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Encl: (1) December Chronology

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

COMMANDER

LtCol. R. FUMDERBURK

SUBORDINATE UNITS

HqCo	Capt. T.D. LEWIS	7 November 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. J.D. BUCKELEW	28 May 1967
Co"D"	Capt. A.A. LOPEZ	30 October 1967

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Bridge Co	1st Lt. C.A. ROCCO	2 November 1967
3rd Bridge Co	1st Lt. R.D. SMITH	4 November 1967
Co"B", 9th Engr Bn	Capt. T.C. MCKEOWN	11 September 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"B", 9th Engr Bn	26 June 1966	DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Office	Major J.E. MANKIN	2 September 1967
S-1	CWO E.A. HUFFAGEL	20 December 1967
S-2/3	Capt. R.E. FRANZWA	29 July 1967
S-4	Capt. A.H. MILLER	20 October 1967

Supply Officer

2nd Lt. P.J. O'CONNELL

9 July 67

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>
48	1166	2	18

5. PERSONNEL GAINS AND LOSSES

<u>GAINS</u>		<u>LOSSES</u>	
<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
OFF 5	0	OFF 6	0
ENL 138	2	ENL 108	0

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

Company "B", 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.

Company "B", 9th Engineer Battalion continued general support of the Army at Hill 63.

Company "B", 9th Engineer Battalion completed re-decking of the old Song Cau Lau Bridge at BT 091553.

Company "B", 7th Engineer Battalion completed approaches to the Ha Dong Bridge.

Company "B", 7th Engineer Battalion completed repairs of the Cooper Bridge at AT 031648 of pile bent design.

Company "C", 7th Engineer Battalion completed treadway and curb on the Ha Dong Bridge.

Company "C", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading of Route 5 from BT 946701 to AT 912743.

1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion removed a 120' M-6 Bridge at BT 225347.

1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion installed a 75' floating bridge class 60 superstructure at AT 998707.

1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion removed M4/M16 ferry at AT 990643.

1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion installed 120' of M-6 Bridging at BT 225347.

1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion removed 45' M16 fixed span at AT 954712.

1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion removed 5 float reinf. ferry at BT 031649.

1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion removed 90' of M-6 single truss bridge at BT 045614.

1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion installed 5 float reinf. ferry at AT 923535.

1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion installed 21'8" M16 fixed span at BT 069563.

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1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion:

Installed 45' of M4T6 fixed span at AT 893952
 Installed 30' of M4T6 fixed span at AT 891952
 Removed 45' M4T6 fixed span at BT 101517

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3rd Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion:

Removed 38'4" M4T6 fixed span at YD 692258
 Removed M4 Bridge at YD 967062
 Removed 285' of M4 floating Bridge at YD 927103
 Installed a 780' floating Bridge at YD 756143

Service Company, 7th Engineer Battalion provided 2,859,000 gallons of water from their nine (9) water points for use in the DaNang TAOR.

PART III

1. Topics

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

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
012140H	H & S Co. 7th Engr Bn. reports that outpost #1 received 3 or 4 sniper rounds. Returned 8 rounds small arms.	AT 946777
021015H	B-9 reports approx 40lb charge detonated by Vietnamese bus. No casualties.	BT 120988
031215H	C-7 reports 150T46 crane overturned, uprooting telephone pole.	AT 995689
041615H	B-7 reported blowing in place a brown bag reported by Vietnamese children. Crater resulting was 5' in diameter.	BT 040579
041650H	C-7 reported personnel in mine field detonating mine 1 MIA, 3 WIA.	AT 982724
060930H	D-7 reports LVT following sweep team detonated 40lb. mine. 2 USMC MIA.	AT 922548
091100H	H & S Co. 7 reports perimeter defense post #1 reported 2 sniper rounds.	AT 945786
100850H	B-7 reports finding detailed model of area.	BT 054657

