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7th Engineer Battalion (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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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	Maj. R. A. HUNTZINGER	2 September 1967
Co"A"	Capt. J. D. RIVERA	23 October 1967
Co"B"	Capt. T. R. BAISLEY	23 September 1967
Co"C"	Capt. R. J. GENOVESE	31 July 1967
Co"D"	Capt. A. H. MILLER	2 October 1967

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Bridge Co	Capt. R. M. KIBBLE	1 June 1967
3rd Bridge Co	1stLt. J. J. Haggerty	21 September 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 J. E. HANFAN	2 September 1967
S-1	2ndLt. R. G. BURCHAM	23 October 1967
S-2/3	Major L. E. RAMSEY	26 July 1967
S-4	Major W. S. SHEA	17 December 1967

Supply Officer

Major J. KAZALUMAS

9 July 1967

Sgt. Major

Sgt. Maj. G.E. MOYER

4 September 1967

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
44	1306	2	17

5. PERSONNEL GAINS AND LOSSES

<u>GAINS</u>				<u>LOSSES</u>	
<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>
OFF	6	0	OFF	8	0
ENL	133	2	ENL	227	2

PART II

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 continued engineering operations on Route 1 between Danang and Thang Binh to upgrade Highway 1 for class 50 traffic inspite of intensive enemy sabotage and moderate flood damage.

Company "B", 7th Engineer Battalion reopened Route 12 after moderate flood damage.

Companies "A" and "D", 7th Engineer Battalion reopened Route 5 after extensive damage caused by the flood of 8 and 9 October 1967. (See TAB B)

Company "C", 7th Engineer Battalion completed 40% of the Ha Dong Bridge (AT 998707), a 340' pile bent design. Company "C" moved their CP from the 7th Engineer Battalion Cantonment to a new location in the area of Tuy Loan (AT 948708).

1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion placed a class 55 M4 ferry at the Song Thu Bon (AT 925532), NamO Bridge site (AT 928842) and the Ha Dong River site (AT 990641).

3rd Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion placed a class 55 M4/M4T6 ferry in operation at the NamO Bridge site.

Service Company, 7th Engineer Battalion provided 3,126,000 gallons of water from their nine (9) water points for use in the Danang TAOR.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Topics

- a. Personnel and Administration. None
- b. Enemy, Weather and Terrain

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
011220H	A-9 mine sweep team found 60mm mortar round and blew it in place.	BT 119489
011350H	A-9 3rd Plt. Convoy stopped at ARVN compound. Man stepped off truck onto friendly AP mine, resulting in 3 MIAs. All were medevaced.	BT 113497

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011350H	Medevac Helicopter detonated AP mine with rotor wash resulting in 2 WIAs, neither were medevaced.	BT 113497
021655H	A-9 2nd Plt. EIMCO detonated friendly AP mine while working in ARVN compound, resulting in 1 WIA. He was medevaced.	BT 113497
041600H	A-9 1st Plt. Vietnamese tripped friendly mine resulting in 1 WIA. He was medevaced.	BT 113497
051100H	B-7 2nd Plt. Mine sweep team found boobytrap on south shoulder of road and blew it in place.	BT 052656
051215H	A-9 1st Plt. Found body of soldier floating in river. Negative identification at that time. No further information.	BT 102512
070825H	B-7 2nd Plt. mine sweep team found trip wire with warning device across road. Detained 3 Vietnamese and forwarded detainees and device to Circumference 2. 2/1	BT 050654
070955H	A-9 3rd Plt. sweep team found 2 lb. mine on top of road and blew it in place.	BT 162437
071215H	A-9 1st Plt. sweep team found box mine, approximately 50 lb. and blew it in place.	BT 117492
071925H	Bn Hq Perimeter OP's received unknown number of sniper fire rounds. OP #4 returned 5 rounds of small arms fire.	AT 942779
080001H	A-9 2nd Plt. sweep team found blown concrete culvert. Plans to repair same.	BT 174421
090915H	B-7 1st Plt. Two men using pick to break asphalt on Route 1 struck boobytrapped grenade, resulting in 2 WIAs, both medevaced.	BT 039628
100900H	D-7 mine sweep team found 35' culvert blown. Road repaired.	AT 922546
101910H	Bn Hq LP #2 received unknown number of small arms fire. Returned 40 rounds with negative results.	AT 938778
110800H	D-7 sweep team found box mine 20 lb. Blew in place.	AT 921601
111302H	A-9 3rd Plt found 105mm round on side of road.	BT 153447
122125H	B-7. Cooper Bridge blown with 50-100 lb of explosives. 1WIA resulted, not medevaced.	BT 033648

