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To: Commanding General, First Marine Division (Attn: Field Historian)

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Encl: ✓ (1) April Command Chronology

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

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATE

1. DESIGNATION

7th Engineer Battalion (Rein), FMP

COMMANDER

LtCol. F.W. HARRIS III
8 August 1966

SUBORDINATE UNITS

HqCo	Capt. M. WEISER	25 March 1967
ServCo	Capt. H.L. CAMPBELL	7 March 1967
Co"A"	Capt L.M. WALTERS Jr.	3 April 1967
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 B.A. HULTMAN	3 April 1967
Co"A", 9th EngrBn	Capt G.W. NIMS 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	2ndLt. J.R. MANNING	25 August 1966
S-2/3	Maj. L.E. RAMSEY	24 November 1966
S-4	Maj. W.S. SHEA	17 December 1966
Supply Officer	Capt. J.W. WILSON	5 July 1966
Sgt.Maj.	Sgt.Maj. E.J. URBAN	8 August 1966

Sgt. Maj.

Sgt. Maj. P. 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>
45	1356	2	18

5. Personnel Gains and Losses

<u>USMC</u>		<u>GAINS</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>LOSSES</u>		<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>			<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
2	73			0	0	4	76	0	1	0	1

PART II

Narrative Summary

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

Significant events during April includes emplacement of a 403' MA/MAT6 floating bridge by pass on the Song Cu De at Nam O to reopen Route 1 after two spans of the Nam O bridge were blown. Route 1 was reopened 35 hours after the bridge was destroyed. Projects completed include a 46' steel stringer class 60 bridge on Route 13-c; a 30' timber pile bent bridge and 15' timber bridge on Route 5; installation of barbed wire around piers on four major bridges on Route 1; emplacement of a 799' floating foot bridge adjacent to the Song Cau Do bridge on Route 1 to provide additional observation for security forces; completion of upgrading of Anderson Trail; continued upgrading of Route 5, Dai Loc by pass, Route 13-c; 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) 051940H at AT 928786, borrow pit security elemen. detonated unknown type AP mine 4 WIA (1 evac).
- (a) 061056H at BT 113497, Service Company M-51A2, dump truck detonated mine. Truck totally destroyed, no casualties.
- (3) 130412H at AT 927843, One pier of Nam O Bridge on Route 1 blown by V.C. dropping two spans.
- (4) 130730H at BT 046613, MAT6 fixed span on Route 1 blown by V.C.
- (5) 130825H at AT 924605, Company "D" sweep team received intense small arms fire. Squad from 3rd Bn 7th Mar, searched area with negative results. No casualties.
- (6) 140630H at AT 945784, 7th EngrBn security element apprehended one Vietnamese national with 125 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition. Detainee forwarded to 3rd IIT.
- (7) 150900H at AT 991735, Company "A" minefield clearing team detonated M-16 AP mine resulting in one Marine killed and one injured.
- (8) 201230H at BT 006633, Company "B" M51A2 dump truck, detonated mine. Truck heavily damaged, 3 WIA (1 evac).
- (9) 261330H at BT 030647, Company "B" road construction detail received 50 rounds small arms fire. Returned 50-75 rounds small arms fire and searched area with negative results. No casualties.
- (10) 271530H at BT 030647, Company "B" bridge construction detail received 10 rounds sniper fire. Returned 50 rounds small arms fire with unknown results. 1 WIA (non evac).

- (11) 280045H at AT 948707; Company "A" CP received 3 rounds of 105mm artillery from unknown source. 1 KIA, 21 WIA (14 evac, 1DOW).
- (12) 281040H at AT 922537, 1st Bridge Company ferry site at Song Thu Bon received one round sniper fire. No fire returned, no casualties.

c. Organization and Operations

- (1) Officer Assignments- See TAB A of Enclosure (1)
- (2) Operations

- (a) On 4 April a 30' timber pile bent bridge was completed on Route 5 at AT 924606 (See TAB B, photo #4).
- (b) On 29 April a 6" rock cap was completed on 1.5 km of Route 30 (AT 948780 to AT 960776).
- (c) On 11 April a 15' timber bridge was completed on Route 5 at AT 943682.
- (d) On 13 April a 6" rock cap was completed on 2.0 km of route 33 (AT 945787 to AT 951800).
- (e) On 15 April a 403' M4/M4 T6 floating bridge was completed on Rt 1 at Nam O to by pass the damaged permanent bridge at AT 928845.
- (f) On 15 April a 46' steel stringer bridge was completed on Route 13-c at BT 072702. (See TAB B, photo #1).
- (g) On 17 April a 799' floating foot bridge was emplaced at BT 015816 adjacent to the Song Cau Do bridge on Route 1 to provide observation capability for security forces.
- (h) On 18 April a 10,000 square foot helipad was completed at the 1st Marines CP.
- (i) On 23 April security lighting was installed on the Da Nang River Bridge at BT 039761.
- (j) On 29 April a 34' timber pile bent bridge was completed on Route 5 at AT 943691.
- (k) On 30 April the widening and upgrading of 4.0km of Anderson Trail (AT 995663 to BT 032643) was completed.
- (l) On 30 April the lateral road from Route 1 (BT 030647) to the Song Vinh Dien (032648) was completed.

