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

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1/EAH/prm
3 September 1968

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERV. NO./NOS</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PRIMARY DUTY</u>	<u>RTD</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>RK/</u> <u>EXPERIENCE</u>
ANNAS, T.T.	053496/1302/0430	LtCol	BnCmdr		30Aug69	1Jul67
HANNAN, J.E.	049923/1302/0402	Maj	BnExec		21Sep68	1Feb63
BAI SLEY, T.R.	080663/1302	Capt	S-3		18Oct68	10Aug65
FRANKE, R.A.	0104858/2501	2ndLt	CommO		8Sep69	1Nov67 (3217)
FRANTZ, J.D.	095726/1302	1stLt	S-2		24Mar69	1Apr68 (977-2d)
HAMILTON, G.S.	072022/1302	Maj	S-4		11Sep69	3Aug66
HUFNAGEL, E.A.	079266/0130	CWO-3	S-1/Adj/LegO		1Jan69	3Mar68
IVEY, B.D.	076764/1360/0210	CWO-3	Asst S-3		19Oct68	1Jun66
LEWIS, T.D.	093253/2502	Capt	HqCoCmdr		8Nov68	1Nov67 (1418-Lt)
PERKINS, W. N.	097607/1310	1stLt	EquipPltCmdr		17Nov68	27Aug67 (4094)
SCHMIDT, P.T.	097811/0130	1stLt	CivAffO		17Sep68	16Nov67
<u>SERVICE COMPANY</u>						
LOPEZ, A.A.	093261/1302	Capt	ServCoCmdr		29Nov68	1Nov67 (1425 Lt)
ROCCO, C.A.	093399/1302	Capt	ExecO		16Nov68	1Jan68
BARBER, J.S.	096092/3010/3502	1stLt	BnSupO		16Dec68	27Aug67 (4481)
DICKERSON, C.R.	096541/1320	1stLt	UtilO		60Oct68	3Sep67
FELBY, D.W. Jr.	098649/1310	CWO-2	MainPltCmdr		13Dec68	30Jun68 (411-WO)
GOODE, F.M.	0102777/3502	2ndLt	BnMTO		21Apr69	7Jun67 (2284)
HANNACK, J.A.	0104222/3501	2ndLt	AsstMTO		13Sep69	1Nov67 (3262)
<u>"A" COMPANY</u>						
MORRISON, A.E.	097465/1302	1stLt	CoCmdr		18Dec68	15Oct67
LONG, R.L.	0102094/1302	1stLt	ExecO		13Dec68	1Apr68 (1168-2d)
AOYAMA, K.M.	0103117/1302	2ndLt	PltCmdr		28Apr69	7Jun67 (2867)
GRAM, A.B.	0103164/1302	2ndLt	PltCmdr		14Apr69	7Jun67 (2184)
TIMMERMAN, J.H.	0103845/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr		13Mar69	1Jul68 (1987-2d)
<u>"B" COMPANY</u>						
ESPOSITO, M.J.	093085/1302/1320	Capt	CoCmdr		7Feb69	1Nov67 (1271-Lt)
HILLARD, A. S.	094276/1302	1stLt	ExecO		2Feb69	8Sep67 (5077)
ANDERSON, S.D.	0103314/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr		19Mar69	1Jul68 (1539-2d)
JACKSON, J.M.	098854/1310	CWO-2	EquipPltCmdr		29Aug69	30Jun68 (353-WO)
LEE, J.V.	0104669/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr		15Aug69	1Nov67 (3373)
MICK, E.W.	0100510/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr		25Jun69	1Dec67

