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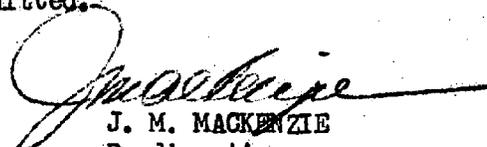
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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: (1) March Command Chronology

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


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

7th Engineer Battalion (Rein), FMF

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

HqCo	Capt. M. WEISER	25 March 1967
ServCo	Capt. H. L. CAMPBELL	7 March 1967
Co [#] A [#]	Capt. N. PACULA Jr.	11 November 1966
Co [#] B [#]	Capt. J. R. PHANEUF	7 March 1967
Co [#] C [#]	Capt. W. H. WEST	24 March 1967
Co [#] D [#]	Capt. J. W. MARSHALL III	9 January 1967

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Bridge Co	Capt. W. D. LYTCH 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	2dLt. J. R. MANNING	25 August 1966
S-2/3	Maj. L. E. RAMSEY	24 November 1966
S-4	S. SHEA	17 December 1966
Supply Off	Capt. J. W. WILSON	5 July 1966

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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>
78	1359	2	19

5. Personnel Gains and Losses

		<u>GAINS</u>			<u>LOSSES</u>
	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u>	6	<u>OFF</u>	0	<u>OFF</u>	0
<u>ENL</u>	108	<u>ENL</u>	1	<u>ENL</u>	0

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PART II

8 AUG 1966

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 Da Nang area.

Significant events during March included completion of a 105 foot, single lane, class 60 pile bent bridge on Route 5 south of the Tuy Loan River; completion of two single lane, class 60 bridges of 24 foot and 11 foot lengths on Route 5 north of the Tuy Loan River; continued construction of a 30 foot, class 60 pile bent bridge on Route 5 and a 46 foot steel stringer bridge on Route 13-C; completion of a 10,000 square foot soil cement heli pad at 3rd Bn, 1st Mar CP; completion of a dental facility on Hill 37; continued upgrading of 24 km of roads and maintenance of 121 km of roads.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration. None.

b. Enemy, Weather, and Terrain

- (1) 010800H at BT 073670, Marine from Company "A", 9th EngrBn reported MIA. Infantry and PF units searched area with negative results.
- (2) 020950H at BT 003634, Company "B" sweep team received 40-50 rounds of automatic weapons fire. Returned fire and V.C. broke contact. No casualties.
- (3) 031115H at BT 070675, Company "A", 9th EngrBn road construction security element detonated unknown type mine. One Marine WIA (evac).
- (4) 041155H at BT 003633, road construction detail from Company "B" received 50-60 rounds of automatic weapons fire. Infantry and artillery returned 40 rounds, 155 mm, 20 rounds 60 mm mortar and 1000 rounds SA. One Marine WIA (non-evac).
- (5) 051015H at AT 943664, dump truck from Company "A" detonated mine. Nine WIA (2 evac).
- (6) 051200H to 060600H, 7th Engineer Battalion assumed security for MCB-9 on the occasion of the SeaBee Birthday.
- (7) 051535H at BT 063672, road construction detail from Company "A", 9th EngrBn received light SA fire from estimated 4-6 V.C. Returned 450 rounds SA and CAC unit swept area. One Marine WIA (non-evac).
- (8) 051545H at AT 993632, road construction detail from Company "B" received 4 rounds of SA fire, did not return fire due to friendly troops in area. No casualties.
- (9) 051605H at BT 069674, road construction detail from Company "A", 9th EngrBn received 7-9 rounds SA fire from 4 to 6 V.C. Returned 150 rounds SA and 7 rounds M-79. CAC unit swept area with negative results. No casualties.

