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From: Commanding Officer  
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Encl: (1) July Command Chronology

1. In consonance with references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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## PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATION

7th Engineer Battalion (Rein), FMF

COMMANDERLtCol. R. FUNDERBURK  
30 July 1967SUBORDINATE UNITS

HqCo	Capt. R. J. BROUILLET	28 June 1967
ServCo	Capt. H. L. CAMPBELL	7 March 1967
Co"A"	Capt. L. H. WALTERS, Jr.	3 April 1967
Co"B"	Capt. J. R. PHANEUF	7 March 1967
Co"C"	Capt. R. J. GENOVESE	31 July 1967
Co"D"	Capt. J. W. MARSHALL III	9 January 1967

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Bridge Co	Capt. R. M. KIBBLE	1 June 1967
3rd Bridge Co	1stLt. F. L. SCHIGG	10 June 1967
Co"A", 9th EngrBn	Capt. R. A. TIEBOUT	20 June 1967

2. LOCATION

7th Engineer Bn	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	Major R. A. HUNTZINGER	26 July 1967
S-1	2nd Lt. J. R. MANNING	25 August 1966
S-2/3	Major L. E. RAMSEY	26 July 1967
S-4	Major W. S. SHEA	17 December 1966

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Supply Officer

Capt. J. KAZALUNAS

9 July 1967

Sgt. Major

Sgt. Maj. E. J. URBAN

8 August 1967

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
45	1399	2	22

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5. PERSONNEL GAINS AND LOSSES

		<u>Gains</u>			<u>Losses</u>	
<u>USMC</u>			<u>USN</u>		<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u>	8		1		<u>OFF</u>	0
<u>ENL</u>	65		2		<u>ENL</u>	43

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## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The 7th Engineer Battalion continued support of the III Marine Amphibious Force within the Danang area. Platoons from the attached 1st and 3rd Bridge Companies are rendering additional support in the Chu Lai, Hue/Phu Bai, and Dong Ha areas.

Company "A", 9th Engineer Battalion moved its CP from 7th Engineer Battalion to Hill 63 BT 132452 on 16 July 1967. All elements are conducting engineer operations on Route 1 between Danang and Thang Binh to upgrade Highway 1 for class 50 traffic.

Company "B", 7th Engineer Battalion continues operations on Route 12 and the Ha Thanh Dam. Cooper Bridge at BT 032649 was completed. It is a 297' monotube pile bent, class 60 bridge. 2,248 meters of new road was constructed on Route 12 between Route 1 BT 032649 and Route 13C.

Work is continuing on Route 5 by "A" and "D" Companies to bring it above the high water mark and to cap it with crushed rock. During July 30, 587 yards<sup>3</sup> of fill and 5,437 yards<sup>3</sup> of rock were placed and compacted on Route 5.

Engineer assistance was provided on Hill 327 from "C" Battery, 1st LAAM Battalion. 8 bunkers were rehabilitated; culverts installed; and the area graded and shaped for drainage.

The minefield at the 37th Signal Battalion was cleared with negative findings. Also, another sector of the Danang Air Base minefield is being cleared. 67 - M14's and 26 - M16's have been detected and blown in place.

## PART III

## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration. None.

b. Enemy, Weather and Terrain

- (1) 13 UNK H at BT 100519, a culvert was blown on Route 1.
- (2) 13 UNK H at BT 102516, a bridge was destroyed on Route 1.
- (3) 14 UNK H at AT 932888, bridge on Route 1 was blown. A 30' M4T6 fixed span was installed.
- (4) 14 UNK H at BT 093535, the recently constructed wingwalls on a bridge on Route 1 were blown.
- (5) 15 UNK H at AT 943691, a 30' timber bridge on Route 5 was blown. It was replaced with a 30' M4T6 fixed span.
- (6) 150930H at BT 093543, Company "A", 9th EngrBn road construction crew received 10 to 15 rounds automatic weapons fire. Security element called in a fire mission. Resulting in 3 Vietnamese Nationals killed and 1 wounded.