140900H	A-9 35. M-51 hit mine 100-110 lb resulting in 1 KIA, 1 WIA medevaced.	BT 092546
160800H	D-7 sweep team found AP mine, disarmed same.	AT 922546
171100H	A-9 3rd Plt. Vietnamese motorbike detonated mine 70 lb. resulting in 3 Vietnamese KIAs. Road repaired.	BT 118492
171645H	C-7 1st Plt. Pontoon on M4T6 broke loose from moorings. Four men jumped. 1 Drowned. Body not recovered.	AT 990642
180920H	C-7 1st Plt sweep team found claymore mine, removed and blow same.	BT 045654
181105H	Found box mine. Blow in place	BT 117492
181930H	Bn Hq OP #1 received 1 round small arms fire returned 5 rounds small arms with negative results.	AT 949775
191630H	3rd Bridge. Infantry set off mine, with two WIAs both medevaced. No further information.	AT 928843
191922H	Bn Hq LP #1 received 80 rounds of small arms returned 100 rounds and 1 grenade with negative results.	AT 936777
201315H	A-9 4th Plt. Truck hit mine, approximately 60 lbs, resulting in 1 WIA, medevaced. Received small arms from Vietnamese hut. Investigated same with negative results.	BT 085545
221620H	Bn Hq LP #2 received 2 rounds small arms fire, returned fire with negative results.	AT 940778
230735H	D-7 sweep team found 2 - 20 lb box mines in culvert. Cleared same.	AT 922553
230808H	D-7 sweep team found culvert blown leaving crater 15' in diameter. Approximately 60-80 lbs of explosives used. Repairs made.	AT 922554
230900H	A-9 1st Plt. sweep team found dud 60mm mortar round. Removed same and blow in place.	BT 086545
231615H	A-7 Hq. Two men on recon received 10 rounds of small arms. JMB-6 took reactionary squad into area which took 100-150 rounds of automatic weapons fire. Reactionary called from 3/5 and 105mm fire mission called. No further information.	BT 056656

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241305H	B-7 4th Plt. M-51 hit LP mine.	BT 055656
250745H	C-7 sweep team found 4lb C-4 mine w/mousetrap device. Blew in place.	AT 946695
250830H	C-7. Vietnamese boy showed sweep team position of boobytrapped M-26. Grenade was blown in place.	AT 940639
250910H	B-7 2nd Plt sweep team found Chicom grenade on road. Blew in place.	BT 048655
250955H	A-9 1st Plt. received 10 rounds of small arms fire, returned 400 rounds of small arms fire.	BT 102507
250955H	B-7 2nd Plt. found 2 Chicom bouncing betty mines approximately 6' apart on road, Removed and blew same.	BT 055655
260900H	D-7 sweep team found culvert blown, estimated 40 lbs of explosives.	AT 922547
260906H	D-7 sweep team found culvert blown, road open to one way traffic.	AT 922543
261500H	A-9 M-51 hit mine, approximately 75 lbs. Area swept again with negative results. No casualties.	BT 088540
261500H	B-7 4th Plt EIMCO uncovered M-26 grenade with pin pulled and spoon missing. Blew in place.	BT 067682
271236H	C-7 grenade was found buried on road shoulder. Not identifiable as to type. Neither M-26 or Chicom. Blew in place.	AT 943672
280750H	C-7 sweep team found grenade in road. Blew in place.	AT 944693
280829H	B-7 1st Plt. received 2 rounds small arms fire from unknown number enemy. No action taken.	AT 991638
281045H	A-9 1st Plt. received 2 rounds small arms fire. No action taken.	BT 102505
281125H	A-9 1st Plt. received 3 rounds of small arms fire, returned 50 rounds small arms fire.	BT 100517
290800H	3rd Bridge 2nd Plt. M-54 hit Vietnamese male at ferry site. Boy mdedevaced.	AT 928841
291000H	A-9 1st Plt. found crater 3' x 5' on road. Road repaired.	BT 118490
291115H	A-9 1st Plt. found culverts (2) blown. Will repair	BT 112498

