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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

7th Engineer Battalion (Rein), FMF

COMMANDER

LtCol T.T. ANNAS

SUBORDINATE UNITS

| <u>Unit</u> | <u>Commander</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| HqCo | 1stLt A.S. HILLARD | 2 February 1969 |
| SerCo | Maj. J.T. MARSHALL | 1 July 1969 |
| Co"A" | 1stLt. A.E. MORRISON | 18 December 1968 |
| Co"B" | Capt. M.J. ESPOSITO | 4 February 1969 |
| Co"C" | Capt. J.V. WITMER | 9 May 1969 |
| Co"D" | 1stLt. E. BOTELHO | 18 September 1969 |

ATTACHED UNITS

| | | |
|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1st Bridge Co | 1stLt. D.A. PEASENELL | 18 December 1968 |
|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|

2. LOCATION

| <u>Unit</u> | <u>Date Arrived in Country</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 7th Engineer Battalion | 6 August 1965 | DaNang, RVN |
| 1st Bridge Co | 8 December 1965 | DaNang, RVN |

3. STAFF OFFICERS

| <u>Section</u> | <u>Officer</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Executive Officer | Major R.A. HOOK | 20 November 1969 |
| S-1 | CWO E.A. HUFNAGEL | 1 January 1969 |
| S-2/S-3 | Major M.G. LILLEY | 7 July 1969 |
| S-4 | Major G.S. HAMILTON | 11 September 1969 |
| Supply Officer | 2ndLt. L.E. KRUSEMARK | 12 October 1969 |
| Sgt Maj | SgtMaj P.R. HAMBLETON | 15 May 1969 |

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| | USMC | USN | |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
| 53 | 1,125 | 2 | 24 |

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 | 5 | 0 |
| ENL | 57 | 0 | 57 | 0 |

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The 7th Engineer Battalion continued support of the III Marine Amphibious Force within the DaNang area. One platoon of the 1st Bridge Company continues to furnish tactical bridging support to the 9th Engineer Battalion at Chu Lai.

Company "A", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading of Routes 545, 13 C and 30 for class 50 traffic.

Company "B", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading of Route 1 for class 50 traffic, and maintenance of Route 12 east and west.

Company "C", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading of Route 540 north for class 50 traffic, and maintenance of Route 542.

Company "D", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading of Route 540 south for class 50 traffic, and maintenance of Route 4 as required.

Progress on Phase II of the DaNang Barrier continued at a slow rate due to 14.43 inches of rain falling during the month of November.

PART III

1. Topics

- a. Personnel and Administration. None
- b. Enemy, weather and terrain - A total of 14.43 inches of rain was recorded during the month of November.

| <u>TIME</u> | <u>INCIDENT</u> | <u>COORDINATES</u> |
|-------------|---|--------------------|
| 030800H | Company "C" mine sweep team found one mine. 12" dia- AT 944640 meter, 6" high. Blown in place. | |
| 030855H | Company "C" road sweep personnel probing for mine found negative results. Got up to walk away, detonated mine. 1 USMC KIA | AT 944675 |
| 050900H | Company "B" mine sweep team found one M-79 believed to be booby trap. Blown in place. | BT 053594 |
| 060915H | Company "B" mine sweep team fell into an ambush of 10 (105mm) rounds strung in trees. Command detonated. 3 USMC KIA, 4 ARVN KIA, 1 KMC KIA, 7 USMC WIA, 3 ARVN WIA. | BT 053597 |
| 061412H | Company "D" mine sweep team found one jeep along side of road. Found 1 dead USMC in jeep. Evacuated KIA to An Hoa. A convoy stopped to investigate, personnel detonated another mine. 1 USMC KIA, 6 USMC WIA. | AT 908493 |

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| 070730 | Company "D" mine sweep team found two box mines approximately 20 lbs. Removed and sent to Hill 10. | AT 943662 |
| 080816H | Company "C" mine sweep team found M-60mm round believed to be booby trap. Blown in place. | AT 844673 |
| 090900H | Company "D" mine sweep team found one booby trapped LAAM. Blown in place. | AT 911511 |
| 090910H | Company "D" mine sweep personnel found one unknown type booby trap with five trip wires attached. Blown in place. | AT 917512 |
| 090910H | Company "D" mine sweep team found one 82mm booby trap. Blown in place. | AT 910512 |
| 130750H | Company "B" mine sweep team found one anti-personnel mine. Moved off road and blown. | BT 037632 |
| 170105H | Company "D" received approximately 20 rounds of incoming mortars and sporadic sniper fire. | AT 917580 |
| 170515H | Company "B" reports hill received 12 - 122 mm rockets and 5 mortar rounds. | AT 988715 |
| 171830H | Company "D" received 4 mortar rounds. Returned fire with small arms. | AT 917580 |
| 181850H | Company "D" received 15 incoming mortar rounds. Returned fire with small arms. | AT 917580 |
| 190830H | Company "B" mine sweep team found one M-14 anti-personnel mine. Blown in place. | BT 038628 |
| 200655H | Company "B" mine sweep team received 100 rounds of small arms and automatic fire. Returned fire with small arms. | BT 028651 |
| 200730H | Convoy carrying 26th Marines personnel detonated 70-lb. box mine, command detonated. 1 USMC KIA, 21 USMC WIA. | BT 039626 |
| 220720H | Company "D" mine sweep team found one Claymore type mine set to be command detonated. | AT 942656 |
| 250100H | Company "D" received numerous small arms fire and 10 mortars. Cap unit returned fire with mortars. | AT 917580 |
| 250120H | Company "B" received heavy automatic fire and approximately 3 - 82mm mortars. 3 ROK WIA. | BT 069561 |
| 290730H | Company "C" found one anti-tank mine. Disarmed and took to Hill 41. | AT 941652 |
| 300330H | 7th Engr Bn CP received one 140mm rocket. | AT 944778 |

