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CHRONOLOGY

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, First Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: Field Historian)

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Encl: (1) August Chronology

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


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

7th Engineer Battalion (Rein), FMF

COMMANDER

LtCol W. G. BATES

SUBORDINATE UNITS

| <u>Unit</u> | <u>Commander</u> | <u>Period Individual Occupied</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| HqCo | 1stLt D. T. DICKEN | 5Apr69 - 4Aug69 |
| HqCo | 1stLt R. C. DEBUSSEY | 5Aug69 - 31Aug69 |
| Serv Co | Maj W. W. RICH | 12Mar69 - 31Aug69 |
| Co "A" | Capt C. J. GOMEZ | 25Jun69 - 31Aug69 |
| Co "B" | 1stLt C. S. RINEHART | 15Jun69 - 31Aug69 |
| Co "C" | 1stLt T. E. SOKOLOWSKI | 10Jun69 - 7Aug69 |
| Co "C" | 1stLt E. E. LINDSEY | 8Aug69 - 31Aug69 |
| Co "D" | 1stLt E. BOTELHO | 11Sep68 - 26Aug69 |
| Co "D" | 1stLt J. A. GETTMAN | 27Aug69 - 31Aug69 |

ATTACHED UNITS

| | | |
|---------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1st Bridge Co | 1stLt R. C. LAGEMANN | 11Jan69 - 24Aug69 |
| 1st Bridge Co | 1stLt R. A. PASCARELLA | 25Aug69 - 31Aug69 |

2. LOCATION

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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

| <u>Section</u> | <u>Officer</u> | <u>Period Individual Occupied</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Executive Officer | Maj R. J. BORDENARO | 18Apr69 - 31Aug69 |
| S-1 | 1stLt R. H. ALNUTT | 18Dec69 - 31Aug69 |
| S-2/S-3 | Capt J. C. SHUMAKER | 22Jun69 - 31Aug69 |
| S-4 | Maj J. T. MARSHALL | 12Dec68 - 31Aug69 |
| S-5 | 1stLt E. G. WHITE | 6Apr69 - 31Aug69 |

ENCLOSURE (1)

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| | | |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Section</u> | <u>Officer</u> | |
| Supply Officer | 1stLt L. E. KRUSEMARK | 12Mar69 - 31Aug69 |
| SgtMaj | SgtMaj H. E. ABBOTT | 25Apr69 - 31Aug69 |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
| 45 | 1150 | 2 | 23 |

5. PERSONNEL GAINS AND LOSSES

| <u>GAINS</u> | | <u>LOSSES</u> | |
|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| <u>USMC</u> | <u>USN</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>USN</u> |
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| ENL 86 | 3 | 101 | 2 |

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The 7th Engineer Battalion continued support of the III Marine Amphibious Force within the DaNang area. The Battalion continued maintenance responsibility of 70 miles of road and conducted daily mine sweeps of 38 miles of road. The Battalion maintained 7 water points in the DaNang area producing 4,388,300 gallons of water. One platoon of the 1st Bridge Company continued to furnish tactical bridge support to the 9th Engineer Battalion at Chu Lai.

Company "A", 7th Engineer Battalion continued maintenance of Rt# 540 and 30 for class 50 traffic and maintenance of Route 540 from AT 899774 to AT 912743 Route 542, Route 544 and Route 10. One platoon is located at Hai Van Pass to conduct daily mine sweeps of Route QL-1N from AT 927843 to AT 886957. Company "A" also conducts daily mine sweeps of Route 545.

Company "B", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading Route QL-1S in preparation for paving. Company "B" is also responsible for maintenance and upgrading on Route 4 from BT 056589 to AT 968584. Due to the tactical situation this portion of the route is not being used. Company "B" conducts daily mine sweeps of Route QL-1S from AT 999707 to BT 077651.

Company "C", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading on Route 540 from AT 912743 to AT 927608. Company "C" also conducts daily mine sweeps of Route 540 from AT 943663 to AT 927608 and is in the process of upgrading this section of road.