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- (10) 061100H at AT 999634, dump truck from Service Company detonated mine estimated to be 40-50 pounds TNT. Truck heavily damaged. No casualties.
- (11) 061105H at AT 925520, road construction detail from Company "D" received SA fire from unknown number of V.C. Requested infantry assistance. No casualties.
- (12) 061400H at AT 991634, road grader from Company "B" detonated mine. Grader heavily damaged. No casualties.
- (13) 062000H at AT 915598, V.C. burned 105' timber pile bent bridge on Route 5. (See TAB B Photo #1)
- (14) 071111H at AT 990641, dump truck from Company "B" received 9 rounds SA sniper fire. No fire returned. No casualties.
- (15) 082005H at AT 948778, 7th Engineer Bn defensive perimeter received SA fire from unknown number of V.C. No fire returned. No casualties.
- (16) 121420H at AT 907752, bridge reconnaissance party from Company "C" received 3 rounds SA fire. No casualties.
- (17) 122020H at AT 948778, 7th EngrBn defensive perimeter received 10-14 rounds SA fire. No casualties.
- (18) 122030H at AT 924605, V.C. burned 30' timber pile bent bridge on Route 5.
- (19) 170930H at BT 067674, mine sweep team from Company "A", 9th EngrBn received 3-4 rounds SA fire. Returned 2 rounds M-79. No casualties.
- (20) 280820H at AT 948707, M-16 mine detonated during training resulting in 13 Marines killed and one wounded.
- (21) 311205H at BT 069673, sweep team from Company "A", 9th EngrBn received 3 rounds SA fire. Returned 5 rounds SA. No casualties.

c. Organization and Operations

- (1) Officer Assignments - See TAB A of Enclosure (1)
- (2) Operations
 - (a) On 8 March 1967 a 14' class 60 timber bridge was completed at AT 907753.
 - (b) On 13 March 1967 a 24' class 60 timber bridge was completed at AT 906746.
 - (c) On 16 March 1967 a 10,000 sq.ft. soil cement helipad was completed at the 1st Bn. 3rd Mar CF.
 - (d) On 17 March 1967 a 12' x 12' Dental Facility was Completed at Hill 37.
 - (e) On 31 March 1967 a 105' timber pile bent bridge was completed on Route 5 at AT 915598 (See TAB B Photo #2 & 3).
 - (f) Continued upgrading of 10 km of pioneer road from AT 874461 to AT 925530.
 - (g) Continued upgrading of Anderson Trail from Route 10 to Route 1 (AT 995633 to BT 032643).

d. Plans

- (1) Continue construction of 46' steel beam, class 60 bridge at BT 071701 (See TAB B Photo #4).
- (2) Pioneer and upgrade lateral road from Route 1 (BT 030647) to

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Vinh Dien River (BT 032648).

- (3) Upgrade Anderson Trail from 2d Bn. 1st Marines CP to Route 1.
- (4) Upgrade Route 5 from Song Thu Bon Ferry to An Hoa (AT 925530 to AT 874461).
- (5) Continue pioneering and upgrading of road/bridge approach on Dai 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) Six personnel attended ADM school. One was for initial training and five attended refresher training.
- (4) One officer attended Registered Publications School.
- (5) One Staff NCO attended III MAF Psychological Operations School.
- (6) 50 personnel fired individual weapon for familiarization on the Battalion 1000 inch range.

f. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply

(1) Administration

March

1 This Battalion was inspected by a team from Division Motor Transport. Service Company and 1st Bridge Company were the companies inspected.

7 The Division Supply and Instruction Team started an inspection of 3rd Bridge Company and finished on 9 March 1967.

8 Five conex boxes were turned in to FSR.

11 Final loads of rock were delivered to complete the contract.

Four Euclid dump truck were received by this Battalion and placed on administrative deadline.

Two M172A1 lowbed trailers were received by this Battalion.

12 The Division Supply and Instruction team started an inspection of 1st Bridge Company and finished on 15 March 1967.

15 A request for an additional \$171,896.97 for Project Code 3 was submitted to Commanding General, 1st Marine Division as a result of increased requirements in III MAF work orders 3001, 6109, and 6249.