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Enclosure (1)

c. Organization and Operations

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

(2) Operations

1 Nov: The Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 22 round trips. Curbing and worn-out treadway was replaced in the completion of repairs to bridge at BT 072702. 50 meters of wire obstacles was erected at OP-6 near the 7th Engr Bn CP. Assembled 4 30' culverts on Route QL-1. Completed removing curbing, handrails and deck at bridge at BT 032648. Continued work in the installation of 75 TPH rock crusher for the 7th Engr Bn. Installed 5,984 sq. ft. of M8A1 around road and installed temporary drainage at the 7th Bulk Fuel Company. Completed 5 float reinforced ferry at BT 031649. Removed 45' fixed span bridge on Route 3 at AT 941785.

2 Nov: .16 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP. Hauled and spread 85 cu. yds. of rock on Route 13C. Hauled and spread 65 cu. yds. of rock on Route QL-1 in Dien Ban. Hauled and spread 135 cu. yds. of rock on Route 12E. Hauled and spread 60 cu. yds. of rock on bypass at AT 945607. Graded Route 540 from AT 919510 to 911504. Hauled and spread 320 cu. yds. of fill on Route 540 from AT 916594 to AT 919598. Hauled and spread 4,000 gallons of oil on Route 4 from AT 911578 to AT 895568. Installed 6' of 36" culvert on Route 540 south. Removed 532 tons of rock from Hill 327 (RMK) crusher. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 22 round trips. Completed 200 meters of triple concertina and 175 meters of single apron fence at OP-6 near the 7th Engr Bn CP. Continued salvaging materials at bridge at BT 031649. ~~Bridge at BT 055592 is 42% complete.~~ Finished driving pile and removed broken bracing at bridge at BT 042621. Assembled all culverts, awaiting crane to clear earth from hole at BT 085555. Laid 4,500 sq. ft. of M8A1 matting and 110' of 24" culvert at the 7th Bulk Fuel Company. Began work on removing floating bridge at AT 968606. Hauled and graded 10 cu. yds. of rock to bridge bypass at AT 010598.

3 Nov: This Battalion is short 6 officers and 95 enlisted men. The 7th Engr Bn is short 94 items of combat essential engineer equipment. Graded Route 540. Hauled and spread 85 cu. yds. of rock to bypass at AT 945607. Continued work on bridge on Route 542. Hauled and spread 120 cu. yds. of fill to washouts on Route 540 south. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 21 round trips. Installed 200 meters of single apron fence at OP-6 near the 7th Engr Bn CP. Continued repair and salvage of material at bridge at AT 031649. One cap was set on bridge at BT 055592. Drilled 3 holes and placed cap at bridge at BT 042621. Continued work on installation of the 75 TPH rock crusher for the 7th Engr Bn. Layed 65 ft. of 24" culvert at the 7th Bulk Fuel Co. Continued removing bridge at AT 968606.

4 Nov: Hauled and spread 85 cu. yds. of rock on Route 13C. Hauled and spread 1,600 gallons of oil on Route 13C. Hauled and spread 110 cu. yds. of rock on Route QL-1. Hauled and spread 100 cu. yds. of rock on Route 12E. Hauled and spread 10 tons of asphalt and 30 cu. yds. of rock on Route QL-1. Graded Route 540. Hauled and spread 25 cu. yds. of fill to AT 910485. Installed 125' of 24" culvert at the 7th Bulk Fuel Co. Erected 45' fixed span bridge at AT 935579. Removed 821 tons of rock

from rock crusher at Hill 327 (RMK). Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 30 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 15 round trips. Completed 65 meters of fence at OP-6 near the 7th Engr Bn. Began construction of 20' tower between 7th Engr Bn and FLC. Removed bad stringers and caps at bridge at BT 031649. Continued work on bridges at BT 055592 and BT 042621. Continued work on installation of 75 TPH for rock crusher for 7th Engr Bn. Continued removing 320' floating bridge at AT 968606. Continued repairs on bridge at AT 935750.

5 Nov: Hauled and spread 195 cu. yds. of rock on Route 13C. Hauled and spread 84 cu. yds. of rock on Route QL-1 in Dien Ban. Hauled and spread 84 cu. yds. of rock on Route 12 east. Hauled and spread 10 tons of asphalt on Route 1B. Spread 45 cu. yds. of rock on shoulders of Route QL-1. Hauled and spread 4,000 gallons of oil on Route 540. Hauled and spread 540 cu. yds. of fill at bridge bypass from AT 919598 to AT 922603. Completed removal of bridge at AT 968606. M-48 tank collapsed bridge at AT 935579. Installed 85' of 24" culvert at the 7th Bulk Fuel Company. Removed 906 tons of rock from Hill 327 crusher. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 17 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 7 round trips. Continued construction of 20' tower between 7th Engr Bn and FLC. Constructed 120 meters of fence and cleared strip near OP-6. Completed one abutment wall and began wing wall at BT 055592. Continued repairs of bridge at BT 042621. Continued installation of 75 TPH rock crusher for the 7th Engr Bn. Installed and tested 6 seismic intrusion devices at the DaNang Barrier. Repaired bridges on Route 542 and 540.