d. Plans

- (1) Construct a 283' timber pile bent bridge across the Song Vinh Dien at BT 032648.
- (2) Construct access road and 10,000 sq.ft. helipad at 1st Bn, 1st Mar. (Vicinity Hoi An).
- (3) Install catwalks on key bridges in Da Nang TAOR to provide observation capability for security forces.
- (4) Continue upgrading of Route 5 from Song Thu Bon Ferry to An Hoa (AT 925530 to AT 874461).
- (5) Continue pioneering and upgrading of Dai Loc by pass via Hill 37 (AT 913591 to AT 921577).

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) 11 Personnel attended Generator Operators School.
- (4) One officer attended Embarkation School.
- (5) One Marine attended the Field Radio Operators Course.
- (6) One officer and three enlisted attended ADM school. One was for initial training and three attended refresher training.
- (7) Two supply personnel attended MUMMS training.
- (8) One officer completed the Military Justice Course.
- (9) 25 personnel completed a two week Motor Vehicle Operator's Course conducted by this battalion.

f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply

(1) Administration

April

- 4 Is was noted that the generator pulley on the EIMCO tractor was causing wear on a cooling system hose. A UER was submitted recommending use of a longer fan belt. The fan belts on all EIMCO tractors within the Battalion are being replaced with satisfactory results.
- 5 A requisition for 12" pipe located at N.S.A. was not filled. The pipe has been programed for a pipeline extension by N.S.A.

The Battalion received a 6,000 pound rough terrain forklift which was assigned to Headquarters Company.
- 6 A letter was sent to Commander Naval Forces Vietnam, Representative Danang, requesting use of real estate in Dien Ban District.
- 7 1st Bridge Company received a 150T46 crane.

A scraper belonging to Company "D" and MRS-100 were returned to the Battalion by the Seabees.
- 10 A report on increased logistics requirements during the monsoon season was submitted to C.G. 1stMarDiv.
- 11 A letter was submitted endorsing a proposed modification of body armor by placing pockets on the outer front.
- 13 A letter was forwarded to C.N.C. requesting that a USMC number be assigned to a sand dehydrator presently in Headquarters Heavy Equipment.
- 14 A letter was sent to Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific requesting that permission be obtained to place EIMCO tractors in service on 14 May 1967.

Four Gonex boxes were turned in to FSR.

- 17 All M51A2 Dump Trucks were placed in service. All M51 dump trucks were scheduled to be turned in to Battalion Maintenance for further processing to FSR.
- 18 A list of Fourth Quarter FY 67 requirements for newly received equipment was forwarded to Commanding General, 1st Marine Division.
- 23 Battalion Supply commenced to operate under MUMS program.
- 24 A report of serviceable and unserviceable lower torso body armor was forwarded to Commanding General, 1st Marine Division.
- 25 A letter was sent to Commanding General, 1st Marine Division Attn: Div Supply Officer giving information on the high percentage of priority ϕ 2 requisitions submitted in August 1966.

Plastic and metal jungle boot insets were received and distributed throughout the Battalion.

(2) Supply

(a) 7th Engineer Battalion FME (RUC 21300)

During the month of April the Battalion Supply Section processed 70 priority ϕ 2 and ϕ 5 requisitions and 1407 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 2260 receipts from due, 2048 issues from due and 278 issues from warehouse.

(b) 1st Bridge Company FME (RUC 21325)

During the month of April 1st Bridge Company Supply Section processed 462 requisitions. Also processed were 212 receipts from due, 189 issues from due and 125 issues from warehouse.

(c) 3rd Bridge Company FME (RUC 21335)

During the month of April 3rd Bridge Company Supply Section processed 97 requisitions. Also processed were receipts from due 36, issues from due 42, and issues from warehouse 236.

(3) Motor Transport

Approximately 141,369 miles were logged on the Battalion's Motor Transport Vehicles during April.

(4) Maintenance

The Battalion Maintenance Platoon completed 147 Motor Transport work orders during the month of April. A total of 164 work orders were submitted, 29 were sent to MAINT. BN. Total work orders for Engineer Equipment numbered 185 with 148 completed and 23 were sent to FLSG-"A".

(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.

(6) Medical

The Battalion Aid Station treated 601 military and 363 Vietnamese. During the month of April the Dental Clinic treated 321 military and 14 Vietnamese.