301030H	A-9 2nd Plt. found grenade on road shoulder Blew in place.	BT 123485
310900H	B-7 2nd Plt. sweep team found VC victory archway. Pulled down archway searched area.	BT 055656
311105H	A-9 2nd Plt. found 50 lb box mine on shoulder of road. Blew in place and repaired road.	BT 118491
311145H	A-9 1st Plt sweep team found culvert blown with approximately 80 lbs of explosives. Road repaired.	BT 105505
311155H	A-9 2nd Plt. found 35 lb mine. Blew in place Road repaired	BT 118491
311400H	A-9 2nd Plt. received 8 rounds of small arms fire and returned 400 rounds small arms fire.	BT 106505

c. Organization and Operations

(1) Officer Assignments - See TAB A, Enclosure (1)

(2) Operations

(a) On 3 October 1967 completed removal of the minefield located next to 7th Bulk Fuel Company (AT 983724)

(b) On 4 October 1967 completed construction of bunkers, 50' tower bunker and renovation of strongbacks for CAP G-3 (BT 062805)

(c) On 17 October 1967 completed laying 33,000 sq.ft of matting on Helo pad for MIG - 16.

(d) On 18 October 1967 completed 18 Sea Huts for FLC (AT 948 795).

(e) On 21 October 1967 a 32' pile bent bridge (AT 925606) was reopened to traffic after being damaged by the flood of 8 and 9 October 1967. (See TAB B)

(f) On 24 October 1967 Route 12 was reopened for traffic after sustaining considerable damage due to the flood of 8 and 9 October 1967. (See TAB B)

(g) On 28 October 1967 completed 6 culvert bunkers 7'7"x7'7" and two (2) timber bunkers 8'x12'x8' for CAP B-6.

(h) On 30 October 1967 completed six (6) culvert bunkers 7'7"x7'7" and two (2) timber bunkers 8'x12'x8' for CAP D-4. (BT 083569)

d. Plans

(1) Continue upgrading of Route 5 from AT 943946 to AT 874460.

- (2) Continue construction of drainage system for Route 12.
- (3) Continue construction program for C&G organization.
- (4) Continue maintenance and upgrading of Route 1 from Danang to Thang Binh.
- (5) Complete repairs of 96' pile bent bridge (AT 866573): Extensively damaged by flood on 8 and 9 October 1967.
- (6) Complete repairs of 120' pile bent bridge (AT 919598) moderately damaged by flood on 8 and 9 October 1967.
- (7) Complete construction of Ha Dong Bridge at AT 990642.

c. Training

- (1) Command Indoctrination and information for newly arrived personnel and debriefing for those departing.
- (2) 73 personnel attended the 1st Engineer Battalion "Land Mine Warfare School". (Danang)
- (3) 9 personnel attended NCO Leadership School. (Okinawa)
- (4) 6 personnel attended Vietnamese Language School. (3-Okinawa 3-Danang).
- (5) 2 personnel attended Scuba (underwater diving) School. (Philippines).
- (6) 65 personnel F&M Fired M-14 Rifle.
- (7) 1079 personnel attended Gas Chamber Drills.
- (8) Officers and Staff NCO's attended lectures on the M-16 Rifle, Intelligence, MedEvac Procedures, and Communication Procedures.

f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply

(1) Administration

October

- 1 An inventory report of protective and treatment agents for chemical and biological warfare was submitted to CG, 1st Marine Division.
- 5 Received ten (10) nylon sleeping shirts for testing and evaluation. Shirts were issued to Company "C" as organizational property. Recommended allowance was submitted to CG, 1st Marine Division on 25 October 1967.