6 Nov: Sweep team on QL-1 requires more cooperation from ROK Marines with respect to flank security. .6 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP. Hauled and spread 190 cu. yds. of rock on Route 13C. Hauled and spread 130 cu. yds. of rock and installed one culvert on Route 12E. Graded Route QL-1 from Dien Ban to the Song Cau Lau. Spread 50 cu. yds. of rock on shoulders of Route QL-1. Hauled and spread 210 cu. yds. of fill and 35 cu. yds. of rock on Route 540. Hauled and spread 4,000 gallons of oil on Route 540. Hauled 90 cu. yds. of fill to bridge bypass at AT 919598. Reinstalled 45' fixed span bridge at AT 935579. Removed 1,009 tons of rock from Hill 327 (RMK) crusher. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 16 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 18 round trips. Continued construction on 20' tower between 7th Engr Bn and FLC. Continued constructing fence and clearing land at OP-6 near the 7th Engr Bn. Continued installation of 75 TPH rock crusher for the 7th Engr Bn. Removed 1,080 sq. ft. of M8A1 matting at 7th Bulk Fuel Co. Redecked bridge at AT 932746. Made repairs to 45' fixed span bridge at BT 036634.

7 Nov: QL-1 road sweep delayed significantly due to lack of cooperation from ROK Marines providing security. .16 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP during this reporting period. Hauled and spread 150 cu. yds. of rock on Route 13C. Hauled and spread 2,400 gallons of oil on Route 545. Hauled and spread 205 cu. yds. of rock on Route 12E. Hauled and spread 135 cu. yds. of fill on shoulders of Route 540. Hauled and spread 15 cu. yds. of rock and 50 cu. yds. of fill at bridge bypass at AT 919598. 45' fixed span at AT 939579 open to class 40 traffic. Removed 661 tons of crushed rock from Hill 327. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 14 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 38 round trips. Construction was continued on 20' tower between 7th Engr Bn and FLC. Continued constructing fence and clearing strip at OP-6 near the 7th Engr Bn. Continued installation of 75 TPH rock crusher for the 7th Engr Bn. Continued work at 7th Bulk Fuel Company.

8 Nov: The QL-1 road sweep has become increasingly dangerous due to removal of CAP unit from BT 050603. A trace of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP during this reporting period. Hauled and spread 75 cu. yds. of rock and 1,000 gallons of oil on Route 13C. Hauled and spread 2,000 gallons of oil on Route 30. Hauled and spread 295 cu. yds. of rock on Route 12E. Spread 10 tons of hot asphalt to patch holes on Route QL-1. Hauled and spread 4,000 gallons of oil, 15 cu. yds. of fill and graded portions of Route 540. Continued improvement of bridge by-pass at AT 919599. Installed 10 stringers on bridge at BT 042621. Continued progress on wingwalls and south abutment of bridge at BT 055592. Installed 40' of 60" culvert at BT 057655 on Route 12E. Made minor repairs to Song Cau Do Bridge. Removed 829 tons of rock from Hill 327 rock crusher. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 12 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 30 round trips. Continued work on 20' tower between 7th Engr Bn and FLC. Continued work on fence at OP-6 near the 7th Engr Bn. Laid 49' of 36" culvert, 69' of 24" culvert, laid 3,200 sq. ft. of M8A1 matting and stockpiled 110 cu. yds. of crushed rock at the 7th Bulk Fuel Company.

9 Nov: 3.26 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn during this reporting period. All 7th Engr Bn roads remained trafficable. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 12 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 5 round trips. Continued repairs to the Cau Do Bridge. Dead manned culvert at bridge by-pass at AT 919598.

10 Nov: The 7th Engr Bn is currently short 6 officers and 95 enlisted men. Company "B" is not getting proper cooperation from road sweep security on Route QL-1. 2.11 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn during this reporting period. All 7th Engr Bn roads remain trafficable and in fair to good condition. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 16 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 12 round trips.

11 Nov: Hauled and spread 95 cu. yds. of rock on Route 13C. Hauled and spread 140 cu. yds. of rock on Route 12E. Spread 100 cu. yds. of rock at bridge approaches on Route 540. Hauled and spread 70 cu. yds. of rock on Route 8. Hauled and spread 50 cu. yds. of crushed rock at AT 922577. Removed 1,051 tons of rock from the Hill 327 rock crusher. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 9 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 9 round trips. Continued work at OP-6 near the 7th Engr Bn. Built sand headwall at the bridge by-pass at AT 919598.

12 Nov: .05 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP during this reporting period. Hauled and spread 90 cu. yds. of rock on Route 13C. Hauled and spread 65 cu. yds. of rock on Route 12E. Hauled, spread and grid rolled 120 cu. yds. of crushed rock on Route QL-1. Hauled and spread 40 cu. yds. of rock on Route 8. Hauled and spread 25 cu. yds. of rock to bridge approaches and headwalls on Route 540. Graded portions of Route 540 from AT 914592 to AT 924606. Two 24" culverts were installed on Route 540. Removed 922 tons of rock from the Hill 327 rock crusher. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 18 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 29 round trips. Continued stringing wire at OP-6 near the 7th Engr Bn. Completed catwalk and prepared stringers for decking at bridge at BT 042621. Finished cable work on south abutment of bridge at BT 055592. Made minor repairs to bridge at BT 002698. Assembled culvert and laid 1,100 sq. ft. of M8A1 matting for the 7th Bulk Fuel Company. Closed old trashpit and dug new one for 3/7. Installed one transom assemble on 45' fixed span bridge at AT 935579. Reclassified and posted for class 50 traffic.