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- (7) 192120H at BT 004654, Company "B" received 8 rounds of small arms fire. Notified infantry. No fire returned.
- (8) 210930H at BT 085545, Company "A", 9th EngrBn dump truck detonated unknown type mine on Route 1. The truck was destroyed. There were 5 WIA's all med evaced.
- (9) 241530H at AT 918598, Company "D" road construction crew on Route 5 fired on enemy with unknown results. Notified infantry in the area.
- (10) 251303H at BT 085545, Company "A", 9th EngrBn road construction crew received a grenade from unknown number of enemy. Captured 3 VC suspects, turned over to the infantry for interrogation. There was 1 Marine WIA med evaced.
- (11) 251547H at BT 015736, a man from Company "A", 7th EngrBn detonated a mine in a minefield operation. One man was med evaced.
- (12) 271440H at AT 978623, Company "B" construction crew received 3 rounds small arms fire. Security returned 2 rounds M-79 at suspected sniper position.
- (13) 280640H at BT 019638, Company "A", 9th EngrBn dump truck detonated unknown type mine on mine sweep. There were 2 WIA's, 1 med evaced and 1 minor.
- (14) 281302H at AT 979632, Company "B" construction crew received 2 rounds small arms fire. Security returned 1 round M-79 at suspected sniper position.
- (15) 311150H at BT 102514, Company "A", 9th EngrBn received 5 rounds small arms fire at job site. Security returned fire with unknown results.
- (16) 311415H at BT 105515, Company "A", 9th EngrBn at job site observed enemy in tree line with weapons. Security fired 200 rounds small arms fire with unknown results.
- (17) 311525H at AT 984629, Company "B" dump truck received 1 round small arms fire. Driver of the vehicle received facial wounds, taken to Hill 55 BAS.
- (18) 311620H at BT 102515, Company "A", 9th EngrBn received 10 rounds small arms fire at job site. Security returned fire on enemy. Observed 1 enemy fall. Searched area finding tunnels, tunnels were blown with hand grenades. Received 5 to 10 more rounds small arms fire from the enemy.
- (19) 311935H at BT 102514, Company "A", 9th EngrBn at job site observed 2 enemy with rifles. Fired upon them observing 1 enemy fall.

c. Organization and Operations

- (1) Officer Assignments - See TAB A, Enclosure (1)
- (2) Operations
  - (a) On 7 July 1967 Cooper Bridge across the Song Vinh Dien was completed.
  - (b) On 8 July 1967, a 40' class 60, steel stringer bridge was completed on Route I BT 045615.

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- On 9 July 1967 earthwork for a mobile storage and platoon living area for 1st IAAAM Battalion were completed on Hill 724 AF 922920.
- (d) On 12 July 1967 the CAS Unit Headquarters at China Beach was completely renovated.
  - (e) A pioneered road was completed on 22 July 1967 from the Song Cam Hai Ferry (BT 083543) to Route 1 (BT 093536).
  - (f) Engineer assistance provided to "C" Battery, 1st IAAAM Battalion on Hill 327 was completed on 26 July 1967. 4 - 36" culverts were installed, 8 bunkers rehabilitated and the area was graded and shaped for drainage.
  - (g) On 15 July 1967 a 30' M4T6 fixed span was emplaced over a concrete bridge destroyed by the enemy AT 933888.
  - (h) On 15 July 1967 a 625' M4/class 60 superstructure floating bridge was emplaced at the Song Thu Bon AT 925535 to replace the ferry.
  - (i) On 15 July 1967 a 30' M4T6 fixed span was emplaced over a timber bridge AT 943691 which was damaged by the enemy.
  - (j) Construction of a 200 x 300 helopad on Hill 63 BT 132452 Headquarters for 5th Marines was started 17 July 1967. 90% of work has been completed.

d. Plans

- (1) Continue upgrading of Route 5 between AT 943746 and AT 912577.
- (2) Continue construction of new lateral road designated Route 12.
- (3) Continue construction of Dai Loc Bypass AT 9158.
- (4) Complete construction of helopad on Hill 63 BT 132452.
- (5) Continue Danang Air Base minefield operations.
- (6) Continue upgrading of Route 1 from Danang to Thang Binh.

