the expansion of the Battalion Brick Factory and the TET celebrations the production of bricks was suspended from 6 February to 11 February. The expansion of the building allowed the addition of five brick making machines.
- (e) An additional request for 7, 187 bricks for the TRUNG PHUOC School was received by the Battalion Civil Affairs Officer. Of the 15,500 bricks requested 12,438 have been picked up.
- (f) The 29th Civil Affairs Company have picked up 5,000 bricks for storage at the III MAF Warehouse at Red Beach.

h. Psychological Operations. None.

1. Communications. None
2. Entries. None.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Filed w/ Chron*
1. Officer Assignments. See Tab A of enclosure (1).
  2. Sitreps. See Tab B of enclosure (1).
  3. Photographs. See Tab C of enclosure (1).