(7) Embarkation

To Chu Lai

to Dong Ha

2-105 Trailers
2-Euclids

1-M-54
1-MRC-83
1-105 Trailer
1-M-37, Truck
1-Bridge Trailer

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 363 persons.
 - (b) The Battalion sponsored, Vietnamese brickyard produced a total of 30,072 soil bricks.
 - (c) A total of 544 bars of soap were given out to the Vietnamese people.
 - (d) A total of 21,966 bricks were released from the 7th Engineer Battalion Brick Factory during the month of April for various projects.
 - (e) A total of 8,532 cement bricks were produced at the HOA VINH Refugee Village for the month of April 1967.
 - (f) A ground breaking ceremony was held in the Village of HOA VINH on 2 April 1967 for the construction of the Village Chief's Administrative Office. Present at the ceremony were Lieutenant Colonel Frank W. HARRIS III, the Commanding Officer, 7th Engineer Battalion (Rein), FMF, accompanied by the 7th Engineer Battalion Civil Affairs Officer, and the Chief, Mr TOAN, of HOA VINH Village.

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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6 May 1967

NAME	SERVNO	LINEAL #		BILLET RANK	ACT RANK	BILLET MOS	ACT MOS	T/O TITLE/PRIMARY DU	RTD	ADD DU
		OR DATE	OF RANK							
HARRIS F W III	045031	699		LtCol	LtCol	1302	1302/1310/1305	Bn Cmdr	Aug67	
MACKENZIE J M	057845	1027R		Major	Major	1302	1302/1305/0805	ExecO	Nov67	SeniorMbrProBrd; SeniorMbrAwd Brd; ClassMatContO
MANNING J R	097296	27May66		Lt	2ndLt	0130	0130	S-1/Adjutant	Sep67	PersAffO; PostalO; Rpts&Direct ContO; VotingO; InsO; Savings BondsO; RationCardContO; Cust RegisteredPubs; CustClassMat; WitnessingO for Dest of Class Mat; TS ContO; Mbr Bn AwdBrd;
PROST V P	093372	1903R		Lt	2ndLt	0130	1301	PersO	Sep67	MbrBnAwdBrd; AlterCustClassMat; AlterCustRegPubs; WitnessingO for Dest of Class Mat
SMITH R D	092641	1970R		Lt	2ndLt		1302	BnLegalO	Sep67	BnCivilAffairsO; TISCO; BnClaimsO MbrBnAwdBrd
RAMSEY L E	068998	21Jun66		Major	Major	1302	1302/3402	S-2/S-3	Dec67	
WEISER M	090428	2Mar67R		Capt	Capt	1302	1302	S-2/MilGeol	Jul67	
DOUGHERTY J W	077648	2547		Capt	Capt	1302	1302/1330	Asst S-3/ABC DefO	Jul67	NuclearWpnsSafetyO; MBO
				Lt		1302		Asst S-3		
				Lt		1302		Asst S-3/ADMO		
SHEA W S	068321	1Jul66		Major	Major	1302	1302/0240	S-4	Jan68	PoliceO; EmbarkationO; BnSafetyO; FireMarshall; FireSecurityO; Bn ClubsO
CASTEN T R	090612	1Apr67		Lt	Capt	1302	1302	Asst S-3/ConstO	Jun67	
BROUILLET R J	090797	1624R		Lt	1stLt	2502	2502	PltCndrCommPlt/CommO	Nov67	TechPubsContO; WitnessingO for DestofClassMat; CryptoSecurityO
HARMAN J W	098780	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 Cmdr	Jul67	BnSecurityO; BnEdO; CareerAdvO
MANGELS P F	092425	1499R		Lt	1stLt	1302	1302	Asst S-4	Jun67	BnExchangeO; BnIRO
<u>ServCo</u>										
CAMPBELL H L	084595	20Jan66R		Major	Capt	1310	1302	ServCo Cmdr	Sep67	BnMessO; BnO Club Manager
WROBLEWSKI E A	085396	20Jan66		Capt	Capt	1310	1302/1310	PltCndrMaintPlt	Nov67	
HAYEK T S	099613	4Nov66		Capt	2ndLt	3502	3510	PltCndrMotorTransPlt/Bn MTO	Feb68	