e. Training

- (1) Command Indoctrination and information for newly arrived personnel and debriefing for those departing.
- (2) 65 personnel attended the 1st Engineer Battalion "Land Mine Warfare" school.
- (3) Two officers and three enlisted attended AIM school. One attended the initial course of instruction, three attended refresher training.
- (4) One (1) NCO attended NCO Leadership school.
- (5) One (1) enlisted attended Vietnamese Language school (Danang).
- (6) Three (3) enlisted attended CAP school.
- (7) 100 Marines Fam Fired M14 rifle.
- (8) On 30 July 1967 this Battalion conducted a Change of Command Ceremony.
- (9) Officers and SNCO's attended a lecture on Embarkation Procedures.

f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply

- (1) Administration

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- 10 This Battalion received 3 grid rollers which were assigned to Headquarters Company. (Authority to hold CG, III MAF msg 310638Z May 67)
- 11 Two 600 CFM Worthington air compressors were received in the Battalion and were assigned to Headquarters Company. (Authority to hold CG, FMFPAC msg 140105Z Jul 66)
- 13 A Financial Management inspection team from 1st Division visited the Battalion.
- 17 An MRS-100 was received into the Battalion and assigned to Company "A", 9th Engineer Battalion.
- 18 A request for ABFC components was forwarded to CG, III MAF. The required materials were for a bridge to be constructed at BT 113497.
- A request for two portable rock crushers and a crawler crane slated for salvage, was forwarded to CG, U.S. Army Support Command, Quinhon.
- 19 A material Readiness Assistance Team from 1st Marine Division visited this Battalion.
- 24 An Unsatisfactory Equipment Report for the pipe inlet on the Eimco (M-64) Tractor was submitted to GMC.
- 25 A request for a water distributor M-61 located in salvage was forwarded to CG, U.S. Army Support Command, Quinhon.
- 26 The following equipment was received into the Battalion and assigned to the Companies indicated:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit Assigned</u>
TD-24	Company "B"
M38A-1	Service
M37B1	Service
M37B1	Co "A", 7th EngrBn
M37B1	Company "C"
M37B1	Service
Track Drill	Headquarters

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

During the month of July the Battalion Supply Section processed 83 priority 02 and 204 priority 05 requisitions and 149 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 681 receipts from due, 524 issues from due and 138 issues from warehouse.

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

During the month of July 1st Bridge Company Supply Section processed 702 requisitions. Also processed were 203 receipts from due, 197 issues from due and 31 issues from warehouse.

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

During the month of July 3rd Bridge Company Supply Section processed 234 requisitions. Also processed were 18 receipts from due, 18 issues from due, and 72 issues from warehouse.

(3) Motor Transport

Approximately 156,725 miles were logged on the Battalion's Motor Transport Vehicles during July.

(4) Maintenance

The Battalion Maintenance Platoon completed 128 Motor Transport work orders during the month of July. A total of 151 work orders were submitted, 35 were sent to Maint Bn.. Total work orders for Engineer Equipment numbered 140 with 134 completed and 12 were sent to FLSG "A".

(5) Messing

The Battalion Mess Staff continued to provide four 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 1468 Military and 794 Vietnamese. During the month of July the Dental Clinic treated 497 Military and 30 Vietnamese.

(7) Embarkation

<u>To Chu Lai</u>	<u>To Phu Bai</u>	<u>Dong Ha</u>
2 - 150T46	6 - Anchors	7 - Bridge Trailers
3 - Einco Tractors	3 - Buoys	
3 - TD-18 Tractors		
4 - Bridge Trailers		
1 - Compressor 105		

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

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

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(2) Activities were as follows:

- (a) MED CAP program provided treatment to 742 persons.
- (b) The Battalion sponsored, Vietnamese brickyard produced a total of 39,640 soil bricks.
- (c) A total of 32,889 bricks were released from the 7th Engineer Battalion Brick Factory during the month of July for various projects.
- (d) A total of 9,424 cement bricks were produced at the Hoa Ninh Refugee Village for the month of July 1967.
- (e) A 16' x 28' curing shed was constructed at the Hoa Ninh Brick Factory.
- (f) A 52' x 16' school is under construction and scheduled to be completed on 5 August at Hoa Ninh. A 78' x 18' school and 26' x 25' School Master's House are under construction at Hoa Thanh.

PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Officer Assignments. See TAB A of Enclosure (1).