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131105H Y-7 reports M-51 from C-7 hit 15 lb. bo mine while following sweep team. Slight damage to vehicle. AT 944507

150915H C-7 reports 3 USMC MIA on sweep team while probing for mines. AT 982724

180835H B-7 found 3 - 12" branches laid across road about 15 meters apart. BT 055653

181010H D-7 reports tank following sweep team hit mine. 2 KIA and 5 WIA. AT 922551

200730H H & S Co. 7 reports perimeter defense #4 received 3 or 4 rounds sniper fire. AT 944782

202233H H & S Co. 7 perimeter defense reports receiving one round of sniper fire. AT 951779

241945H H & S Co. 7 perimeter defense reports receiving one round of sniper fire. AT 945784

c. Organization and Operations

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

(2) Operations

(a) On 3 December 1967 completed treadway and curbs on Ha Dong Bridge.

(b) On 4 December 1967 completed grading of 1,000 meters on Route 13C.

(c) On 6 December 1967 completed grading 4 miles on Route 5.

(d) On 9 December 1967 completed ditching and grading Route 33.

(e) On 15 December 1967 completed repairs of headwalls on culvert BT 918728.

(f) On 21 December 1967 completed repairs on Cooper Bridge.

(g) On 21 December 1967 completed spreading bunker oil on Route 5 from AT 942688 to AT 942662.

(h) On 22 December 1967 completed replacing defective treadway on Bridge at AT 945710 Route 5 north.

(i) On 23 December 1967 Spread 3,000 gals of bunker oil on Route 5 from AT 943663 to AT 927610.

(j) On 26 December 1967 completed redecking of old Song Cau Lau Bridge.

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(k) 30 December 1967 completed installation of 48"X36" culvert.

d. Plans

- (1) Continue general support of all units within the 1st Marine Division TAC, or as assigned by III MAF Headquarters.
- (2) Continue support of C&G units within 1st Marine Division TAC.
- (3) Continue removal of minefield at ASP-1.
- (4) Continue maintenance of Bridges within 1st Marine Division TAC.
- (5) Continue upgrading of Route 1.
- (6) Continue upgrading of Route 33.
- (7) Continue upgrading of Route 5.
- (8) Continue upgrading of Route 12.

c. Training

- (1) Command Indoctrination and information for newly arrived personnel and debriefing for those departing.
- (2) 87 personnel attended the 1st Engineer Battalion "Land Mine Warfare School". (DaNang)
- (3) 2 personnel attended Vietnamese Language School. (1 Okinawa 1 DaNang).
- (4) 2 personnel attended Scuba (underwater diving) School.
- (5) 1 Marine attended Basic Infantry Weapon Repair Course (Okinawa).
- (6) Officers and Staff NCO's attended lectures on the following: Motor Transport, Tropical Cold Injury.

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~~SECRET~~f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply(1) AdministrationDecember

- 4 Four Homelite Chain Saws were received from the Force Engineer, III MAF. Three were sent as instructed to the 11th Engineer Battalion. One was assigned to Company "B", 7th Engineer Battalion for use and evaluation.
- 7 A team from FSR arrived to make modifications to the M51A2 fuel system.
- 11 One M-49 refueling tanker was received from 1st Shore Party Battalion to fill a T/E deficiency in Service Company.
- 15 Eight M4T6 pontoons were picked up by 1st Bridge Company from ARVN I Corps Engineers, DaNang. The pontoons were used at the Song Cau Do River. The pontoons were received on a temporary loan of thirty days.
- 18 A request was submitted to Commanding General, 1st Marine Division to be permitted to construct a new Industrial Relations building which would be constructed as part of a gate facility.
- The first of seventy five bundles of M8A1 matting were picked up at NSA and delivered to Company "D". The matting will be used in the construction of a helopad at Hill 37.
- 19 Captain JONES, the Division Surgeon visited the Battalion Aid Station to inspect the facilities and operations.
- 20 A request for the assignment of USMC numbers to air compressors and track drills held by this Battalion was submitted to GMC.
- 22 Four D-6 tractors were available to be picked up by this Battalion as directed by the Force Engineer. The tractors were not accepted due to the number of mechanical discrepancies on the tractors.
- 28 Embarked and moved 5 Eimco tractors and 6 operators to 11th Engineer Battalion.
- 30 Redistribution of M51A2 dump truck assets to allow more efficient usage of trucks. Three each to "A", "B", and "C" Companies, 10 to "D" Company with remainder in Service Company.