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<u>"C" COMPANY</u>					
REID, G.H.	095009/1302	1stLt	CoCndr	4Feb69	1Jul67 (3327)
KRUGER, L.W.	0102065/1302	1stLt	ExecO	23Dec69	1Apr68 (1138-2d)
DICKEN, D.F.	0104170/1301	2ndLt	PltCndr	25Aug69	1Nov67 (3171)
GETTMAN, J.A.	0102613/1302	2ndLt	PltCndr	3Jun69	7Jun67 (2275)
HILL, R.T. III	094275/1302	1stLt	TAD excess 30 days	26Jun69	8Sep67 (5076)
SOKOLOWSKI, T.E.	0104779/1301	2ndLt	PltCndr	18Aug69	1Nov67 (3587)
<u>"D" COMPANY</u>					
LILLEY, M.G.	078896/1302/5702/0240	Capt	CoCndr	7Jul69	1Jul64
BOTELHO, E.	096213/1302	1stLt	ExecO	18Sep69	16Nov67
ADAMS, H.P. Jr.	0100356/1302	1stLt	PltCndr	28Feb69	1Apr68 (773-2d)
BRISSON, J.J.	0105725/1310	WO	PltCndr	1Aug69	22Mar68
GARRIDO, D.D.	0101081/1302	1stLt	PltCndr	29Jun69	1Feb68 (266-2d)
TOEWLSKOETTER, C.J.	0102609/1302	2ndLt	PltCndr	2May69	7Jun67 (2691)
<u>1ST BRIDGE COMPANY</u>					
PEASENELL, D.A.	092979/1302	1stLt	CoCndr	18Dec68	1Jul67 (3301)
NICOL, R.A. Jr.	0101343/3002/0430	1stLt	ExecO/SupO	20Oct68	1Feb68 (486-2d)
LAGEMAN, R.C.	0101216/1302	1stLt	PltCndr	5Sep69	8Feb68
MORLAN, L.E.	0103700/1302	1stLt	PltCndr	9Mar69	1Jul68 (1858-2d)
SHEA, P.J.	0104771/1301	2ndLt	PltCndr	15Aug69	1Nov67 (3563)
TORRELL, P.A.	0104365/3002	2ndLt	AsstSupO	16Sep69	1Nov67 (3624)
UNGERN, R.F.N.	0102352/1302	1stLt	PltCndr	12Dec68	1Apr68 (1419-2d)
<u>3RD BRIDGE COMPANY</u>					
HENSEL, R.E.	093656/1310/0805	1stLt	CoCndr	22Aug69	26Aug67
PEASE, W.T.	0102199/1302	1stLt	ExecO	27Dec68	1Apr68 (1261-2d)
BEATY, D.C.	0101605/1302	2ndLt	PltCndr	23Apr69	7Jun67 (2093)
SELDEN, J.B.	0101671/1302	2ndLt	PltCndr	28Apr69	7Jun67 (2631)
SIERER, E.L.	0104347/3002	2ndLt	AsstSupO	17Sep69	1Nov67 (3569)
SULLIVAN, M.J.	0101525/3002	1stLt	SupO	19Oct68	1Feb68 (649-2d)
<u>USN</u>					
MCKENZIE, E. III	728169/2105	Lt	BnSurgeon	22Jul69	7Jul68
COLEMAN, C.B.	723325/4105	Lt	BnChaplain	24Jul69	1Dec67

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1 Aug: Hauled and spread 180 cu.yds. of crushed rock on Route 1 section II. Company "C" has completed (100%) the repair of the bridge on Route 5 north (AT 914736). An Hoa road - Hauled and spread 567 cu.yds. of fill from (AT 919513) to (AT 916510).

2 Aug: Hauled and spread 245 cu.yds. of crushed rock on Route 1 section II. An Hoa road - Hauled and spread 232 cu.yds. of fill on Route 5 south of check point 5 (AT 919519). Headquarters Company, construction platoon has completed (100%) the 31 towers for the DaNang barrier project.

3 Aug: Graded entire length of Route 5 north. Hauled and spread 405 cu.yds. of fill on Route 5 south from (AT 916508) to (AT 915505). Company "D" reports the repair of buildings damaged by mortar fire is 60% complete.

4 Aug: Route 1 Dien Ban, Section II is approximately 66% complete. An Hoa road - Hauled and graded 230 cu.yds. of fill between check point 4 and 5 on Route 5 south. Entire Bn. held motor stables on all heavy equipment and motor transport equipment.

5 Aug: Hauled and spread 235 cu.yds. of rock and 220 cu.yds. of fill on Route 1 south. Spread 8,000 gallons of oil on Route 5 south.

6 Aug: Due to intense enemy activity on Route 1 south of Dien Ban, no rock was hauled to section II, Dien Ban. Spread 6,000 gallons of oil on Route 5 south from (AT 945700) to (AT 928605).

7 Aug: Hauled and spread 165 cu.yds. of crushed rock on Route 1, section II. Spread 6,000 gallons of oil on the by-pass on Route 5 south and on Route 8, from (AT 949707) to (AT 979716).

8 Aug: The progress on the upgrading of Route 1 has slowed because the ROKMC security will only remain as security until 1500 each day. Hauled and spread 190 cu.yds. of rock at Route 1 south. An Hoa road - Hauled and graded 360 cu.yds. of fill on Route 5 north of check point 4.

9 Aug: Hauled and spread 170 cu.yds. of crushed rock on Route 1, section II. Spread 6,000 gallons of oil from (AT 943663) to (AT 928605).

10 Aug: Hauled and spread 525 cu.yds. of fill on Route 5 south to checkpoint 4. An Hoa road - Culvert being dismantled by VC at night at AT 909504.

11 Aug: At AT 912488 found 5 ft. of culvert dismantled and missing, will be replaced.

12 Aug: Company "B" hauled and spread 205 cu.yds. of crushed rock on Route 1 section II. Hauled and spread 110 cu.yds. of fill from the Song Thu Bon ferry to Phu Loc-6. 1st Bridge Co installed a 5 float reinforced raft (AT 997706) on the Song Cau Do river.

13 Aug: Hauled and spread 215 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock on section II Route 1. At the Song Cau Do ferry approach 45 cu.yds. of shot rock was placed. Graded Route 33. An Hoa road - Hauled and graded 360 cu.yds. of fill from AT 928528 to AT 927536, hauled and spread 12,000 gallons of bunker oil over the same area.

14 Aug: Hauled and spread 2,000 gallons of oil on Route 8. An Hoa road - hauled and spread 350 cu.yds. of fill south of Phu Loc-6. Installed 50 ft. of 36" culvert at AT 909481. The An Hoa road project is complete as far as bringing the road to standards, continued upgrading and maintenance will continue. 3rd Bridge Co reported that the floating bridge at YD 767220 was sunk by an over loaded SeaBee vehicle.