13 Nov: 2.15 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP during this reporting period. Hauled, spread and graded 80 cu. yds. of rock on Route 13C. Spread, graded and rolled 95 cu. yds. of rock on QL-1 south of Dien Ban. Hauled and spread 150 cu. yds. of rock on Route 12E. Hauled and spread 30 cu. yds. of rock to Route 540. Spread and graded 30 cu. yds. of rock on Route 540. Hauled and worked 190 cu. yds. of fill to bridge by-pass at AT 866544. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 15 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 28 round trips. Continued stringing of fence at OP-6 near the 7th Engr Bn. Installed half the cross bracing on bridge at BT 042621. Completed wingwalls on north abutment of bridge at BT 055592. Assembled culvert and started cutting drainage ditch for 7th Bulk Fuel Company. Completed one headwall at bridge by-pass at AT 919599. Installed fourth transom assembly to 120' fixed span bridge at BT 055592.

14 Nov: Sent 15 personnel to FIC for one week school on new M-123 tractor. Muddy conditions are still impeding progress on the DaNang Barrier Project. .12 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn during this reporting period. Hauled and spread 120 cu. yds. of rock on QL-1 south of Dien Ban. Hauled and spread 90 cu. yds. of rock on Route 12E. Hauled and spread 10 cu. yds. of rock to Route 540. Hauled, spread, and graded 15 cu. yds. of crushed rock at ferry approaches at AT 925534. Removed 600 tons of rock from the Hill 327 rock crusher. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 15 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 31 round trips. Welded stringers and cross bracing and started decking on bridge at BT 042621. Began improving roads and continued sand bagging bunkers at the 7th Engr Bn rock crusher site. Installed a 24" culvert for new access road and spread 40 cu. yds. of crushed rock for turn around area at 7th Bulk Fuel Company.

15 Nov: Ground continues to be too soft to work tractors at the DaNang Barrier Project. .62 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP during this reporting period. Spread, graded, and rolled 90 cu. yds. of rock on QL-1 south of Dien Ban. Spread and compacted 135 cu. yds of rock on Route 12E. Hauled and spread 20 cu. yds. of rock on Route 542. Removed 872 tons of rock from the Hill 327 rock crusher. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 13 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 21 round trips. Continued cable work on south abutment of bridge at BT 055592. Completed installation of lateral bracing on bridge at BT 042621. Extended chute on primary crusher and continued improving roads at the 7th Engr Bn rock crusher. Continued work at the 7th Bulk Fuel Company.

16 Nov: .13 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP during this reporting period. Hauled, spread, and graded 110 cu. yds. of rock on QL-1 south of Dien Ban. Hauled and spread 125 cu. yds. of rock on Route 12E. Hauled and spread 130 cu. yds. of rock on Route 540. Spread 35 cu. yds. of rock on north ferry approach at AT 925534. Removed 800 tons of rock from Hill 327 rock crusher. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 16 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 26 round trips. Installed nailers and cross bracing, and began decking bridge at BT 042621. Excavated south abutment and began work on north abutment of bridge at BT 055592. Erected a 30' fixed span bridge on QL-1 at BT 009691. Spread 160 cu. yds. of rock and installed 10 culverts and headwalls at 7th Bulk Fuel Company.

17 Nov: The 7th Engr Bn is currently short 6 officers and 95 enlisted men. Heavy enemy activity delayed progress on many engineer projects. 14 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP during this reporting period. Hauled and spread 2,000 gallons of oil on Route 540. Hauled and spread 35 cu. yds. of rock on bridge by-pass and ferry access road at AT 920536. Two culverts at AT 922544 and AT 923544, on Route 540 were blown. Installed 20' of 36" culvert on Route 540. Installed 24" culvert on Route 540 at AT 923544. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 17 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 12 round trips. Hauled 40 cu. yds. of rock to 7th Bulk Fuel Company for turn around area.

18 Nov: Heavy enemy activity again precluded the mine sweep on Route QL-1 from completing its mission. Intermittent rains are keeping the ground too soft for land clearing progress on the DaNang Barrier. 35 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP during this reporting period. Hauled and spread 125 tons of rock on Route 130. Hauled, spread, and graded 45 cu. yds. of rock on Route 12E. Continued minor repairs to headwalls on culverts on Route 540. Hauled, spread, and graded 25 cu. yds. of rock on bridge bypass at AT 919598. Spread 7.5 cu. yds. of fill and 35 cu. yds. of rock at ferry approach at AT 922535. Completed culvert at AT 922545 except for headwalls. Removed 550 tons of rock from Hill 327 rock crusher. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 11 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 16 round trips. Continued stringing fence at OP-6 near the 7th Engr Bn. Continued decking bridge at BT 042621. Hauled and spread 360 cu. yds of rock at 7th Bulk Fuel Company. Improved headwalls on bridge bypass at AT 919598. Continued sandbagging headwalls of bridge at AT 924606.

19 Nov: Route QL-1 road sweep south to Song Cau Lo River was delayed significantly due to enemy activity. Muddy conditions continue to impede progress on DaNang Barrier Project. 54 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr CP during this reporting period. Hauled and spread 100 cu. yds. of rock on Route 10. Spread 1,600 gallons of oil on Route 545. Hauled and spread 65 cu. yds. of rock on Route 12E. Hauled and spread 100 cu. yds. of rock to bridge bypass at AT 919598. Graded ferry approach at AT 923535. Hauled and spread 110 cu. yds. of rock on Route 540. Completed installation of culvert at AT 922554. Removed 1,016 tons of rock from Hill 327 rock crusher. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 15 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 38 round trips. Precut materials for redecking of bridge at AT 909723. Completed decking and installed treadway and curb on bridge at BT 042621. Road open to two way traffic. Completed sandbagging headwalls on bridge bypass at AT 919598.