(2) Supply

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7th Engineer Battalion FNF (AG 21300)

During the month of December the Battalion Supply Section processed 268 priority 02 and 129 priority 05 requisitions and 519 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 714 receipts from due, 617 issues from due and 76 issues from warehouse.

1st Bridge Company FNF (AG 21325)

During the month of December 1st Bridge Company Supply Section processed 317 requisitions. Also processed were 212 receipts from due, 183 issues from due and 65 issues from warehouse.

3rd Bridge Company (AG 21335)

During the month of December 3rd Bridge Company Supply Section processed 130 requisitions. Also processed were 25 receipts from due, 23 issues from due, and 58 issues from warehouse.

(3) Motor Transport

Approximately 163,686 miles were logged on the Battalion's Motor Transport Vehicles during December.

(4) Maintenance

The Battalion Maintenance Platoon completed 70 Motor Transport work orders during the month of December. A total of 54 work orders were submitted, 16 were sent Maint Bn. Total work orders for Engineer Equipment numbered 127 with 104 completed and 13 were sent to FSR.

(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 589 Military and 259 Vietnamese. During the month of December the Dental Clinic treated 154 Military and 1 Vietnamese.

(7) Embarkation

To Dong Ha

5 Tractor Full Tracked, Eimco

To Phu Bai

1 Box M-16 Rifles

~~SECRET~~g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

- (1) The civic action program continues in a daily basis.
- (2) Activities were as follows:
 - (a) ED CAP program provided treatment to one hundred three (103) persons.
 - (b) The battalion sponsored, Vietnamese brickyard produced a total of twenty thousand one hundred seventy (20,170) soil bricks.
 - (c) A total of eleven thousand eight hundred sixty five (11,865) bricks were released from the 7th Engineer Battalion Brick Factory during the month of December for various projects.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

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NAME	SERVNO	LINEAL # OR DATE		MOS	PRIMARY DU	RTD
		OF	RANK			
<u>1stBrdgCo</u>						
ROCCO C A	093399	1Apr67	1stLt	1302	1stBrdgCoCmdr	Nov68
LAPAS P P	0100393	1Sep66	2ndLt	1302	PltCmdr	Jul68
NICOL R A JR	0101343	1Nov66	2ndLt	3002	PltCmdr	Oct68
UNGERT R F W	0102352	1Jan67	2ndLt	1301	PltCmdr	Dec68
VIRDEW J E	099488	30Jun66	WO	1310	PltCmdr	Jul68
<u>3rdBrdgCo</u>						
SMITH R D	092461	1Apr67	1stLt	1302	3rdBrdgCoCmdr	Apr68
DEARBORN R C	0100988	1Nov66	2ndLt	1301	PltCmdr	Sep68
JOHNSON J P	0101180	1Nov66	2ndLt	1301	PltCmdr	Sep68
LEONE R A	094300	8Sep67	1stLt	1302	PltCmdr	Dec68
SULLIVAN M J	0101525	1Nov66	2ndLt	3002	PltCmdr	Oct68
PEASE W T	0102199	1Jan67	2ndLt	1301	PltCmdr	Dec68
<u>USA</u>						
GARRISON P E	715724		Lt	2105	Bn Surgeon	Aug68
GRUBBS R D	659914		Lt	4100	Bn Chaplain	Jan68
ZACKER S L	707977		Lt		Dental Off	Jan68
PANDA R K	706965		Lt		Dental Off	Mar68