15 Aug: An Hoa road - hauled and spread 115 cu.yds. of fill south of Phu Loc-6. Hauled and spread 315 cu.yds. of fill on the Amtrac trail at Hill 37. Spread 2,500 gallons of oil on southern half on Route 5 south from Phu Loc-6 to An Hoa.

16 Aug: Water rising at the Song Thu Bon Ferry - operation of ferry may be impaired by water level. Hauled and spread 400 cu.yds. of rock, and spread 7,000 gallons of oil on Route 33. Hauled and spread 390 cu.yds. of fill fro tank trail at Hill 37. Company "D" reports began grading work at the An Hoa combat base.

17 Aug: 3rd Bridge Company continued efforts to raise the Hue Bridge.

18 Aug: Hauled and spread 135 cu.yds. of fill and 30 cu.yds. of 5" minus rock to repair intersection at Route 5 and Route 14.

19 Aug: Hauled and spread 180 cu.yds. of rock on Route 1 section II. Graded portions of Route 5 south and Route 5 north. Company "B" reports completed minor repairs to the Ha Thanh Bridge. Company "B" reports cleared away site for new CAP unit at BT 064563.

20 Aug: Graded and oiled Route 33. Spread, graded and compacted 242 cu.yds. of crushed rock on Route 1 section II. Company "A" reports dedication ceremony held at the Ha Thanh Dam site. Company "D" assisted 3/7 in the construction of tent floors.

21 Aug: Spread and graded 288 cu.yds. of 8" rock on Route 1 section III. Installed one 10'X36" culvert on Route 5 south (AT 910487). Hauled and spread 285 cu.yds. of rock on ferry road. So far .7 of a mile of ferry road is surfaced with rock .7 of mile remains unsurfaced.

22 Aug: Spread 288 cu.yds. of rock on Route 1, section III. Hauled and spread 355 cu.yds. of fill, on by-pass south of Phu Loc-6. Company "D" reports helped 3/7 install napalm charges on likely avenues of approach to their location.

23 Aug: Bridge blown at (AT 946696) by enemy forces. DaNang Barrier - All personnel returned to parent unit. All equipment in the process of being returned at this time.

24 Aug: Company "B" reports repaired 2 legs of water tower at the Song Cau Do Bridge water point. Project is 100% complete.

25 Aug: Enemy activity has slowed work on all battalion projects and the loss/damage incurred to bridge/culverts has necessitated a realignment of present priorities. Motor stables were held by all units of the Command not actively engaged in emergency work.

26 Aug: Hauled and spread fill to blown culvert site on Route 1 (BT 069561). Company "A" has returned all personnel and equipment involved with the Ha Thanh Dam project to their CP. 3rd Bridge Company has retracted 10 half floats from the M-4 bridge in Hue. An Hoa road - Hauled and spread 270 cu.yds. of fill on Route 5 north of Hill 37.

27 Aug: Route 1 has been closed from the Song Thanh Quit Bridge south due to heavy enemy action. Company "A" is finished (100%) with the G-2 bunkers at III MAF. An Hoa road - Hauled and spread 245 cu.yds. of fill to the Phu Loc by-pass. 3rd Bridge Company retracted 5 M-4 pontoons from the Hue Bridge.

28 Aug: An Hoa road - Hauled and spread 145 cu.yds. of fill on by-pass south of Phu Loc-6. 1st Bridge Company installed 60' fixed span at Dien Ban (BT 055592).

29 Aug: Company "C" reports repaired bridge on Route 5 south project is 100% complete. Hauled and spread 270 cu.yds. of fill on approaches of bridge at AT 925605. 1st Bridge Co removed five float reinforced raft at the Song Cau Do AT 998707.

30 Aug: Graded sections of Routes 8 and 5 south. 1st Bridge Co extended the south approach 15 ft on the bridge at Dien Ban BT 053592.

31 Aug: Completed grading Route 33 and began to grade Route 5 north. Hauled and spread 290 cu.yds. of fill to the south approach of the bridge (AT 925605). Company "D" continued to work on the gun platforms at An Hoa.

d. Plans

(1) Continue general support of all units with the 1st Marine Division TAOR, or assigned by III MAF Headquarters.

(2) Continue support of CAG units within 1st Marine Division TAOR, or as assigned by III MAF Headquarters.

(3) Continue maintenance of Bridges within 1st Marine Division TAOR, or as directed by III MAF Headquarters.

(4) Continue upgrading of Route 1.

(5) Continue upgrading of Route 13C.

(6) Continue upgrading of Route 33.