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- 16 Received Modification of Allowances from Commanding General, 1st Marine Division to drop one AN/URM-32, one AN/GRA-11 and add one TS-103 B/U.
- 20 Submitted repair parts list for high density engineer equipment items to Commanding General, 1st Marine Division.
- 25 Movement of all cut and packaged bunkers completed. All bunkers cut and packaged for which shipping was requested have been embarked.
- Three M-37B1 vehicles were nominated for the rebuild program.
- 28 The Battalion messhall was inspected by a party from 1st Marine Division Food Services.
- 29 A letter was forwarded to Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific stating that eleven Tractors MGL03 (M64) would be used for operator/mechanic training during the period 26 March to 26 May 1967.

(2) Supply

- (a) 7th Engineer Battalion FMF (RUC 21300). During the month of March the Battalion Supply Section processed 280 priority O2 and O5 requisitions and 1890 L2 and L7 requisitions. Also processed were 2053 receipts from due, 1589 issues from due and 609 issues from warehouse.
- (b) 1st Bridge Company FMF (RUC 21325). During the month of March 1st Bridge Company Supply Section processed 251 requisitions. Also processed were 136 receipts from due, 85 issues from due and 70 issues from warehouse.
- (c) 3rd Bridge Company FMF (RUC 21335). During the month of March 3rd Bridge Company Supply Section processed 381 requisitions. Also processed were 24 receipts from due, 9 issues from due and 36 issues from warehouse.
- (3) Motor Transport. Approximately 183,612 miles were logged on the Battalion's Motor Transport vehicles during March.
- (4) Maintenance. The Battalion Maintenance Platoon completed 166 Motor Transport work orders during the month of March. A total of 157 work orders were submitted, 39 were sent to Maint Bn. Total work orders for Engineer Equipment numbered 217 with 189 completed and 19 were sent to FLSC.
- (5) Messing. The Battalion Mess Staff continued the normal mess operation of providing four (4) meals daily except on Sunday; the fourth meal being a midnight ration for night crews. On Sunday a brunch replaces breakfast and dinner.

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(6) Medical. The Battalion Aid Station treated 682 military and 287 Vietnamese. During the month of March the Dental Clinic treated 209 military and 25 Vietnamese.

(7) Embarkation

<u>To Chu Lai</u>	<u>To Phu Bai</u>
2 Bridge Trailers	15 Bunkers

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

(1) The civil affairs program continues on a daily basis.

(2) Activities were as follows:

(a) MED CAP program provided treatment to 458 persons.

(b) The Battalion sponsored, Vietnamese brickyard produced a total of 31,344 soil bricks.

(c) A total of 870 bars of soap were given out to the Vietnamese people.

(d) A total of 15,310 bricks were released from the 7th Engineer Battalion Brick Factory during the month of March for various projects.

(e) The 7th Engineer Battalion is sponsoring a Brick Factory in its Civil Affairs area at the Refugee Village of HOA NINH. One brick machine has been taken out to the Village for the production of cement block which are intended for Civil Affairs projects. This new Brick Factory is on an experimental basis to determine the feasibility of its operation. The Village Chief of HOA THANH is having sand hauled to the site of the brick machine and the Village Chief of HOA NINH has the operational control of production. Since the beginning of the Brick Factory, 24 March 1967, in HOA NINH there have been 2044 bricks produced.

h. Psychological Operations. None.

i. Communications. None.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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1. Officer Assignments. See TAB A of enclosure (1).
 2. Photographs. See TAB B of enclosure (1).