20 Nov: Muddy conditions continue to delay progress on DaNang Barrier Project. A trace of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP during this reporting period. Hauled and spread 100 cu. yds. of rock on Route 10. Hauled and spread 65 cu. yds. of rock on Route QL-1. Hauled and spread 80 cu. yds. of rock to bridge bypass at AT 943676 on Route 540. Spread 2,000 gallons of oil on Route 540. Hauled 25 cu. yds. of rock to backfill culvert at AT 922544 on Route 540. Hauled and spread 45 cu. yds. of rock at bridge bypass at AT 919598. Hauled and spread 135 cu. yds. of fill at ferry approach at AT 923535. Removed 969 tons of rock from Hill 327 rock crusher. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 14 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 48 round trips. Replaced bridge classification signs on Route 545 and Route 544. Continued work at 7th Bulk Fuel Company.

21 Nov: Song Thu Bon Ferry at AT 925534 was forced to secure due to low water conditions. Will try to open channel by blasting. Muddy conditions continue to delay progress on the DaNang Barrier project. .16 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP during this reporting period. Hauled and spread 170 cu. yds. of rock on Route 540. Spread and graded 300 cu. yds. of rock on Route QL-1 south of Dien Ban. Spread 500 gallons of oil on same. Hauled and spread 1,500 gallons of oil on Route 12E. Hauled and spread 105 cu. yds. of rock on bridge bypasses at AT 943676 and AT 944693. Hauled and spread 20 cu. yds. of rock to bridge bypasses on Route 540. Spread 2,000 gallons of oil on same. Hauled and spread 75 cu. yds. of fill to upgrade tank crossover at AT 918584. Hauled 20 cu. yds. of rock to ferry approaches at AT 925534. Cleaned ditches and culverts and did minor road maintenance on Route 540. Installed three 30' sections of 36" culvert at AT 944693. Removed 1,577 tons of rock from Hill 327 rock crusher. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 13 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 12 round trips. Burnt off 750 sq. meters of brush at OP-6 near the 7th Engr Bn. Completed posting of bridge classification signs on Routes 545 and 544. Installed one deadman and began attaching cables on bridge abutment at BT 055592. Completed two headwalls and poured footings for two others on Route 540. Hauled and spread 232 cu. yds of rock at 7th Bulk Fuel Company. Continued to upgrade access roads to 7th Engr Bn rock crusher site.

22 Nov: Muddy conditions continue to delay progress on the DaNang Barrier project. .17 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP during this reporting period. Hauled and spread 200 cu. yds. of rock on Route 540. Hauled, graded, and rolled 175 cu. yds. of rock on Route QL-1. Hauled and spread 195 cu. yds. of rock on bridge bypass at AT 944693. Hauled and spread 80 cu. yds. of fill and 160 cu. yds. of rock to bridge bypass at AT 935579. Hauled and 195 cu. yds. of fill and 85 cu. yds. of rock to ferry approaches at AT 925534. Installed 30' section of 36" culvert at bypass at AT 944693. Installed two 18" culverts at AT 935579. Removed 1,325 tons of rock from Hill 327 rock crusher. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 4 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry Completed 23 round trips. Continued work on fence at OP-6 near the 7th Engr Bn. Drove three deadmen and back filled abutment with shot rock at bridge at BT 055592. Completed two headwalls for culverts on Route 540. Hauled 240 cu. yds. Hauled 240 cu. yds. of rock to 7th Bulk Fuel Company.

23 Nov: Muddy conditions continue to delay progress on the DaNang Barrier project. 100' of floating foot bridge was dropped by a helicopter in Operation Meade River and was destroyed. .78 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP during this reporting period. Hauled and spread 413 cu. yds. of rock on Route 545. Hauled and spread 121 cu. yds. of rock on Route 13C. Hauled and spread 110 cu. yds. of rock on Route QL-1 south of Dien Ban. Hauled and spread 120 cu. yds. of rock on Route 540 and bridge bypass at AT 944693. Graded Route 540 from AT 926504 to AT 915587. Hauled and spread 85 cu. yds. of fill at bridge at AT 924578. Hauled and spread 75 cu. yds. of fill at ferry approach at AT 925534. Installed 88' of floating aluminum foot bridge at AT 995607. Removed 1,095 tons of rock from Hill 327 rock crusher. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 5 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 23 round trips. Continued work on headwalls on Route 540. Hauled and spread 121 cu. yds of rock at the 7th Bulk Fuel Company. Filled 350 sandbags for headwalls at bridge at AT 924605.

24 Nov: No progress on the DaNang Barrier due to muddy conditions. Sand bar at the Song Thu Bon River hindered ferry operations during most of this reporting period. Opened channel by blasting. .79 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP during this reporting period. Hauled and spread 75 cu. yds. of rock at bridge bypass at BT 046615. Hauled and spread 40 cu. yds. of rock to bridge bypass at AT 943676. Gridrolled bypass at AT 945697. Hauled and spread 25 cu. yds. of rock to bridge bypass at AT 920599. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 2 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 23 round trips. Continued cablework on south abutment of bridge at BT 055592. Blew sandbar at ferry site at AT 925534. Sandbagged culvert headwalls on bypass at AT 925605.