- (7) Continue upgrading of Route 30.
- (8) Continue upgrading of Route 5 to An Hoa.
- (9) Continue construction of DaNang Wire Barrier.

e. Training

- (1) Command indoctrination and information for newly arrived personnel and debriefing for those departing.
- (2) 30 personnel attended the 1st Engineer Battalion "Land Mine Warfare School". (DaNang)
- (3) 1 officer, 3 enlisted attended ADM School. (Okinawa)
- (4) 1 SNCO attended Career Advisory School. (Okinawa)
- (5) 1 enlisted attended Comm Crypto School. (Japan)
- (6) 2 SNCO's, 2 enlisted Marines attended Division Leadership Course.
- (7) 1 enlisted attended Embark School. (Division)
- (8) 1 enlisted attended 16mm Projectionist School. (III MAF)
- (9) 1 enlisted attended Basic Supply Accounting. (FIC)
- (10) 4 enlisted personnel attended Fork Lift School. (1st Shore Party Bn.)

f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply

(1) Administration

August

- 2 Received one (1) Well Drilling Machine.
- 9 Received one (1) MRS-100 Tractor.
- 10 Supply Material Management Assistance Team made a visit to this Command in preparation for the forthcoming Fleet Marine Force, Pacific inspection.
- 11 Invoiced one (1) Cement Mixer to 1st Engineer Battalion.
- 14 Received fourteen (14) M51A2 Dump Trucks for the R & E Program.
- 25 Received seven (7) Pistols, Caliber 45 to fill T/E deficiency.
- 29 Received one (1) Army Mine Detecting Jeep.

(2) Supply7th Engineer Battalion FMF (AC 21300)

During the month of August the Battalion Supply Section processed 327 priority 02 and 269 priority 05 requisitions and 122 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 30 receipts from due, 478 issues from due and 79 issues from warehouse.

1st Bridge Company FMF (AC 21325)

During the month of August 1st Bridge Company Supply Section processed 225 requisitions. Also processed were 170 receipts from due, 195 issues from due and 55 issues from warehouse.

Motor Transport

Approximately 128,728 miles were logged on the Battalion's Motor Transport Vehicles during August.

Maintenance

The Battalion Maintenance Platoon completed 96 Motor Transport work orders during the month of August. A total of 131 work orders were submitted, 5 were sent to Maintenance Battalion. Total work orders for Engineer Equipment numbered 107 with 71 completed and 18 were sent to FSR.

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.

Medical

The Battalion Aid Station treated 963 military and 19 Vietnamese. During the month of August the Dental Clinic treated 360 military and 120 Vietnamese.

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

(1) The Civic Action Program continues on a daily basis.

(2) Activities were as follows:

(a) The MedCap Program provided treatment for one hundred forty two persons (142).

(b) The Battalion sponsored, Vietnamese brickyard produced a total of 34,248 soil cement bricks during this period.

(c) A total of 42,634 soil cement bricks were issued for various civic action project throughout Quang Nam Province.

- Ngai Tay.
- (d) A meeting hall was completed in the hamlet of An Ngai Tay.
 - (e) A culvert was completed in the hamlet of Tung Son.
 - (f) Two heads were completed in the hamlet of An Ngai Tay.
 - (g) One rice-drying floor was completed in the hamlet of An Ngai Tay.
 - (h) A well in Tung Son hamlet is 30% complete.
 - (i) A two-room elementary school in Tung Son hamlet is 10% complete.
 - (j) Routine support was given small building projects through distribution of salvaged building materials.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ 1. Officer Assignments, See TAB A of enclosure (1).

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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA

<u>1. DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	
7th Engineer Battalion (Rein), FMF	LtCol T. T. ANNAS	
	<u>SUBORDINATE UNITS</u>	
HqCo	Capt. T.D. LEWIS	8 November 1968
ServCo	Capt. C.A. ROCCO	16 November 1968
Co"A"	1stLt. A.E. MORRISON	18 December 1968
Co"B"	Capt. M.J. ESPOSITO	4 February 1969
Co"C"	Capt. J.T. MARSHALL	1 July 1969
Co"D"	1stLt. E. BOTELHO	18 September 1969
	<u>ATTACHED UNITS</u>	
1st Bridge Co	1stLt. D.A. PEASENELL	18 December 1968
3rd Bridge Co	1stLt. R.E. HENSEL	22 August 1969
<u>2. LOCATION</u>		
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
<u>3. STAFF OFFICERS</u>		
Executive Officer	Major G.S. HAMILTON	11 September 1969
S-1	CWO E.A. HUFNAGEL	1 January 1969
S-2/S-3	Capt M.G. LILLEY	7 July 1969
S-4	Major G.S. HAMILTON	11 September 1969
	1	Enclosure (1)

Supply Officer 2ndLt. L.E. KRUSEMARK 1 January 1969

Sgt Maj Sgt Maj P.R. HAMBLETON 15 May 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
54	1,321	2	22

5. PERSONNEL GAINS AND LOSSES

<u>GAINS</u>		<u>LOSSES</u>	
<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
OFF 8	0	10	0
ENL 69	0	47	4

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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 545, 13C and 30 for class 50 traffic.

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

Company "C", 7th Engineer Battalion continues upgrading of Route 540 north for class 50 traffic.

Company "D", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading of Route 540 south for class 50 traffic.

Phase II of the DaNang Barrier was started this month but held up somewhat do to rains and relocation of civilian graves but satisfactory progress is now being made.