Company "D", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading on Route 540 from AT 927608 to AT 974460 for class 50 traffic and maintenance of Route 4. Areas east of Hill 37 and west of Hill 65 were inaccessible due to the current tactical situation. Company "D" conducts daily mine sweeps of Route 540 from AT 927608 to AT 925533.

III MAF WORK ORDERS OUTSTANDING 1 August 1969

III MAF 1147 - Install secondary distribution system for An Hoa Combat Base.

III MAF 6387 -

1. Perform horizontal construction on contorment roads and motor transport lot at 2nd Battalion 1st Marines
2. Resurface 1000 meters of interior camp roads at 1st Battalion 13th Marines.
3. Perform horizontal construction on contorment roads at 1st Battalion 1st Marines.
4. Perform horizontal construction on contorment roads at 3rd Battalion 1st Marines.

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III MAF - Provide one Eimco with operator to assist 7th Communication Battalion in laying cable.

III MAF 1051 - Construct one 250 man mess hall for 1st LAAM Battalion, Hai Van Pass.

III MAF 1056 - Construct one 250 man mess hall with garbage shed and grease trap for 5th Marines at Liberty Bridge.

III MAF - Clear a 25 foot fire break around the perimeter of ASP #2 (CG, III MAF msg 100424Z May 69)

III MAF 1110 - Construct three (3) 40' timber observation towers for the 610 Transportation Company.

III MAF - Upgrade Route QL-1S from Thank Quyt to BT 036631. (CG, III MAF msg 180610Z May 69)

III MAF 1120 - Construct the following.

1. Eight (8) 20' x 32' x 8' bunkers at the III MAF R&R Transient Facility.
2. Install shower fixtures in existing buildings at 3rd Amtracks..

III MAF - Support ROK Marines with four (4) Eimco tractors. (CG, III MAF msg 081156 Jun 69)

III MAF - Support III MAF with six (6) Eimco tractors as needed. (CG, III MAF msg 040806Z June 69)

III MAF - Support III MAF with tactical Bridge support as required. (CG, III MAF msg 281310Z May 69)

III MAF - Construct a class 40/45 raft in support of MCB. (Phone Call)

III MAF - Construct and remove one (1) M4T6 floating bridge at Lang Co. (Phone Call)

III MAF - Provide one (1) Eimco in support of EOD for maintenance of range disposal area.

III MAF 1139 - Construct one (1) 50' tower at the Golden Gate Bridge in the vicinity of Hill 55.

III MAF 1137 - Construct the following; four (4) 30 foot replacement towers for the DaNang Barrier and install four (4) 30 foot towers for the 2nd ROK Brigade.

III MAF - Construct culvert fighting bunkers as required by III MAF. (CG, III MAF ltr 15.10/MNV over 11100 dtd 29Jun69)

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III MAF 1187 - Install grease trap for the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines mess hall.

III MAF 1157 - Install lightning rods on eighteen 60' towers and twenty four 36' towers for 2nd ROK Brigade.

III MAF 1006 - Construct 500 barrel water storage tower and tank at the 7th Engineer Battalion.

III MAF 1137 - Install 4-30' preconstructed towers for 2nd ROK Brigade.

III MAF 1021 - Construct 2-250 barrel water tanks and towers at the An Hoa Combat Base

III MAF 1019 - Construct four (4) 175mm gun platforms at the An Hoa Combat Base.

III MAF 1022 - Construct a 30' bridge on Route QL-1S (BT 043619)

III MAF 1016 - Construct two (2) 30' observation towers at the An Hoa Combat Base.

III MAF 1028 - Construct one (1) 20' x 30' Medical Bunker for the 7th Engineer Battalion.

III MAF 1037 - Redeck bridge on Route QL-1S. (BT 055592)

III MAF 1035 - Construct one (1) 40' observation tower at Hill 55 for 7th Marines.

III MAF 1061 - Construct 250 barrel water tank and tower for 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines.