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NAME	SERVNO	LINEAL #	OR		BILLET		T/O	TITLE/PRIMARY DU	RTD	ADD DU
		DATE	OF RANK	RANK	RANK	MOS				
FUNDERBURK R	045512	468	LtCol	LtCol	1302	1302/0302/1305	Bn Cndr	Aug68		
HUNTZINGER R A	059050	1422R	Major	Major	1302	1302	ExecO	Aug68	SeniorMbrProBrd; SeniorMbrAdvsBrd ClassMatContO; Member 1stMarDiv Personal Response Council; SrMbr Bn Personal Response Council	
MANNING J R	057296	3026	Lt	2ndLt	0130	0130	S-1/Adjutant	Sep67	PersAffO; PostalO; Rpts&Direct ContO; VotingO; InsO; Savings BondsO; RationCardContO; Cust ClassMat; WitnessingO for Dest of Class Mat; TS ContO; Mbr Bn Awd Brd; BnCareerAdvO	
SMITH R D	092641	1Apr67		1stLt		1302	BnLegalO	Apr68	BnCivilAffairsO; Mbr BnAwdBrd; TISCO; Bn ClaimsO; Alternate Cust ClassMat; WitnessingO for Dest Class Mat; Mbr Bn Personal Re- sponse Council	
MUNN W E	097486	4704	Lt	2ndLt	0130	0130	PersO	Oct67	CustRegisteredPubs	
RAMSEY L E	068998	2508	Major	Major	1302	1302/3402	S-2/S-3	Dec67		
WEST W H JR	082314	2548	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	S-2/MilGeol	Aug67		
BLENKLE A J	092984	1Apr67	Capt		1302		Asst S-3		Mbr Bn Personal Response Council	
			Lt	1stLt	1302	1302	Asst S-3/ABC DefO	Sep67	BnEducationO; CustodianRewardFund	
			Lt		1302		Asst S-3/ADMO			
HULTMAN B A	089328	4334	Lt	Capt	1302	1302/1310	Asst S-3/ConstO	Apr68		
SHEA W S	068321	2700	Major	Major	1302	1302/0240	S-4	Jan68	PoliceO; EmbarkationO; BnSafetyO; FireMarshall; FireSecurityO; Bn ClubsO	
DOWNNEY J	096544	4961		2ndLt		1320/0430	Asst S-4	Aug68	BnExchangeO; BnIRO; Bn Pleaster SalesO	
BROUILLET R J	090797	1Jun67	Lt	Capt	2502	2502	CommO/PltCndrCommPlt	Nov67	TechPubsContO; WitnessingO for DestofClassMat; CryptoSecurityO Alt Custodian Registered Pubs; Bn SecurityO	
HARMAN J W	098780	485	WO	WO-1	1360	1360	PltCndrConstPlt	Oct67	ADMO	
TAYLOR S F	098039	4947	Capt	2ndLt	1310	1310	PltCndrEngrEquipPlt	Nov67		
BROUILLET R J	090797	1Jun67	Capt	Capt	1302	2502	HqCo Cndr	Nov67		

NAME	SERVNO	LINEAL #	BILLET RANK	ACT RANK	BILLET		T/O TITLE/PRIMARY DU	RTD	ADD DU
		OR DATE OF RANK			MOS	ACT MOS			
<u>ServCo</u>									
CAMPBELL H L	084595	3282R-	Major	Capt	1310	1302	ServCo Cndr	Sep67	BnMess0; Bn0 Club Manager
WROBLEWSKI E A	085396	3350	Capt	Capt	1310	1302/1310	PltCndrMaintPlt	Nov67	
HAYEK T S	099613	7428	Capt	2ndLt	3502	3510	PltCndrMotorTransPlt/ Bn MTO	Feb68	
KAZALUNAS J	076393	963	Capt	Capt	3002	3002/0302/3402	PltCndrSupplyPltBnSup0	Jul68	BnOrd0; BnFiscal0
HE S H	098606	575	Lt	WO	1320	1320	PltCndrUtilPlt	Nov67	
CARVER R E	093575	2718	Lt	Lt	1320	1320	PltCndrWaterPlt	Jul68	
<u>"A" Co</u>									
WALTERS L M Jr	088012	4368	Capt	Capt	1302	1302/1320	"A" Co Cndr	Nov67	
			Lt		1302		Exec0		
LUND R C	098993	170	WO	WO	1310	1310	PltCndrEquipPlt	Dec67	
ATKINSON W T Jr	096057	3199	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	PltCndrEngrPlt	Sep67	
			Lt		1302		PltCndrEngrPlt		
			Lt		1302		PltCndrEngrPlt		
<u>"B" Co</u>									
FRANEUF J R	082142	2389	Capt	Capt	1302	1302/1310/1305	"B" Co Cndr	Oct67	
			Lt		1302		Exec0		
			WO		1310		PltCndrEquipPlt		
CHILTON J E	096372	4733	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	PltCndrEngrPlt	Nov67	
AKER J R	095288	3956R	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1301	PltCndrEngrPlt	Apr68	
MANE G B	0100458	1Sep66	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1301	PltCndrEngrPlt	Jul68	
<u>"C" Co</u>									
GENOVESE R J	086251	3996R	Capt	Capt	1302	1302/0430	"C" Co Cndr	Jul68	
			Lt		1302		Exec0		
MCCULLOUGH C A	099041	305	WO	WO	1310	1360	PltCndrEquipPlt	Sep67	
GROSBY W A	093048	1Apr67	Lt	1stLt	1302	1302	PltCndrEngrPlt	Sep67	
FOO R C K	096688	2885	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	PltCndrEngrPlt	Nov67	Bn Special Serv 0
			Lt		1302		PltCndrEngrPlt		