PART III

1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration. None

b. Enemy, weather and terrain

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
020900H	Company "D" mine sweep team found one 105mm round booby trapped, blown in place.	AT 914598
080835H	Company "B" reports 75' span bridge was blown, Company "B" began clearing operations.	BT 031649
091055H	Company "D" road sweep team found 1 30 lb box mine, blown in place.	AT 917515
100830H	Company "C" found one 105mm command detonated mine, blown in place.	AT 944673
171300H	Company "D" mine sweep team found booby trapped 105mm round, blown in place.	AT 909504
211140H	Company "C" reports M-51 detonated 20 lb mine. 1 USMC WIA.	AT 941647

230855H	Company "D" mine sweep team found M-26 grenade booby trap.	AT 914514
241015H	Company "B" reports 45' fixed span bridge was 100% destroyed. 1st Bridge informed of situation.	BT 053593
241855H	Company "D" received approximately 12 82mm mortar rounds at their CP.	AT 917580
250835H	Company "B" reports truck detonated 40lb rock mine. 1 USMC KIA.	BT 053594
251040H	Company "A" reports M-51 detonated 30 lb mine. 4 USMC WIA and 1 USN WIA.	AT 867750
260745H	Company "B" found 1 M-26 booby trap. While sweeping area found another M-26 booby trap. Both booby traps blown in place.	BT 037632
270940H	Company "B" found 30 lb box mine, blown in place.	BT 038628
290020H	Company "C" received 100-200 sniper rounds and 2 M-79 grenades. Returned fire to support PF's in village.	AT 947707

c. Organization and Operations

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

1 Sep: 3rd Bridge Co reports continuing to disassemble bridge at Hue River, progress is good. .51 inches of rain were recorded during this reporting period in the 7th Engr Bn CP.

2 Sep: 60' fixed span bridge was blown at BT 055592 in Vinh Dien. Hauled and spread 210 cu.yds. of fill on by-pass south of Phu Loc-6. By-pass complete and open to traffic. Enemy activity on Route 1 in the Dien Ban area has held up work on QL-1 - section II.

3 Sep: Company "B" personnel continued mine sweep support to Air Force at Monkey Mountain site. 1st Bridge Company reports repaired 60ft fixed span at BT 055592. Hauled, graded 130 cu.yds. of fill at Song Thu Bon Ferry.

4 Sep: 3rd Bridge Co reports extraction of 135' of M-4 bridging from Hue. Moved 28 men and 4 Eimco tractors to vicinity of Hill 190. Work on barrier job will commence 5 Sep 1968 weather permitting. Hauled and spread 100 cu.yds. of crushed rock on Route 1 section II - Dien Ban.

5 Sep: 5.83 inches of rain were recorded at the 7th Engr Bn CP. The current rains are hindering some progress on the roads and the barrier project. 3rd Bridge Co reports continued efforts to retrieve M-4 bridge from Hue River.

6 Sep: Flooding is curtailing activity in all parts of the 7th Engr Bn area of responsibility. Rising water is beginning to wash out roads and bridges, calling for reconnaissance of all Lines of Communication. Constructed a 60' fixed span bridge on Route 545 at AT 898812. Constructed a 45' fixed span bridge on Route 1 at BT 052598. 3rd Bridge Co installed a 45' and a 55' fixed span at YD 822147. 3rd Bridge Co installed a 30' fixed span bridge at YD 789201.

7 Sep: High water and rains continue to cause damage to all Lines of Communication. Hauled and spread 115 cu.yds. of 2" crushed rock on Route 1. Installed 45 foot fixed span at AT 922567.

8 Sep: Continued assessing rain damage to all lines of communication, appears to be problems in many areas. Installed 15 foot fixed span on south approach of bridge at AT 915586. Company "A" commenced ground clearing for barrier project.

9 Sep: Hauled and spread 112 cu.yds. of 8" rock south of the Song Ai Nghai. Company "D" started installation of 4 culverts at AT 922567. 3rd Bridge Co installed the following bridges 30' fixed span at YD 757134, 45' fixed span at YD 755134, 45' fixed span at YD 707250.

10 Sep: Heavy flooding of last week caused sand bars to build up at ferry site at AT 925533. With water level falling ferry operations have been temporarily halted. Hauled and spread 185 cu.yds. of crushed rock, and spread 2,000 gallons of bunker oil on Route 1, north of the Song Cau Lau. Company "B" continued work on the Cooper Bridge project.

11 Sep: Hauled and spread 185 cu.yds. of crushed rock and 20 cu.yds. of blast rock on Route 1, north of the Song Cau Lau Bridge. 1st Bridge Co constructed a 45' fixed span on Route 14 at AT 866574. 1st Bridge Co attempted to open a channel through the sand bar at the Song Thu Bon using an LVT, negative results.

12 Sep: Hauled and spread 185 cu.yds. of crushed rock and 20 cu.yds. of blast rock on Route 1, north of Song Cau Lau, graded same. 1st Bridge Co personnel at the Song Thu Bon Ferry continue efforts to eliminate sandbar which has hampered ferry operation. High water precluded use of Ferry #2 and Mike boats were used.

13 Sep: Hauled and spread 195 cu.yds. of crushed rock on Route 1, north of the Song Cau Lau. Company "B" has completed the first bent and decking to it on the bridge at BT 032648. 6 piles are ready for driving on the west bent.

14 Sep: Hauled and spread 320 cu.yds. of fill on Route 1, section III, graded same. 3rd Bridge Co installed one 75' M-6 bridge at XD 994482. Constructed new bunker at OP-6, 7th Engr Bn. Company "B" drove 3 piles at the Cooper Bridge (BT 031649) project and pinned the cross bracing on the first bent.