25 Nov: No progress on the DaNang Barrier due to muddy conditions. Enemy activity in Dien Ban area prevented road sweep from being completed on Route QL-1. .66 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP during this reporting period. Hauled and spread 164 cu. yds. of rock on Route 545. Hauled and spread 255 cu. yds. of rock on Route 13C. Hauled and spread 220 cu. yds. of rock on bypass at BT 046611 on Route QL-1. Hauled and spread 117 cu. yds. of rock to bypass at AT 943676 on Route 540. Worked grader from AT 911578 to Hill 65 on Route 4 pushing mud off road and cutting drainage ditch. Working parties on Route 540 made efforts to drain off water to speed drying and improve trafficability. Hauled and spread 50 cu. yds. of rock to An Hoa Road. Culvert at AT 909481 blown by friendly artillery round. Removed 803 tons of rock from Hill 327 rock crusher. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 17 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 31 round trips. Continued work at OP-6 near the 7th Engr Bn. Hauled and dumped 60 cu. yds. of rock at north abutment of bridge at BT 055592. Cleared trees along road at AT 920726 to allow sun to dry road. Made minor repairs to fixed span tactical bridge at AT 919598. Reconned tactical bridges on Route QL-1 and Route 4.

26 Nov: No progress on the DaNang Barrier due to muddy conditions. .10 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP during this reporting period. Graded Route 545 from AT 943787 to AT 908784. Hauled and spread 175 cu. yds. of rock on Route 13C. Graded portions of Route QL-1 south to Dien Ban. Hauled and spread 100 cu. yds. of rock on Route 540. Hauled and spread 80 cu. yds. of rock to bypass at AT 943692. Graded portions of Route 540 from AT 942663 to AT 934630. Personnel worked on Route 540 draining water off road to speed drying process. Graded and improved ditches on Route 540. Hauled and spread 30 cu. yds. of rock to ferry site at AT 924535. Hauled and spread 20 cu. yds. of rock on An Hoa Road. Removed 982 tons of rock from Hill 327 rock crusher. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 16 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 40 round trips. Hauled and dumped 30 cu. yds. of rock to north abutment of bridge at BT 055592. Completed two culvert headwalls on Route 540 and dug footings for two others. Cleared trees along Route 540 at AT 920726 to allow sun to increase drying process. Graded tank trail near Hill 37 at AT 918584 and ferry approaches at AT 924535.

27 Nov: No clearing progress made on the DaNang Barrier due to muddy conditions. .02 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP during this reporting period. Graded Route 545 from AT 943787 to AT 908784. Hauled and spread 355 cu. yds. of rock on Route 13C. Hauled and spread 315 cu. yds. of rock at Song Cau Do bridge at AT 998708. Hauled and spread 60 cu. yds. of rock at Tam Giap Bridge.

Hauled and spread 220 cu. yds. of rock on Route 540. Graded and oiled portions of Route 540. Hauled and spread 195 cu. yds. of fill on tank trail off of Route 540 at AT 916534. Hauled and spread 225 cu. yds. of fill and 40 cu. yds. of rock to ferry site at AT 926534. One 24" culvert 45' feet long, installed on road at 1/26 CP connecting with Route 545. Removed 1,568 tons of rock from Hill 327 rock crusher. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 8 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 37 round trips. Cut road up hill at site of wire barrier at OP-6 near the 7th Engr Bn. Installed six stringers for bridge at BT 055592. Completed two headwalls for culverts on Route 540. Cleaned out culverts to renovate drainage system at 7th Bulk Fuel Company. Made repairs on tower for CAP unit. Continued preparations of site on north bank of Song Thu Bon River for second ferry so that two ferries may be operated simultaneously. Completed renovation of electrical system of 1st Marine EP.

28 Nov: The 7th Engr Bn is currently short 6 officers and 127 enlisted personnel. No progress on the DaNang Barrier due to muddy conditions. .29 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP during this reporting period. Graded Route 30 from AT 950781 to AT 962778. Hauled and spread 210 cu. yds. of rock on Route 13C. Hauled and spread 25 cu. yds. of rock to south abutment of bridge at BT 055592. Graded Route 540 from AT 915730 to AT 925720. Oiled Route 540 from AT 943663 to AT 935630. Hauled and spread 110 cu. yds. of rock to site of Song Thu Bon Ferry. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 25 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 45 round trips. Constructed 70 meters of triple concertina, split double apron fence at OP-6 near the 7th Engr Bn. Poured footings for culvert headwall on road connecting 1/26 CP with Route 545. Completed one headwall for culvert on Route 540. Layed and anchored 150 feet of "Mo-Mat" at site of Song Thu Bon Ferry. Commenced posting traffic control signs at site of Song Thu Bon Ferry. Began work on culvert headwalls on Route 540 at AT 922572. Began operating Song Thu Bon Ferry on a 24 hour basis.

29 Nov: No progress on the DaNang Barrier due to muddy conditions. .41 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP during this reporting period. Hauled and spread 130 cu. yds. of rock on Route 13C. Hauled and spread 35 cu. yds. of rock to south abutment of bridge at BT 055592. Hauled and spread 100 cu. yds. of rock to ferry approaches at AT 998708. Graded bypasses of QL-1 at BT 046610 and at Song Cau Lau River. Hauled and spread 155 cu. yds. of rock to fill holes on Route 540. Graded Route 540 from AT 943682 to AT 943662. Did tractor work to improve low water landing of ferry at AT 925535. Minor road maintenance was performed on Route 4 from AT 911578 to Hill 65. Culvert on Route 4 at AT 957586 was blown rendering road temporarily impassible. Removed 600 tons of rock from Hill 327 rock crusher. Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 12 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 46 round trips. Continued work on headwalls and repaired culvert at entrance to 1/26 CP. Hauled and dumped 35 cu. yds. of rock to south abutment and completed south wing walls on bridge at BT 055592. Cleaned out culverts and continued work on culvert headwalls on Route 540. Began installation of new channel markers at ferry crossing at AT 925535.