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NAME	SERVNO	LINEAL #	BILLET RANK	ACT RANK	BILLET MOS	ACT MOS	T/O TITLE/PRIMARY DU	RTD	ADD DU	DECLASSIFIED
		OR OF RANK								
DYKE S H	098606	30Jun66	Lt	WO	1320	1320	PltCmndrUtilPlt PltCmndrWaterPlt	Nov67		
"A" Co										
WALTERS L M JR	088012	3Aug66	Capt	Capt	1302	1302/1320	"A" Co Cmndr ExecO	Nov67		
LUND R C	098993	30Jun66	WO	WO	1310	1310	PltCmndrEngrPlt	Dec67		
ATKINSON W T	096057	27May66	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	PltCmndrEngrPlt PltCmndrEngrPlt	Aug67		
SHOFF J R	089447	3Dec65	Lt	1stLt	1302	1302/1310/0430	PltCmndrEngrPlt	Jun67		
"B" Co										
PHANEUF J R	082142	3757	Capt	Capt	1302	1302/1310/1305	"B" Co Cmndr ExecutiveO	Oct67		
GANDY C F JR	098698	30Jun66	WO	WO	1310	1310	PltCmndrEngrPlt	Nov67		
MOLSTAD R D	093310	1846R	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	PltCmndrEngrPlt	Sep67		
BAKER J R	095288	8Jun66R	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1301	PltCmndrEngrPlt PltCmndrEngrPlt	Apr68		
"C" Co										
WEST W H JR	082314	3946	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	"C" Co Cmndr ExecutiveO	Aug67		
MCCULLOUGH C A	099041	30Jun66	WO	WO	1310	1360	PltCmndrEquipPlt	Sep67		
CROSBY W A	093048	1623R	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	PltCmndrEngrPlt	Sep67		
FOO R C K	096688	27May66	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	PltCmndrEngrPlt PltCmndrEngrPlt	Nov67		
"D" Co										
MARSHALL J W III	081638	4111	Capt	Capt	1302	1302/5715	"D" Co Cmndr ExecutiveO	Nov67		
CROSS C F	093588	1May66	WO	2ndLt	1310	1320	PltCmndrEquipPlt PltCmndrEngrPlt	Apr68		
CHILTON J B	096372	15Jul66	Lt	2ndLt	1310	1320 1302	PltCmndrEngrPlt	Nov67		
BLENKLE A J	092984	1566R	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	PltCmndrEngrPlt	Sep67		
1st Bridge Co										
LYTCH W D JR	083482	4329	Capt	Capt	1302	0302/1302	1stBrdgCo Cmndr	Jul67		
KLUG L D	087576	1909R	Lt	1stLt	1302	1302	ExecutiveO PltCmndrEquipPlt	May67		