- 8 Twelve (12) 35 hp outboard motors were received from Subic Bay, Philippines. They were picked up on the account of 3rd Bridge Company.
- 10 Seven (7) new 35 hp outboard engines were requisitioned and received from FSR. Four were assigned to 3rd Bridge Company and three were assigned to 1st Bridge Company.
- 12 Battalion and Bridge Company accounts were inspected by a Financial Management Team from 1st Marine Division.
- A Preventative Medicine Team inspected the Battalion Area.
- 13 Mr. Soules from the Rome Flow Company presented a class on an attachment made by his company for use on the EIMCO tractor.
- 15 Three (3) U.S. Army bridge boats were received in the Battalion. Two were assigned to 1st Bridge Company and one was assigned to 3rd Bridge Company.
- 19 A UER on screws for the turbocharger on M51A2 dump trucks was submitted to CMC.
- A request for a bulk fuel dispensing point to be established at the Company "C" position (LT 952708) was submitted to CG, 1st Marine Division (Attn: G-4)
- 21 Battalion and Bridge Companies armories were inspected by the Division Ordnance Officer.
- 22 Arrangements were completed to have bridge boats repaired at YR-70. Lt. KELL USN is the contact Officer.
- 26 The Division Material Readiness Inspection was rescheduled for 19 January 1968.
- 28 A list of items for which a higher demand exists during summer months was submitted to CG, 1st Marine Division.
- 1st Bridge Company received one U.S. Army MAT6 bridge set.

(2) Supply

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

During the month of October the Battalion Supply Section processed 317 priority 02 and 221 priority 05 requisitions and 1164 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 1676 receipts from due, 1426 issues from due and 618 issues from warehouse.

(b) 1st Bridge Company FMF (RUC21325)

During the month of October 1st Bridge Company Supply Section processed 550 requisitions. Also processed were 385 receipts from due, 360 issues from due and 48 issues from warehouse.

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

During the month of October 3rd Bridge Company Supply Section processed 550 requisitions. Also processed were 49 receipts from due, 40 issues from due, and 54 issues from warehouse.

(3) Motor Transport

Approximately 135,000 miles were logged on the Battalion's Motor Transport Vehicles during October.

(4) Maintenance

The Battalion Maintenance Platoon completed 128 Motor Transport work orders during the month of October. A total of 109 work orders were submitted, 43 were sent to Maint. Bn. Total work orders for Engineer Equipment numbered 140 with 122 completed and 27 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 817 Military and 322 Vietnamese. During the month of October the Dental Clinic treated 425 Military and 10 Vietnamese.

(7) Embarkation

1 Bundle Rain Gauges
2 Boxes Blankets and Clothing
1 Pallet Body Armor
1 Pallet Tires

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

(1) The civic action program continues on a daily basis.

(2) Activities were as follows:

(a) MED GAP program provided treatment for 302 persons.

(b) The battalion sponsored, Vietnamese brickyard produced a total of 29,427 soil bricks.

(c) A total of 21,003 bricks were released from the 7th Engineer Brick Factory during the month of October for various projects.

(d) Three scholarships were given to Vietnamese children who showed good academic ability.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Officer Assignments. See TAB A of Enclosure (1)
2. Flood Damage. See TAB B of Enclosure (1)

REPORT OF FLOOD DAMAGE

A tropical storm moved into the Danang TAOB on 8 and 9 October 1967 and created a flood condition that severed numerous lines of communications throughout the TAOB. The following is a synopsis of the damage that was a result of the fore mentioned flood within the 7th Engineer Battalion area of responsibility.

By 1115 on 9 October 1967 the following conditions existed:

Route 5 from AT 912589 to AT 911577 was under 5' of water.

Route 5 from AT 921577 to AT 925535 was under 5' of water.

Route 5 from AT 938716 to AT 939578 was under 2' of water.