III MAF WORK ORDERS ISSUED DURING AUGUST 1969

III MAF 1035 - Construct one (1) 40' observation tower at Hill 55 for 7th Marines.

III MAF msg 120952Z Aug69 - Provide 600 ton shot rock for MCB-8

III MAF 1044 - Issue 144 sheets of corrugated sheet metal to Company "B", also issue 1152 sheets of corrugated sheet metal to Company "C".

III MAF msg 191336Z - Construct a 1000 sq. ft. extension to the mess hall at Hill 327.

III MAF 1054 - Construct four (4) observation towers for 1st Medical Battalion.

III MAF 1060 - Construct one (1) 30' tower at Hill 65 for the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

III MAF msg 171056Z - Provide one (1) cable layer tractor and 550 grader for the DaNang Barrier.

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III MAF msg 131204Z - Provide six (6) Eimco tractors for 9 th Engineer Battalion land clearing operation.

III MAF msg 270524Z - Construct 13 - 8' x 8' bunkers and 1 - 8' x 12' bunker at ASP #2.

III MAF WORK ORDERS COMPLETED DURING AUGUST 1969

III MAF 6379 - Construct the following for 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines; 500 man mess hall with pot shack, 72 strongbacks, 10-4 hole heads, 21 urinals 3 shower units with 10 heads and lavatories, 2-4 head showers and one 500 barrel water storage tower with tank.

III MAF - Construct the following for 5th/7th Communication Battalions; five (5) SEA huts, 11-4 hole heads, 2-16' x 32' (20) head showers, one (6) head shower, one 20' x 48' rigid frame building, and one 40' x 100' rigid frame building. (CG, III MAF msg 260008Z Apr69)

III MAF - Construct ten (10) 10' x 24' bunkers for MACS-4, at Monkey Mountain. (CG, III MAF msg 050714Z Apr69)

III MAF 1105 - Construct three (3) 20' gun pads for 1st 175mm Gun Battery, 11th Marines.

III MAF 1102 - Construct 1100 feet of 4/0 wire for secondary distribution system, between Division Radio Relay and Radio Control.

III MAF 1113 - Repair storm damage at Hill 55 and storm damage at Hill 37.

III MAF 1150 - Construct five (5) standard culvert bunkers at Monkey Mountain

III MAF 1110 - Construct television repeater station to include;

1. Building for machinery
2. Pole for Antenna
3. Generator shed

III MAF 6387 - Horizontal construction - CP roads for 1/1, 2/1, 3/1, and 1/13

III MAF ltr 15.6/MNV over 11100 - Horizontal construction of in-camp roads at 3rd 175mm Gun Battery.

III MAF 1048 - Construct one (1) 12' x 12' generator shed at the Cam Le Bridge for 1st MP's.

III MAF msg 140530Z - Construct one (1) 20' x 34' bunker at Hill 327

III MAF msg 180526Z - Accomplish terrain leveling at Hill 327 for MACG-18.

III MAF 6385 - Construct 3 strongbacks 16 4 hole heads, one 50' tower, 1 water tower, and 2 showers for 2/1.

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1. Sequential Listing of Significant Events

- a. Personnel and Administration. None
- b. Enemy, Weather and Terrain. A total of .08 inches of rain was recorded for the month of August.
- c. Enemy Activity