NAME	SERVNO	LINEAL #		BILLET RANK	ACT RANK	BILLET MOS	ACT MOS	T/O TITLE/PRIMARY DU	RTD	ADD DU
		OR OF RANK								
ServCo (Cont'd)										
WILSON J W	084373	1Jul66	Capt	Capt	3002	3002/0302		PltCndrSupplyPlt/Sup0	Jul67	BnOrd0; BnFiscal0
DYKE S H	098606	30Jun66	Lt	WO	1320	1320		PltCndrUtilPlt	Nov67	
			Lt		1320			PltCndrWaterPlt		
"A" Co										
WALTERS L M Jr	088012	3Aug66	Capt	Capt	1302	1302/1320		"A" Co Cndr	Nov67	
			Lt		1302			Exec0		
LUND R C	098993	30Jun66	WO	WO	1310	1310		PltCndrEngrPlt	Dec67	
KINSON W T	096057	27May66	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302		PltCndrEngrPlt	Aug67	
			Lt		1302			PltCndrEngrPlt		
SHOFF J R	089447	3Dec65	Lt	1stLt	1302	1302/1310/0430		PltCndrEngrPlt	Jun67	
"B" Co										
PHANEUF J R	082142	3757	Capt	Capt	1302	1302/1310/1305		"B" Co Cndr	Oct67	
			Lt		1302			Executive 0		
GANDY C F Jr	098698	30Jun66	WO	WO	1310	1310		PltCndrEngrPlt	Nov67	
			Lt		1302			PltCndrEngrPlt		
BAKER J R	095288	8Jun66R	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1301		PltCndrEngrPlt	Apr68	
SCHIGG F A	093420	1Apr67	Lt	1stLt	1302	1302		PltCndrEngrPlt	Sep67	
"C" Co										
WEST WH Jr	082314	3946	Capt	Capt	1302	1302		"C" Co Cndr	Aug67	
			Lt		1302			Executive 0		
MCCULLOUGH C A	099041	30Jun66	WO	WO	1310	1360		PltCndrEquipPlt	Sep67	
CROSBY W A	093048	1623R	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302		PltCndrEngrPlt	Sep67	
D R C K	096688	27May66	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302		PltCndrEngrPlt	Nov67	Bn Special Serv 0
			Lt		1302			PltCndrEngrPlt		
"D" Co										
MARSHALL J W III	081638	4111	Capt	Capt	1302	1302/5715		"D" Co Cndr	Nov67	
			Lt		1302			Executive 0		
CROSS C F	093588	1May66	WO	2ndLt	1310	1320		PltCndrEquipPlt	Apr 68	
			Lt		1302			PltCndrEngrPlt		
CHILTON J E	096372	15Jul66	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302		PltCndrEngrPlt	Nov67	
BLENKLE A J	092984	1566R	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302		PltCndrEngrPlt	Sep67	

NAME	SERVNO	LINEAL #	BILLET ACT		BILLET		T/O TITLE/PRIMARY DU RTD	ADD DU
		OR OF RANK	RANK	RANK	MOS	ACT MOS		
<u>1st Bridge Co</u>								
LYTCH W D Jr	083482	4329	Capt	Capt	1302	0302/1302	1stBrdgCo Cndr	Jul67
			Lt		1302		Executive O	
			WO		1310		PltCndrEquipPlt	
LAPLAUNT T L	094298	8Jun66	Lt	2ndLt	3002	3002	PltCndrHdqPlt/SupO	Apr68
KIBBIE R M	090920	1Apr67R	Lt	Capt	1302	1302	PltCndrBrdgPlt	Dec67
MOLSTAD R D	093310	1846R	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	PltCndrBrdgPlt	Sep67
KADLECIK J Jr	097088	27May66	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	PltCndrBrdgPlt	Nov67
<u>3rd Bridge Co</u>								
MULLMAN B A	089328	3Aug66	Capt	Capt	1302	1302/1310	3rd Bridge Co Cndr	Apr68
			Lt		1302		ExecutiveO	
			Lt		1302		PltCndrBrdgPlt	
			Lt		1302		PltCndrBrdgPlt	
SUTTON G F L	098012	15Jul66	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	PltCndrBrdgPlt	Nov67
HAGGERTY J J	094412	8Jun66	WO	2ndLt	1310	1301	PltCndrServPlt	Apr68
			WO		3010		PltCndrHdqPlt	
JOHN P W	094216	8Jun66	Lt	2ndLt	3002	3002	PltCndrHdqPlt/SupO	Apr68
<u>Co "A" 9thEngr</u>								
MIMS G W Jr	083529	20Jan66R	Capt	Capt	1302	1302/1320	"A" Co Cndr	Jun67
PLATZ W E	092647	1894R	Lt	2ndLt	1301	1302	ExecutiveO	Sep67
VANLAN DINGHAM T G	098113	27May66	Lt	2ndLt	1310	1310/1302	PltCndrEquipPlt	Jun67
PROBST R D	093371	1Apr67	Lt	1stLt	1302	1302	PltCndrEngrPlt	Sep67
MARTINI S G	095678	1Sep66R	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1301	PltCndrEngrPlt	May68
HAMMEL G J	092818	1Jan66R	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1301	PltCndrEngrPlt	May68
<u>USN</u>								
WOODBURN R W	709739			Lt			Dental Off	Dec67
WILLIAMS D J	712465			Lt			Bn Chaplain	Apr68
HEMPHILL J L	700604			Lt			Bn Surgeon	Aug67