30 Nov: Work site of the DaNang Barrier remains too muddy to continue progress. .72 inches of rain fell on the 7th Engr Bn CP during this reporting period. Hauled and spread 105 cu. yds. of rock on Route 13C. Hauled and spread 115 cu. yds. of rock on ferry approaches and 40 cu. yds. of rock at AT 998708. Hauled and spread 95 cu. yds. of rock at Song Thu Bon.

Song Thu Bon Ferry completed 17 round trips. Tu Cau Ferry completed 43 round trips. Progress on culverts and headwalls at the entrance to 1/26 CP is 85% complete. Completed cross bracing and began first layer of decking of Tam Giap Bridge at BT 055592. Completed two additional headwalls on Route 540. Made repairs to #2 ferry at Song Thu Bon. Installed channel markers at Song Thu Bon Ferry.

d. Plans

- (1) Continue general support of all units within 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) Start upgrading of Route LTL 4.
- (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) 4 enlisted, 3 officers attended Special Weapons Course. (Okinawa)
- (2) 1 enlisted attended Infantry Weapons Repair Course. (Okinawa)
- (3) 2 enlisted attended Embarkation School. (Division)
- (4) 25 enlisted attended 10 ton Tractor School, M123ALC. (FLC)
- (5) 1 enlisted attended Projectionist School. (III MAF)
- (6) 8 enlisted attended M. T. Drivers Course. (7th Engr Bn)

f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply

(1) Administration

(a) Received one (1) M123ALC 10 ton truck, tractor to bring this battalion up to T/E which is fourteen (14).

(b) Revised old BnO 4000.11 on Equipment Status Reporting with new BnO 4000.11A.

(c) Reconciled the MARES printout from III MAF.

- (d) Submitted OPBUD to 1st Marine Division for FY 69, 70, 71.
- (e) Submitted Phase I Budget Estimate on Non T/A Garrison Property to 1st Marine Division.

(2) Supply

7th Engineer Battalion FMF (AC 21300)

During the month of November the Battalion Supply Section processed 127 priority 05 requisitions and 654 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 1,037 receipts from due, 1,037 issues from due and 321 issues from warehouse.

1st Bridge Company FMF (AC 21325)

During the month of November 1st Bridge Company Supply Section processed 37 priority 02 requisitions and 12 priority 12 and 135 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 129 receipts from due, 187 issues from due and 22 issues from warehouse.

Motor Transport

Approximately 129,850 miles were logged on the Battalion's Motor Transport Vehicles during the month of November.

Maintenance

The Battalion's Motor Transport Maintenance Section received 123 work orders; completed 83 work orders and sent 27 work orders to FSR. The Battalion's Heavy Equipment Maintenance Section received 53 work orders completing 32 and sent 1 work order to FSR. 7 items were returned from FSR and 9 items were code H and were dropped.

Messing

The Battalion Messhall continues to provide four (4) meals daily except Sunday. The fourth meal being midnighth rations for duty personnel. On Sunday a brunch is served in place of breakfast and dinner.

Medical

The Battalion Aid Station treated 970 military, 219 Vietnamese and 1 civilian employee. The Battalion Dental Clinic treated 164 military, 90 Vietnamese and 3 civilian employees.

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

- (1) The Civic Action Program continues on a dauly basis.
- (2) Activities were as follows:
 - (a) The MedCap Program provided treatment for 225 persons.
 - (b) The Battalion sponsored, Vietnamese brickyard produced a total of 26,800 soil-cement bricks.

(c) A total of 20,900 soil-cement bricks were issued for various Civic Action projects throughout Quang Nam Province.

(d) 6 bunkers in An Ngai Tay Hamlet are 100% complete.

(e) A two-room school in Tung Son is 80% complete.

(f) 3 bath houses in Tung Son are 80% complete.

(g) A head in Tung Son is 85% complete.

(h) Two plows and a spiked-tooth harrow were given to the farmers of An Ngai Tay Hamlet.

(i) 8 garden plots were started in Hoa Thanh Village and Hoa Ninh Refugee camp utilizing American seeds and methods.

(j) A defensive perimeter in An Ngai Dong is 10% complete.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

