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(b) FMFPac 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: (1) August Chronology

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


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August 1968 to 31 August 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

7th Engineer Battalion (Rein), FMF

LtCol T. T. ANNAS

SUBORDINATE UNITS

HqCo	Capt. T.D. LEWIS	8 November 1968
ServCo	Capt. A.A. LOPEZ	29 November 1968
Co"A"	1stLt. A.E. MORRISON	18 December 1968
Co"B"	Capt. M.J. ESPOSITO	4 February 1969
Co"C"	1stLt. G.H. REID	4 February 1969
Co"D"	Capt. MG. LILLEY	7 July 1969

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Bridge Co	1stLt D.A. PEASENELL	18 December 1968
3rd Bridge Co	1stLt R.E. HENSEL	22 August 1969

2. LOCATION

7th Engineer Battalion	6 August 1965	DaNang, RVN
1st Bridge Co	8 December 1965	DaNang, RVN
3rd Bridge Co	17 October 1966	Phu Bai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Office	Major J.E. HANNAN	21 September 1968
S-1	CWO E.A. HUFNAGEL	1 January 1969
S-2/3	Capt T.R. BAISLEY	18 October 1968
S-4	Maj G.S. HAMILTON	11 September 1969

Supply Officer

1st Lt A.S. BARBER

16 December 1968

Sgt Maj

Sgt Maj G.E. MOYER

26 September 1968

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC

USN

OFFENLOFFENL

56

1,296

2

25

5. PERSONNEL GAINS AND LOSSESGAINSLOSSESUSMCUSNUSMCUSN

OFF 10

0

9

0

ENL 47

3

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6808

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 area.

Company "A", 7th Engineer Battalion continues upgrading of Routes 33, 13C and 30 for class 50 traffic. Work on the Ha Thanh dam was completed and the dam was dedicated on 20 Aug 1968. The dam was named McClelland Dam in honor of Cpl McCLELLAND, USMC a member of Company "A", 7th Engineer Battalion who was killed in action while sweeping the road in to the dam site.

Company "B", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading of Route 1 for class 50 traffic.

Company "C", 7th Engineer Battalion continues upgrading of Route 5 north for class 50 traffic.

Company "D", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading of Route 5 south for class 50 traffic.

Phase one of the DaNang Barrier was completed on 23 Aug 1968.

1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion

Installed a 30' M1T6 fixed span at AT 018672.

Installed a 75' M1T6 fixed span with transom trestle at BT 055592.

Removed a 60' M1T6 fixed span with transom trestle at BT 006659

Removed a 87'1" ferry at AT 998707.

PART III

1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration. None

b. Enemy, weather and terrain

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
011130H	Company "D" road sweep personnel detonated one 105mm with delay firing device, Negative injuries.	AT 920502
020910H	Company "D" road sweep found one 40 lb rock mine. Mine was blown in place.	AT 922516
021230H	Company "D" road sweep team reports M-52 detonated one 35 lb mine inside compound at check point #4, 2 USMC WIA (med-evac).	AT 908495

040746H Company "A" reports personnel detonated M-26 booby trap while moving fence stakes. 1 USMC WIA (med-evac). AT 950651

060930H Company "B" road sweep team reports Vietnamese truck (civilian) detonated a 20 lb rock mine. 5 Vietnamese civilians WIA (med-evac). BT 053597

070755H Company "A" reports one USMC truck detonated a 20 lb box mine. 2 USMC WIA (1 med-evac). AT 997663

070920H Company "D" road sweep team found one 40 lb box mine with pressure type firing device. Mine was blown in place. AT 923517

071045H Company "D" road sweep team reports tank detonated a 25 lb rock mine. 1 USMC WIA. AT 912487

100900H Company "D" road sweep team found one 50 lb mine in ceramic bowl with pressure type MW5 firing device. Mine was blown in place. AT 909483

130940H Company "D" road sweep team found one 40 lb mine in ceramic bowl, mine was removed and blown. AT 916507

140915H Company "D" road sweep team found one 30 lb mine in a woven basket. Mine was burned in place. AT 909483

161000H Company "D" road sweep team found one 15 lb mine in a wover basket. Mine was removed and returned to CP. AT 909482

221820H 1st Bridge Company reports that a Vietnamese boy, riding the cable on the Song Thu Bon Ferry, was knocked down and his bicycle destroyed by the cable. No injury to the boy or ferry. AT 925533

251040H Company "D" road sweep team reports that an amtrac detonated a 50 lb mine. Negative injuries amtrac being towed to Phu Loc-6. AT 919512

251855H Company "A" reports personnel killed by sniper fire while standing in front of tent. 1 USMC KIA. BT 100455

c. Organization and Operations

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