| <u>TIME</u> | <u>INCIDENT</u> | <u>COORDINATES</u> |
|-------------|--|--------------------|
| 032200H | Company "B" sweep team received small arms fire from the east approximately 500 meters out from the cantonment. Returned fire and called in spookie. Negative casualties were sustained. Koreans accounted for 5 VC WIA. | AT 988715 |
| 061315H | One US Army personnel from Land Clearing Company operating a D7E tripped a surprise firing device type M-26. Operator WIA and medevac completed at 1345H. | BT 068509 |
| 070950H | Land clearing Company operator driving D7E tripped a surprise firing device type M-26 while on cut. Negative injuries or damage were sustained. | BT 067511 |
| 071015H | Land Clearing Company operator driving an M-64 tractor tripped a surprise firing device type M-26. Negative injuries or damage were sustained. | BT 078509 |
| 080915H | Land Clearing Company personnel found one SKS and one AK-47 while conducting search of house. | BT 046521 |
| 081600H | Land Clearing Company personnel walked three VC prisoners to their Command Post which were found in a bunker. One AK-47 rifle was captured | BT 049513 |
| 090830H | Company "A" sweep team while on sweep captured one NVA Chu Hoi waiting on them. Took Chu Hoi to 3/26 Marines Position. | AT 892823 |
| 101315H | Land Clearing Company operator driving a D7E tripped a surprise firing device type 60mm round. Negative injuries or damage were sustained. | BT 042519 |
| 102000H | Company "D" command post received four 82mm mortar rounds. Company "D" personnel manned lines. 2 personnel WIA. | AT 925581 |

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110730H Land Clearing Company personnel found one salt cache approximately 150 pounds and one rice cache approximately 400 pounds. Entire cache destroyed. BT 033523

120045H Company "D" Command Post received two 60mm mortar rounds and small arms fire at 0045H. At 0145H received 20 to 30 82mm mortar rounds and small arms fire. Personnel manned lines 100%. Negative casualties were sustained. AT 925581

120300H Company "D"'s 2nd platoon received two incoming rockets. "D" Company personnel manned lines. Negative casualties were sustained. AT 865473

120300H Company "D" reported six culverts blown. Crater dimensions 22 feet 8 inches across and 10 feet deep. Road open to one lane traffic. Repairs being made to keep road open. AT 922572

120720H Company "A" sweep team found one M-26 grenade on right shoulder of road. Checked grenade and found it was not booby-trapped. Moved grenade from position and blew it. AT 899809

120730H Company "D"'s 2nd platoon received rockets at 0300H, 0420H, 0450H and 0525H. Personnel manned bunkers from 0300H on. Negative casualties were sustained. AT 865473

120740H Company "B" sweep team found two 175mm rounds on west shoulder of Route #1. The rounds where command detonated type. Also found paper NVA flags and propaganda leaflets. Checked out area where wires lead with negative results. Rounds blown in place and turned propaganda over to the Battalion S-2. BT 046613

120740H Company "B" reported 36 inch culvert blown 50%. Road open to one lane traffic. Company "B" personnel in process of repairing road. BT 036634

120750H Company "D" sweep team found one chi com grenade booby-trapped 50 meters off right side of road. Blown in place. AT 922572

120805H Company "B" sweep team found one rock mine approximately 10 pounds on the west side of road. Mine was blown in place. BT 036633

120810H Company "B" sweep team found eight barricades between listed coordinates. The first one was rock and barbed wire, the second was rock two feet high, the third was weeds and tree limbs, the forth was same as the third, the fifth was rock, the sixth was tree limbs and rock, the seventh was rock, tree limbs and lumber, the eighth was rock, weeds and trees. Also found one 105mm illumination round at the fifth barricade. Barricades were removed with negative findings. Elew 105mm illumination round in place. BT 037630 to BT 037632

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121010H Company "B" sweep team reported bridge blown starting at BT 043620 North shore, first span damaged, second and third spans missing, and fourth span damaged. 1st Bridge Company will set up floating bridge.

121230H Company "D", 2nd Platoon received two B-40 rockets. "D" AT 865473 Company 2nd Platoon personnel fell out and manned bunkers. Negative casualties were sustained.

130630H Company "D", 2nd Platoon received three B-40 rockets. "D" AT 865473 Company 2nd Platoon personnel fell out and manned bunkers. Negative casualties were sustained.

130825H Company "B" sweep team found 16 piles of rock leading up to a barricade. Under 10 piles were chi coms, under 5 piles were 1 gallon cans, under 1 pile was a 105mm illumination round. The barricade was composed of 5 trees stratched across the road about 3 feet high with rocks and barbed wire. Grappled barricade from road and blew ordnance.