NAME	SERVNO	LINEAL #	BILLET ACT		BILLET		T/O TITLE/PRIMARY DU	RTD	ADD DU
		OR	DATE OF RANK	RANK	RANK	MOS			
<u>"D" Co</u>									
MARSHALL J W III	081638	2699	Capt	Capt	1302	1302/5715	"D" Co Cndr	Nov67	
			Lt		1302		ExecO		
CROSS C F	093588	2815	WO	2ndLt	1310	1320/1310	PltCndrEquipFlt	Apr68	
PROST V P	093372	1Apr67	Lt	1stLt	1302	1302	PltCndrEngrFlt	Sep67	
			Lt		1302		PltCndrEngrFlt		
			Lt		1302		PltCndrEngrFlt		
<u>1st Bridge Co</u>									
KIBBLE R M	090920	1Apr67R	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	1stBrdgCo Cndr	Nov67	
			Lt		1302		ExecO		
LAMAS P P	0100393	1Sep66	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1301	PltCndrBrdgFlt	Jul68	
MOLSTAD R D	093310	1Apr67	Lt	1stLt	1302	1302	PltCndrBrdgFlt	Sep67	
KADLECIK J Jr	097088	3884	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	PltCndrBrdgFlt	Nov67	
VIRDEN J E	099488	534	WO	WO	1310	1310	PltCndrServFlt	Aug68	
LAPLAUNT T L	094298	4209R	Lt	2ndLt	3010	3002	PltCndrHdqFlt/SupO	Apr68	
<u>3rd Bridge Co</u>									
SCHIGG F A	093420	1Apr67	Capt	1stLt	1302	1302	3rd Bridge Co Cndr	Sep67	
			Lt		1302		ExecO		
			Lt		1302		PltCndrBrdgFlt		
			Lt		1302		PltCndrBrdgFlt		
SUTTON G F L	098012	4738	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	PltCndrBrdgFlt	Nov67	
MCGGERTY J J	094412	4114	WO	2ndLt	1310	1302	PltCndrServFlt	Apr68	
JOHN P W Jr	094216	4175R	WO	2ndLt	3010	3002	PltCndrHdqFlt/SupO	Apr68	
<u>Co "A" 9thEngrBn</u>									
TIEBOUT R A	083751	16Jan63	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	"A" Co Cndr	Jul68	
PLATZ W E	092647	1Apr67	Lt	1stLt	1302	1302	ExecO	Sep67	
PROBST R D	093371	1Apr67	Lt	1stLt	1302	1302	PltCndrEngrFlt	Sep67	
MARTINI S G	095678	6001R	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1301	PltCndrEngrFlt	May68	
HAMMEL G J	092818	1Apr67	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1301	PltCndrEngrFlt	May68	
BRADY P J	0100066	1Sep66	WO	2ndLt	1310	1301	PltCndrEquipFlt	Jul68	
USN									
HEMPHILL J L	700604		Lt				Bn Surgeon	Aug67	
			Lt				Chaplain		
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