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| <u>NAME</u> | <u>SERV. NO./MOS</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>PRIMARY DUTY</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------|
| ANNAS, T. T. | 053685/1302/0430 | Lt Col. | BnCndr | 30Oct69 |
| HOOK, R. A. | 06121/1302/0302 | Maj | ExecO | 20Nov69 |
| ACAYAMA, K. M. | 0103117/1302 | 1st Lt | CivAffOff | 28Apr69 |
| CRAM, A. B. | 0103164/1302 | 1st Lt | S-2 | 14Apr69 |
| BRISSON, J. J. | 0105725/1310 | WO | HvyEquipPltCndr | 1Aug69 |
| DICKEN, D.T. | 0104170/1302 | 2nd Lt | Asst S-3/OIC Rock Crusher | 25Aug69 |
| FRANKE, R. A. | 0104858/2501 | 2nd Lt | CommO | 8Sep69 |
| HAMILTON, G. S. | 072022/1302 | Maj | S-4 | 11Sep69 |
| HILLARD, A. S. | 094276/1302 | 1st Lt | HqCndr | 2Feb69 |
| HUFNAGEL, E. A. | 079266/0130 | CWO-3 | S-1/Adj/LegO | 1Jan69 |
| LILLEY, M. G. | 078896/1302/5702 | Maj | S-3 | 7Jul69 |
| MCALLISTER, G. D. | 099031/1360 | CWO-2 | Const Plt Cmdr | 22Nov69 |
| MORLAN, L. E. | 0103700/1302 | 1st Lt | Asst S-3/ConstO | 9Mar69 |
| REID, G. H. | 095009/1302 | Capt | Asst S-4 | 4Feb69 |
| <u>SERVICE COMPANY</u> | | | | |
| MARSHALL, J. T. | 080929/1302/1310 | Maj | CO | 30Oct69 |
| BARBER, J. S. | 096092/3010/3502 | 1st Lt | Exec | 16Dec68 |
| FELTY, D. W. JR. | 098649/1310 | CWO-2 | AsstMainPltCndr | 13Dec68 |
| GOODE, F. M. | 0102777/3502 | 1st Lt | BnMTO | 21Apr69 |
| HAMMACK, J. A. | 0104222/3501 | 2nd Lt | Asst MTO | 13Sep69 |
| JACKSON, J. M. | 098854/1310 | CWO-2 | MaintPltCndr | 29Aug69 |
| KRUSEMARK, L. E. | 0104657/3002 | 2nd Lt | BnSupO | 12Oct69 |
| <u>"A" COMPANY</u> | | | | |
| MORRISON, A. E. | 097465/1302 | 1st Lt | CO | 18Dec68 |
| FRANTZ, J. D. | 095726/1302 | 1st Lt | Exec | 24Mar69 |
| CARLSON, F. G. | 0105884/1301 | 2nd Lt | PltCndr | 23Oct69 |
| FLAMMANG, J. M. | 0105512/1301 | 2nd Lt | EquipPltCndr | 17Oct69 |
| GEERS, M. J. | 0105916/1301 | 2nd Lt | PltCndr | 28Nov69 |
| LONG, R. L. | 0102094/1302 | 1st Lt | PltCndr | 13Dec68 |
| LINEHART, C. S. | 0105243 | 2nd Lt | PltCndr | 30Sep69 |
| <u>"B" COMPANY</u> | | | | |
| ESPOSITO, M. J. | 093085/1302/1320 | Capt | CO | 7Feb69 |
| MICK, E. W. | 0100510/1302 | 1st Lt | Exec | 25Jun69 |
| ADAMS, R. E. | 0105141/1301 | 2nd Lt | PltCndr | 23Oct69 |
| ERICKSON, R. L. | 0105083/1301 | 2nd Lt | PltCndr | 30Sep69 |
| JAMES, J. C. | 0105555/1301 | 2nd Lt | PltCndr | 23Oct69 |
| WISE, R. A. | 0104959/1301 | 2nd Lt | EquipPltCndr | 11Dec69 |
| <u>"C" COMPANY</u> | | | | |
| WITMER, J. V. | 095166/1302/1320 | Capt | CO | 9May69 |
| KRUGER, L. W. | 0102065/1302 | 1st Lt | Exec | 23Dec69 |
| DEBUSSEY, R. C. | 0104910/1301 | 2nd Lt | PltCndr | 23Nov69 |
| GETTMAN, J. A. | 0102613/1302 | 1st Lt | PltCndr | 3Jun69 |
| SOKOLOWSKI, T. E. | 0104779/1302 | 2nd Lt | PltCndr | 18Aug69 |
| WILLS, H. J. | 0106074/1302 | 2nd Lt | PltCndr | 23Nov69 |

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------|
| BOTELHO, E. | 096213/1302 | 1st Lt | CO | 18Sep69 |
| GARRIDO, D. D. | 0101081/1302 | 1st Lt | Exec | 29Jun69 |
| LEONARD, R. L. | 0105165/1302 | 2nd Lt | Plt Cmdr | 29Sep69 |
| LINDSEY, E. E. | 0105959/1301 | 2nd Lt | Plt Cmdr | 23Oct69 |
| WHITE, E. G. | 0105701/1301 | 2nd Lt | Plt Cmdr | 17Oct69 |

1st BRIDGE COMPANY

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| PEASENELL, D. A. | 094979/1302 | 1st Lt | CO | 18Dec68 |
| DARITY, M. H. | 095928/1302/1310/0430 | 1st Lt | Exec | 17Dec69 |
| LAGEMAN, R. C. | 0101216/1302 | 1st Lt | Plt Cmdr | 5Sep69 |
| BECKER, M. L. | 0105866/1301 | 2nd Lt | Plt Cmdr | 23Nov69 |
| GORDON, T. E. | 0105524/1301 | 2nd Lt | Plt Cmdr | 24Oct69 |
| OSBECK, D. G. | 0106007/1301 | 2nd Lt | Maint Plt Cmdr | 23Nov69 |
| PRICER, K. D. | 0104937/1301 | 2nd Lt | Plt Cmdr | 6Dec69 |
| TORBET, P. A. | 0104365/3002 | 2nd Lt | SupO | 16Sep69 |
| UNGERN, R. F. N. | 0102352/1302 | 1st Lt | Plt Cmdr | 12Dec68 |

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| MCKENZIE, E. III | 728169/2105 | Lt | Bn Surgeon | 22Jul69 |
| COLEMAN, C. B. | 723325/4105 | Lt | Bn Chaplain | 24Jul69 |