131400H Security personnel from Headquarters found a body of one enemy killed on the night of 12 August 1969. Found 1 AK-47, 2 B-40 rocket rounds, and 3 chi com grenades on the body. One other enemy was spotted at the time this one was killed. Recovered enemy ordnance was destroyed and AK-47 confiscated.

140757H Company "D" sweep team found one 25 to 35 pound rock mine AT 922551 with plastic explosive. Mine was also booby-trapped. Ordnance was blown in place.

140825H Company "D" sweep team found one 25 to 35 pound rock mine AT 922551 with plastic explosive. Second mine found at same coordinates. Ordnance was blown in place.

141205H Company "C" operator driving M-52 towing lowbed with dead lined M-64 on board returning from Hill 22 hit approximately a 15 pound box mine. Rear wheels were blown off of M-52 and three personnel from Company "C" were WIA.

150900H Company "B" sweep team found one M-79 round. Round believed to have been booby-trapped due to the fact that wires were running under it. Blew in place with negative secondary explosion.

170845H Company "B" sweep team found one claymore mine laying on west side of road. Claymore was not booby-trapped. It was blown in place.

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190325H Company "D" 2nd Platoon received heavy small arms fire and AT 865473 unestimated B-40 rockets and 82mm mortars. "D" Company 2nd Platoon personnel manned lines. Negative casualties were sustained.

190820H Company "B" sweep team flank received sniper fire from the east at BT 040631. Checked out area and continued with caution. Negative casualties were sustained. BT 037631

191005H Company "D" 2nd Platoon received seven B-40 rockets. AT 875477 Personnel manned lines. Negative casualties were sustained.

191305H Operator from Land Clearing Company operating an M64 tripped a surprise firing device type 60mm while digging out a bunker. Negative injuries with slight damage to M-64 was sustained. Completed destruction of bunker and sent M64 back to CP. AT 993548

210045H Land Clearing Company lines were probed by an enemy unit of unknown size. Received small arms fire. Personnel returned small arms, M-79, 60mm fire and M-26 grenades. Negative friendly casualties and enemy results unknown. BT 585563

211740H Land Clearing Company personnel found one ammo box of PRC 88 and PRC 25 batteries; one ammo box of chow; one ammo box of AK-47 rounds; one ammo box of chi coms; four boxes of assorted clothing and 782 gear; five M-16 magazines; one ammo box of M-79 rounds, M-1 carbine rounds, and loose rounds; 400 M-60 ammo rounds; one 20 pound rock mine; one 38 caliber revolver US made; one USMC ID card; one Geneva Convention Card; one box of guider charges for RPG; and one 60mm round. All were blown in place except pistol and documents. AT 985555

250925H Company "D" sweep team found one M-16 anti-personnel mine. Removed mine and blew it. AT 911501

270750H Company "B" sweep team found one home-made booby-trap approximately 15 to 20 meters on west side of road. Mine was made of Air Force weather ballistic device, and was booby trapped with wire running up to road, also could have been battery operated due to a battery trap. Blown in place. BT 047607

271300H Company "C" personnel while on patrol located two small bunkers dug into hillside. Bunkers were blown. AT 954109

281455H Company "C" operator driving an M-52 towing M-172 lowbed with M-64 on board hit approximately a 20 lb. box mine. Negative injuries to personnel. Blew off rear duels on M-172 and sprung frame. M-64 unloaded and continued out to barrier job. M-52 and lowbed returned to Company "C"'s CP. AT 901724

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(1) Officer assignment - See TAB A, ENCLOSURE (1)