15 Sep: Company "B" completed pile driving and installed one cap at bridge at BT 031649, project is 35% complete. Company "D" pushed 100 cu.yds. of sand for break water at the Song Thu Bon ferry site (AT 925535).

16 Sep: Hauled and spread 145 cu.yds. of 2" (-) rock on Route 1, section II - Dien Ban. Graded and compacted same. Company "B" completed braces on second bent at Cooper Bridge BT 031649. Completed decking and treadway to second bent, project is 50% complete. Company "C" hauled 225 cu.yds. of fill to 1st Hospital Company.

17 Sep: Hauled and spread 325 cu.yds. of crushed rock on Route 1, north of the Song Cau Lau. Monkey Mountain minefield clearing is 90% completed. Company "C" is 30% complete with construction at 1st Hospital Co. Hauled and spread 240 cu.yds. of fill.

18 Sep: Hauled and spread 315 cu.yds. of crushed rock on Route 1, north of the Song Cau Lau. Company "B" reports that Cooper Bridge is now Trafficable (BT 031649). Company "B" completed the removal of the Monkey Mountain minefield. Company "D" hauled and spread 200 cu.yds. of fill at London Bridge site (AT 913588).

19 Sep: Hauled and spread 260 cu.yds. of 5" minus rock on south approach of the Song Cau Lau Bridge. Hauled and spread 260 cu.yds. of 2" minus rock on Route 1 section II - Dien Ban. Hauled and spread 270 cu.yds. of fill at AT 914598. Company "A" reports pre-cut all timber framing and partially constructed 5 bunkers in the relocation of CAP G-1, project is 20% complete. 3rd Bridge Co retracted 60' fixed span at YD 786722 and 23' fixed span bridge at YD 615311.

20 Sep: Company "C" reports 14 tent decks and retaining walls are completed at 1st Hospital Co. Also hauled 45 cu.yds. of crushed rock for parking lot. Entire project is 85% complete.

21 Sep: Spread and graded 614 tons of crushed rock on section II of QL-1 upgrading. Company "C" reports all huts and retaining walls are finished, also walkway completed in construction at 1st Hospital Co. The project is 90% completed. 1st Bridge Co installed 120' fixed span with three transom assemblies at the Son Tam Giap (BT 055592). 1st Bridge Co removed 90' fixed span at Song Tam Giap (BT 055592).

22 Sep: The Song Thu Bon Ferry continues to be inoperative due to low water. Company "A" made preparations to commence construction of towers at 1st MAW Hqs area. 1st Bridge Co removed 30' fixed span bridge at AT 914588. 1st Bridge Co removed 45' fixed span bridge at AT 922576. 3rd Bridge Company removed 38'4" fixed span bridge at YD 707250.

23 Sep: The Song Thu Bon Ferry continues to be inoperative due to low water and sand bar blocking approach. Spread and graded 185 cu.yds. of rock north of the Cau Lau Bridge. Hauled 185 cu.yds. of rock to 1st Hospital Co. Company "A" reports Rifle Range project in the 7th Engr Bn is 100% complete; rebuilt Rifle Range.

24 Sep: The Song Thu Bon Ferry is still inoperable due to low water conditions and sand bar blocking approaches. Company "A" reports assembled two towers on deck for erection at 1st MAW, project is 10% complete.

25 Sep: The Song Thu Bon Ferry continues to be inoperable due to low water conditions and a sandbar blocking the approaches. Hauled and spread 200 cu.yds. of crushed rock on Route 1 for upgrading operation. 1st Bridge Co installed a 46' fixed span bridge on Route 1 at BT 052598.

26 Sep: 3rd Bridge Co reports unable to construct 300' MAT6 Floating Bridge at YD 148604 due to speed of current. May install 300' fixed span utilizing transoms. Company "A" leveled and prepared site at 1st Hospital Co for the relocation of WOMAT Trailer. Company "A" reports 2 towers erected, capped, and bolted at 1st MAW, project is 20% complete.

27 Sep: Spread and graded 180 cu.yds. of crushed rock on Route 1 section II - Dien Ban. Company "A" cleared 100 meters and dug 7 new fighting holes at OP-6 7th Engr Bn, project is 10% complete. Company "D" reports pushed 125 cu.yds. of sand to make breakwater at the Song Thu Bon River Ferry Site.

28 Sep: Hauled and spread 230 cu.yds. of rock on Route 1. Hauled and spread 315 cu.yds. of fill to build up shoulders on Route 540 from AT 923603 to AT 925606. Company "A" reports the relocation of WDMET Trailer to 1st Hospital Co is 100% complete. Company "A" reports 1st two towers are 100% complete at 1st MAW, total project is 27% complete.

29 Sep: Ferry at AT 925535 was deadlined due to low water level on Song Thu Bon River. Company "A" reports the relocation of CAP G-1 is 100% complete. Company "A" pre-fabricated and loaded materials for replacing the deck of the bridge at AT 895842, project is 5% complete.