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NAME	SERVNO	OF	RANK	RANK	MOS	PRIMARY DU	RTD
<u>Headquarters Co</u>							
FUNDERBURK RAY	045512	468	LtCol	1302/0302/1305		Bn Cmdr	Aug68
HANNAN J E	049923	524	Major	1302/0430		ExecO	Sep68
BURCHAM R G	095883	6704	2ndLt	0130		S-1/	Jan68
HUMMAGEL E A	079266	21	CWO	0130		Adjutant	Jan69
DOMLEY J	096544	15Oct67	1stLt	1320/0430		Asst S-4	Aug68
PELTY D W	098649	30Jun66	WO	1310		HqHEO	Dec68
FRANZWA R E	083290	22Sep65	Capt	1302/0430		S-3	Aug68
IVEY B D	076764	1Jan66	CWO	1360/0210/1320		ConstPltCmdr	Oct68
LEWIS T D	093253	17Nov67	Capt	2502		HqCoCmdr/CommO	Nov68
LONG R L	0102094	1Jan67	2ndLt	1301		S-2	Dec68
SCHNEFFER K S	095049	1Jul67	1stLt	1302/0240		LegO/CivAff/ISO	Nov68
SERA W S	068321	2700	Major	1302/0240		S-4	Jan68
HILLER A H	079553	1May65	Capt	1302		Asst S-4	Mar68
SOVA J J	099389	237	WO	1360		Asst S-3	Sep68
KRUGER L W	0102065	1Jan67	2ndLt	1301		Asst S-3/PiastO	Dec68
<u>ServCo</u>							
MULTZINGER R A	059050	1422R	Major	1302		ServCoCmdr	Aug68
BARBER J S	096092	27Aug67	1stLt	3010		BnSupO	Dec68
CARVER R E	093575	26Aug67	1stLt	1320/0430		MaintO/Util	Jul68
CROSS C F	093588	2815	1stLt	1320/1310		PltCmdr	Apr68
DICKERSON C R	096541	3Sep67	1stLt	1320		MaintO/Util	Oct68
WAYEK T J	099613	7428	2ndLt	3510		BnMTO	Feb68
OCORRELL P J	0100566	1Sep66	2ndLt	3002		BnSupO	Aug68
<u>"A"Co</u>							
RIVERA J D	092528	10Oct67	Capt	1302		"A"CoCmdr	Aug68
STOHLAN D L	092742	1Apr67	1stLt	1302		PltCmdr	Dec68
WARDLAW C H	0100102	1Nov66	2ndLt	1301		PltCmdr	Aug68
<u>"B"Co</u>							
BATSELY T R	080663	10Aug65	Capt	1302		"B"CoCmdr	Oct68
HAGGERTY J J	094412	11Sep67	1stLt	1301		PltCmdr	Apr68
HAST R G	095698	1Jan67	2ndLt	1301		PltCmdr	Dec68
SANTER B B	0102263	1Jan67	2ndLt	1301		PltCmdr	Dec68
<u>"C"Co</u>							
BUCKLEY J D	089393	1Jul67	Capt	1302		"C"CoCmdr	Jun68
DENIKER J E	0100995	1Nov66	2ndLt	1301		PltCmdr	Sep68
HANDE G B	0100458	1Sep66	2ndLt	1301		PltCmdr	Jul68
MORRISON A E	097494	15Oct67	1stLt	1302		PltCmdr	Dec68
<u>"D"Co</u>							
LOPEZ A A	093261	1Nov67	Capt	1302		"D"CoCmdr	Nov68
CULLINAN J P	0100968	1Nov66	2ndLt	1302		PltCmdr	Sep68
JOHNSON G O	097054	29Oct67	1stLt	1302		PltCmdr	Dec68
PERKINS W N	097607	27Aug67	1stLt	1310		PltCmdr	Nov68
PEASEHILL D A	094979	1Jul67	1stLt	1302		PltCmdr	Dec68

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