(2) Operations 1 - 7 August 1969

(a) Horizontal Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion continued their effort to upgrade and maintain Route QL-1S by hauling, spreading, grading and rolling 1965.8 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock and 333.8 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock in the vicinity of AT 035634, in preparation for paving this section of the road. Maintenance of Route 540 was continued by hauling, spreading, grading and compacting 625 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock from AT 923609 to AT 933623. They also hauled and spread 3000 gallons of oil in the vicinity of AT 943663 to AT 937635 to aid in dust suppression and mine detection. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued to upgrade the An Hoa Road by hauling, spreading and compacting 2974 cu.yds. of fill in the vicinity of AT 924525. 530 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock was hauled, spread, and rolled in the vicinity of AT 923526 and 8000 gallons of oil was hauled and spread from AT 928520 to AT 874561, to aid in mine detection and dust suppression on this section of the road. At the 3rd 175mm Gun Battery Cantonment, the 7th Engineer Battalion continued to upgrade the in-camp roads by hauling, spreading and grading 338 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock and installing 36' of 18" culvert. At the Phu Loc (6) stockpile 350 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock was hauled and stockpiled for future use on the An Hoa Road. Civilian contractors hauled 445 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock to the Company "C" stockpile, to be used in maintaining Route 540.

(2) Vertical Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion has made plans to reconstruct the 500 barrel tank and tower that was destroyed by fire at 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines. All of the storm damage at Hill 37 and Hill 55 was completed on 5 August 1969. The 3 gun pads for the 1st 175mm Gun Battery was completed on 7 August 1969. The 250 barrel water tank and tower at the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines was completed on 1 August 1969. On 5 August 1969 the TV Repeater unit was completed at the Hai Van Pass. At the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines compound the 7th Engineer Battalion started construction of the last 10 strongbacks. The construction of the 5 standard culvert bunkers at TRC-97 is 91% complete. The bunkers at the R&R center for III MAF are 45% complete. Construction continued on the standard fighting culvert bunkers with fugasse devices for MACS-4, at Monkey Mountain. The 7th Engineer Battalion is 10% complete on the construction of the 30' replacement towers for the DaNang Barrier. The 40' x 100' butler building at the 5th/7th Communication Battalions is 55% complete at this time. The grease trap at the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines is all complete except for the plumbing hook up. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued construction of the 200 man mess hall at the Liberty Bridge for the 5th Marines. All the concrete has been poured for the interior walls and footings.

(c) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

(1) TV Repeater hut and generator shed was completed on 5 August 1969.

(2) 250 barrel water storage tank and towers at the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines was completed on 1 August 1969.

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(3) The 3 gun pads for the 1st 175mm Gun Battery were completed on 7 August 1969.

(4) The storm damage repairs at Hill 37 and 55 were completed on 5 August 1969.

(3) Operations - 8 -14 August 1969

(a) Horizontal Construction - On 12 August the Thanh Quit Bridge at BT 042621 on Route QL-1S was blown. 1st Bridge Company installed a 75' floating M4 Bridge to open the road. The 7th Engineer Battalion hauled, spread, and graded 2036.6 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock and 44.8 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock on Route QL-1S in the vicinity of the Thanh Quit, in preparation for paving. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued maintenance of Route 540 by hauling, spreading, grading and compacting 630 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock from AT 922572 to AT 933623. 17,000 gallons of oil was hauled and spread to aid in mine detection and dust suppression. There was 70' of 36" culvert installed at AT 919519 to aid in drainage. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued to upgrade the An Hoa Road by hauling, spreading and compacting 15,290 cu.yds. of fill in the vicinity of AT 926513 to AT 926517, the fill was capped with 445 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock plus 60' of 36" culvert was installed at AT 914513. Maintenance of Route 545 and Route 10 continued. The 7th Engineer Battalion hauled 45 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock to the Phu Loc (6) stockpile for future use on the An Hoa Road. Civilian contractors hauled 887 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock to be used for future use on Route 540. The Provisional Land Clearing Company continued the land Clearing operation on Go Noi Island. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued to support the 2nd ROK Brigade with four Eimco tractors, on their land clearing operation.

(b) Vertical Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion construction slowed considerably do to the tactical situation during this period. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued construction of the mess halls in the Hai Van Pass area and Liberty Bridge area. The 5th/7th Communication Battalion cantonments continued as the 40' x 100' butler building construction neared completion. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued to construct bunkers at TRC-97, Monkey Mountain for MCAS-4, and III MAF R&R center. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued to work on the foundation for the new Battalion Aid Station at the 7th Engineer Battalion Command Post. The construction of 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines Cantonment near completion as work continued on the last ten strongback huts. Work continued on the replacement towers for the DaNang Barrier continued on schedule during this period.