30 Sep: Ferry at the Song Thu Bon (AT 925535) remains inoperable due to low water. Company "B" hauled, spread and graded 308 cu.yds. of crushed rock on Route 1 south, through Vien Dinh BT 059588. 3rd Bridge Co installed 15' extension on 30' fixed span bridge at YD 605310. Company "A" reports bridge at AT 895542 on Route 545 has been re-decked and is now open for traffic, project is 95% complete.

d. Plans:

- (1) Continue general support of all units with the 1st Marine Division TAOR, or assigned by III MAF Headquarters.
- (2) Continue support of CAG units within 1st Marine Division TAOR, or as assigned by III MAF Headquarters.
- (3) Continue maintenance of Bridges within 1st Marine Division TAOR, or as directed by III MAF Headquarters.
- (4) Continue upgrading of Route 1.
- (5) Continue upgrading of Route 13C.
- (6) Continue upgrading of Route 545.
- (7) Continue upgrading of Route 30.

- (8) Continue maintenance of Route 540 to An Hoa.
- (9) Continue construction of DaNang Wire Barrier.

e. Training

- (1) Command indoctrination and information for newly arrived personnel and debriefing for those departing.
- (2) 2 Officers, 2 enlisted attended ADM School. (Okinawa)
- (3) 1 SNCO attended Career Advisory School. (Okinawa)
- (4) 2 enlisted attended Embark School. (Division)
- (5) 1 enlisted attended Basic Supply Accounting. (FLC)
- (6) 1 enlisted attended Embark School. (Okinawa)
- (7) 2 enlisted attended Infantry Weapons Repair Course. (Okinawa)
- (8) 1 enlisted attended Ammo Tech School. (Okinawa)

f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply

(1) Administration

September

- 1-2 Received 32 M151A1 Trucks, Util 1/4 Ton, to replace M-38A1's.
- 8 Started Phase II on the Northern DaNang Barrier.
- 9 1st Bridge Company received one (1) Bridge Boat Erection.
- 12 1st Bridge Company received two (2) M151A1 Truck, Util 1/4 Ton, to replace M-38A1's.
- 20 1st Bridge Company received two (2) Bridge Boat Erection.
- ~~21-24 Picked up 4,170 rolls of barb wire from the 1st Engineer Battalion for Barrier job.~~

(2) Supply

7th Engineer Battalion FMF (AC 21300)

During the month of September the Battalion Supply Section processed 401 priority O2 and 872 priority O5 requisitions and 517 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 1,053 receipts from due, 381 issues for due and 65 issues for warehouse.

1st Bridge Company FMF (AC 21325)

During the month of September 1st Bridge Company Supply Section processed 179 requisitions. Also processed were 145 receipts for due, 126 issues from due and 53 issues from warehouse.

Motor Transport

Approximately 142,664 miles were logged on the Battalion's Motor Transport Vehicles during September.

Maintenance

The Battalion Maintenance Platoon completed 57 Motor Transport work orders during the month of September. A total of 89 work orders were submitted, 25 were sent to Maintenance Battalion. Total work orders for Engineer Equipment numbered 103 with 58 completed and 14 were sent to FSR.

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.

Medical

The Battalion Aid Station treated 938 military and 10 Vietnamese. During the month of September the Dental treated 300 military and 50 Vietnamese.

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

- (1) The Civic Action continues on a daily basis.
- (2) Activities were as follows:
 - (a) The MedCap Program provided treatment for two hundred twenty eight persons.
 - (b) The Battalion sponsored, Vietnamese brickyard produced a total of 32, 331 soil cement bricks during this period.
 - (c) A total of 32,646 soil cement bricks were issued for various civic action project throughout Quang Nam Province.
 - (d) A well was completed in Tung Son Hamlet.
 - (e) A Buddhist shrine was completed in An Ngai Dong Hamlet.
 - (f) A dispensary was constructed in An Ngai Tay Hamlet.
 - (g) A flagpole was constructed in Tung Son Hamlet.

- (h) A flag pole was constructed in An Ngai Tay Hamlet.
- (i) 9 small culverts were completed in An Ngai Dong Hamlet.
- (j) A two-room elementary school in Tung Son Hamlet is 20% complete.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 1. Officer Assignments, See TAB A of enclosure (1).