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NAME	SERVNO	LINEAL #	OR		BILLET ACT RANK	BILLET RANK	ACT MOS	ACT MOS	T/O TITLE/PRIMARY DU	RTD	ADD DU
		DATE	OF RANK	RANK							
HARRIS F W III	045031	699	LtCol	LtCol	1302	1302/1310/1305	Bn Cndr	Aug67			
MACKENZIE J M	057845	1027R	Major	Major	1302	1302/1305/0805	Exec0	Nov67			SeniorMbrProBrd; SeniorMbrAwdS Brd; ClassMatCont0
MANNING J R	097296	27May66	Lt	2ndLt	0130	0130	S-1/Adjutant	Sep67			PersAff0; Postal0; Rpts&Direct Cont0; Voting0; Ins0; Savings Bonds0; RationCardCont0; Cust RegisteredPubs; CustClassMat; Witnessing0 for Dest of Class Mat; TS Cont0; Mbr Bn AwdsBrd;
FROST V P	093372	1903R	Lt	2ndLt	0130	1301	Pers0/BnLegal0	Sep67			TISCO; BnClaims0; MbrBnAwdsBrd; AlterCustClassMat; AlterCust RegPubs; Witnessing0 for Dest of ClassMat
SMITH R D	092641	197CR		2ndLt		1302	BnCivilAffairs0	Sep67			
RAMSEY L E	068998	21Jun66	Major	Major	1302	1302/3402	S-2/S-3	Dec67			
WEISER M	090428	2Mar67R	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	Asst S-2/MilGeol	Jul67			
DOUGHERTY J W	077648	2547	Capt	Capt	1302	1302/1330	Asst S-3/ABC Def0	Jul67			NuclearWpnsSafety0; NBCO
			Lt			1302	Asst S-3				
			Lt			1302	Asst S-3/ADMO				
SHEA W S	068321	1Jul66	Major	Major	1302	1302/0240	S-4	Jan68			Police0; Embarkation0; BnSafety0 FireMarshall; FireSecurity0; Bn Clubs0
CASTEN T R	090812	1Apr67	Lt	Capt	1302	1302	Asst S-3/Const0	Jun67			
BROUILLET R J	090797	1624R	Lt	1stLt	2502	2502	PltCndrCommPlt/Comm0	Nov67			TechPubsCont0; Witnessing0 for DestofClassMat; CryptoSecurity0
HARMAN J W	09878-	30Jun66	WO	WO-1	1360	1360	PltCndrConstPlt	Oct67			
TAYLOR S F	098039	15Jul66	Capt	2ndLt	1302	1310	PltCndrEngrEquipPlt	Nov67			
WEISER M	090428	2Mar67R	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	HqCo Cndr	Jul67			BnSecurity0; BnEd0; CareerAdv0
MANGELS P J F	092425	1499R		1stLt		1302	Asst S-4	Jun67			BnExchange0; BnIRO
ServCo											
CAMPBELL H L	084595	20Jan66R	Major	Capt	1310	1302	ServCo Cndr	Sep67			BnMess0; BnO Club Manager
WRUBLEWSKI E A	085396	20Jan66	Capt	Capt	1310	1302/1310	PltCndrMaintPlt	Nov67			
HAYEK T S	099613	4Nov66	Capt	2ndLt	3502	3510	PltCndrMotorTransPlt/Bn MTO	Feb68			
WILSON J W	084373	1Jul66	Capt	Capt	3002	3002/0302	PltCndrSupplyPlt/Sup0	Jul67			BnOrd0; BnFiscal0

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		DATE OF RANK	BILLET RANK					
<u>1st Brg Co (Cont'd)</u>								
KIBBLE R M	090920	1May66R	Lt	Capt	1302	1302	PltCmndrBridgePlt	Dec67
			Lt		1302		PltCmndrBridgePlt	
KADLECIC J JR	097088	27May66	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	PltCmndrBridgePlt	Nov67
<u>3rd Bridge Co</u>								
HULTMAN B A	089328	3Aug66	Capt	Capt	1302	1302/1310	3rd Bridge Co Cmndr	Apr68
			Lt		1302		ExecutiveO	
			Lt		1302		PltCmndrBridgePlt	
SCHIGG F R	093420	1949R	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	PltCmndrBridgePlt	Sep67
SUTTON G F L	098012	15Jul66	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	PltCmndrBridgePlt	Nov67 BnSpecialServO
HAGGERTY J J	094412	8Jun66	WO	2ndLt	1310	1301	PltCmndrServPlt	Apr68
HARBIN J G	098778	30Jun66	WO	WO	3010	3010	PltCmndrHqPlt	Nov67
JOHN P W	094216	8Jun66	Lt	2ndLt	3002	3002	PltCmndrHqPlt/SupO	Apr68
<u>Co "A" 9th Engr</u>								
MIMS G W JR	083529	20Jan66R	Capt	Capt	1302	1302/1320	"A" Co Cmndr	Jun67
VANLANDINGHAM T G	098113	27May66	Lt	2ndLt	1310	1310/1302	PltCmndrEquipPlt	Jun67
PLATZ W E	092647	1894R	Lt	2ndLt	1301	1302	PltCmndrEngrPlt	Sep67
PROBST R D	093371	1Nov65	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	PltCmndrEngrPlt	Sep67
<u>USN</u>								
WOODBURN R W	709739			Lt			Dental Off	Dec67
BRUNER W D	650582			Lt Cmndr			Bn Chaplain	Sep67
HEMPHILL J L	700604			Lt			Bn Surgeon	Aug67

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