Route 14 from AT 911591 to AT 912578 was under 5.5' of water.

Route 14 AT 922576 (East) under 3.5' of water.

Route 1 BT 135475 under 2' of water.

Route 1 South approach to Song Cau Lau Bridge under 3' of water.

Route 12 under 3 to 4' of water.

Anderson Trail BT 023637 under 2.5' of water.

NamO Bridge (AT 928843) 420' MAT6 washed out. 70% lost or destroyed.

Liberty Bridge (AT 925533) 2040' pile bent structure. 600' section washed out and destroyed.

Bridge (AT 913588) 250' pile bent. Both abutments washed out.

Bridge (AT 866573) 96' pile bent. Superstructure completely washed out.

Bridge (AT 922605) 32' pile bent. Both abutments washed out.

Bridge (AT 993642) 336' M4/55 rendered impassable sustained moderate damage.

Bridge (AT 998707) 658' MAT6/60 rendered impassable sustained minor damage.

Bridge (BT 040762) 675' Foot Ponton washed out. 75% lost or destroyed.

Numerous culverts were washed out in most areas of flooding and extensive erosion occurred in the low areas.

Route 5 between Song Tuy Loan and Dai Loc was reopened by 1 Nov 1967.

Route 14 was completely reopened by 6 Nov 1967.

Route 1 was completely reopened to traffic by 20 October 1967.

Route 12 including Cooper Bridge (BT 031649) was reopened by 24 October 1967.

Anderson Trail including Ha Dong Ferry was reopened by 26 October 1967.

The route 5 crossing of the Song Thu Bon was reopened by 22 October 1967.

Route 1 crossing at NamO was reopened by 12 October 1967.

TAB B

Enclosure (1)

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From: Battalion Adjutant
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Encl: (1) Listing of Officers

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for information.

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DISTRIBUTION:

All Companies (4)

All Staff Sections (2)

A-9 (4)

TAB A

Enclosure (1)

added

LISTING OF OFFICERS"A" Company

DEGRYSE, R. V. 1stLt
 LUND, R. C. WO
 RIVERA, J. E. Capt (CO)
 WARDLAW, C. M. 2ndLt

"B" Company

BAISLEY, T. R. Capt (CO)
 HAGGERTY, J. J. 1stLt
 SCHAEFFER, K. S. 1stLt

"C" Company

DENIKER, J. E. 2ndLt
 GENOVESE, R. J. Capt (CO)
 MANGE, G. B. 2ndLt

"D" Company

BARRY, L. E. 1stLt
 CULLINAN, J. P. 2ndLt
 MILLER, A. H. Capt (CO)
 PERKINS, W. N. 1stLt

Headquarters Company

BROUILLET, R. J. Capt (CO)
 BURCHAM, R. G. 2ndLt (S-1)
 DOWNEY, J. 1stLt
 FRANZWA, R. E. Capt
 FUNDERBURK, R. LtCol (Bn CO)
 HANNAN, J. E. Major (Bn XO)
 HURLBERT, D. D. Capt
 IVEY, B. D. CWO-3
 LEWIS, T. 1stLt
 MARSHALL, J. W. III Capt
 RAMSEY, L. E. Major (S-2/3)
 SHEA, W. S. Major (S-4)
 SOWA, J. J. WO
 TAYLOR, S. F. 1stLt

Service Company

CARVER, R. E. 1stLt
 CROSS, C. F. 1stLt
 HAYEK, T. J. 2ndLt
 HUNTZINGER, R. A. Major (CO)
 KAZALUNAS, J. Major
 WOBLEWSKI, E. Capt

1st Bridge Company

KIBBLE, R. M. Capt (CO)
 LAMAS, P. P. 2ndLt
 NICOL, R. A. JR. 2ndLt
 ROCCO, C. A. 1stLt
 VIRDEN, J. E. WO

3rd Bridge Company

DEARBORN, R. C. 2ndLt
 JOHNSON, J. P. 2ndLt
 SMITH, R. D. 1stLt (CO)
 SULLIVAN, M. J. 2ndLt

ENCLOSURE (1)