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ANNAS, T. T.	053496/1302/0430	LtCol	BnCmdr	30Aug69	1Jul67
HAMILTON, G. S.	072022/1302	Maj	Exec/S-4	11Sep69	3Aug66
LILLEY, M. G.	078896/1302/5702	Capt	S-3	7Jul69	1Jul64
BAISLEY, T. R.	080663/1302	Capt	Asst S-3	18Oct68	10Aug65
FRANKE, R. A.	0104858/2501	2ndLt	CommO	8Sep69	1Nov67 (3217)
FRANTZ, J. D.	095726/1302	1stLt	S-2	24Mar69	1Apr68 (977-2d)
FRUENAGEL, E. A.	079266/0130	CWO-3	S-1/Adj/LegO	1Jan69	3Mar68
IVEY, B. D.	076764/1360/0210	CWO-3	Asst S-3	19Oct68	1Jun66
LEWIS, T. D.	093253/2502	Capt	HqCoCmdr	8Nov68	1Nov67 (1418-Lt)
AOYAMA, K. M.	0103117/1302	1stLt	CivAffOff	28Apr69	7Sep68 (2067)
PERKINS, W. N.	097607/1310	1stLt	EquipPltCmdr	17Nov68	27Aug67 (4094)
REID, G. H.	095009/1302	1stLt	Asst S-4	4Feb69	1Jul67 (3327)
<u>SERVICE COMPANY</u>					
ROCCO, C. A.	093399/1302	Capt	CO	16Nov68	1Jan68
BARBER, J. S.	096092/3010/3502	1stLt	Exec	16Dec68	27Aug67 (4481)
FELTY, D. W. Jr.	098649/1310	CWO-2	MainPltCmdr	13Dec68	30Jun68 (411-WO)
GOODE, F. M.	0102777/3502	1stLt	BnMTO	21Apr69	7Sep68 (2284)
HAMMACK, J. A.	0104222/3501	2ndLt	UtilO	13Sep69	1Nov67
BRUSEMARK, L. E.	0104657/3002	2ndLt	BnSupO	12Oct69	1Jan68
<u>"A" Company</u>					
MORRISON, A. E.	097465/1302	1stLt	CO	18Dec68	15Oct67
LONG, R. L.	0102094/1302	1stLt	Exec	13Dec68	1Apr68 (1168-2d)
NEUMMANG, J. H.	0105512/1301	2ndLt	EquipPltCmdr	17Oct69	1Jan68
KNEHART, C. S.	0105243/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	30Sep69	1Jan69 (1269)
GRAM, A. B.	0103164/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	14Apr69	7Sep68 (2184)
TIMMERMAN, J. H.	0103845/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	13Mar69	1Jul68 (1987-2d)
<u>"B" Company</u>					
DEPOSITO, M. J.	093085/1302/1320	Capt	CO	7Feb69	1Nov67 (1271-Lt)
HILLARD, A. S.	094276/1302	1stLt	Exec	2Feb69	8Sep67 (5077)
ERICKSON, R. L.	0105083/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	30Sep69	1Jan68 (1269)
JACKSON, J. M.	098854/1310	CWO-2	EquipPltCmdr	29Aug69	30Jun68 (353-WO)
MICK, E. W.	0100510/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	25Jun69	1Dec67

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<u>"C" Company</u>					
MESSELL, J.T.	080929/1302/1310	Cpt	CO	30Oct69	1Jul65
KRUGER, L.W.	0102065/1302	1stLt	Exec	23Dec69	1Apr68 (1138-2d)
DICKER, D.T.	0104170/1302	2ndLt	PltCmdr	25Aug69	1Nov67 (3171)
GETTMAN, J.A.	0102613/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	3Jun69	7Jun67 (2275)
HILL, R.T. III	094275/1302	1stLt	TAD excess 30 days	26Jun69	8Sep67 (5076)
SOKOLOWSKI, T.E.	0104779/1302	2ndLt	PltCmdr	18Aug69	1Nov67 (3587)
<u>"D" Company</u>					
BOTELHO, E.	096213/1302	1stLt	CO	18Sep69	16Nov67
GARRIDO, D.D.	0101081/1302	1stLt	ExecO	29Jun69	1Feb68 (266-2d)
BRISSON, J.J.	0105725/1310	WO	PltCmdr	1Aug69	22Mar68
LEONARD, R.L.	0105165/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	29Sep69	1Jan68
WHITE, E.G.	0105701/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	17Oct69	1Jan68
<u>1st Bridge Company</u>					
PEASENELL, D.A.	094979/1302	1stLt	CO	18Dec68	1Jul67 (3371)
NICOL, R.A. Jr.	0101343/3002/0430	1stLt	Exec	20Oct68	1Feb68 (486-2d)
LAGEMAN, R.C.	0101216/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	5Sep69	8Feb68
MORLAN, L.E.	0103700/1302	1stLt	MaintPltCmdr	9Mar69	1Jul68 (1858-2d)
SHEA, P.J.	0104771/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	15Aug69	1Nov67 (3563)
TORBET, P.A.	0104365/3002	2ndLt	SupO	16Sep69	1Nov67 (3624)
UNGERN, R.F.N.	0102352/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	12Dec68	1Apr68 (1419-2d)
<u>3rd Bridge Company</u>					
HENSEL, R.E.	093656/1310/0805	1stLt	CO	22Aug69	26Aug67
PEASE, W.T.	0102199/1302	1stLt	Exec	27Dec68	1Apr68 (1261-2d)
BEATY, D.C.	0101605/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	23Apr69	7Sep68 (2093)
MUELLER, L.A.	0105599/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	23Oct69	1Jan68
SELDEN, J.B.	0101671/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	28Spr69	7Sep68 (2631)
STIERER, R.L.	0104347/3002	2ndLt	SupO	17Sep69	1Nov67 (3569)
SULLIVAN, M.J.	0101525/3002	1stLt	MaintPltCmdr	19Oct68	1Feb68 (649-2d)
<u>1st BN</u>					
MCKENZIE, E. III	728169/2105	Lt	BnSurgeon	22Jul69	7Jul68
COLEMAN, C.B.	723325/4105	Lt	BnChaplain	24Jul69	1Dec67

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