(c) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

12 August 1969 - The Thanh Quit Bridge at BT 042621 on Route QL-1S was blown. 1st Bridge Company installed a 75' floating M4 Bridge to open road.

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(3) Operations - 15 -21 August 1969

(a) Horizontal Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion surveyed the road behind the berm and made preparations to begin construction. Upgrading and maintenance of Route QL-1S continued by hauling, spreading, grading and rolling 535 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock and 1277 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock in the vicinity of Song Thanh Quit, in preparation for paving. On the An Hoa Road 13,940 cu.yds. of fill and 75 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock were hauled, spread, graded and rolled. 13,000 gallons of water and 2000 gallons of oil was spread to aid in road compaction, dust suppression and mine detection. 40' of 36" culvert and 70' of 48" culvert were also installed to aid drainage. Maintenance of Route 540 was continued by grading and shaping the road from AT 899774 to AT 908744. Work on Route 540 was kept to a minimum this week in order to divert construction assets to Route QL-1S. The 7th Engineer Battalions Provisional Land Clearing Company continued to support 1st Marine Division units in a tactical land clearing operation.

(b) Vertical Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion began construction of 3-40' observation towers for 610 Transportation Company. The wall frames and rafters are complete on the 12' x 12' generator shed at the Cam Le Bridge for the 1st MP's. At Hill 327 construction was begun on a 20' x 34' bunker. There were two (2) 30' sentry towers for the An Hoa Combat Base flown into position on 21 August 1969. The 7th Engineer Battalion completed construction of 5 standard fighting culvert bunkers at TRC-97, Monkey Mountain. Construction of the eight (8) 12' x 28' bunkers at the R&R center for III MAF. At the Hai Van Pass the roof trusses were erected on the 250 man mess hall and the construction is continuing. The last phase of the metal 40' x 100' building is nearing completion. The building is at the 6th/7th Communication Battalions Cantorment. The 7th Engineer Battalion began re-construction of the 500 barrel water storage tank and tower for the 1st Marines (east). The 250 man mess hall at the Liberty Bridge has the deck poured and now the wall frames and roof trusses are being fabricated. Installation of the piles and barrels for the two (2) 175mm gun pads at the An Hoa Combat Base. The 7th Engineer Battalion completed anchoring the bunkers at MACS-4, Monkey Mountain. This project is 85% complete. Construction of the two (2) 250 barrel water tanks at the 7th Engineer Battalion was slowed down due to lack of materials. The BAS at the 7th Engineer Battalion CP is presently 15% complete. The preparations for the footing and forms are complete and ready for concrete. All work is essentially complete with the exception of providing engineer assistance in the installation of the TV equipment in the TV Repeater shed at the Hai Van Pass.

(c) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

20 August 1969 - 5 standard fighting culvert bunkers were completed at TRC-97

21 August 1969 - 2-30' sentry towers for the An Hoa Combat Base were flown into position.

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(4) Operations - 22 - 28 August 1969

(a) Horizontal Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion construction of an access road behind the berm at their CP was continued. The Provisional Land Clearing Company completed land clearing operations for tactical operation "Pipestone Canyon" on 24 August 1969. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued to support the 2nd ROK Brigade with 4 Eimco tractors, for their tactical land clearing operation. Upgrading and maintenance of QL-1S was continued by hauling, spreading, grading and rolling 888 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock and 74.8 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock in the vicinity of the Thanh Quyt, in preparation for paving. To aid in mine detection and dust suppression, 2000 gallons of oil was spread on QL-1S from BT 032604 to BT 048607. The upgrading of the An Hoa Road by hauling, spreading and compacting 12,283 cu.yds. of fill in the vicinity of AT 910515. There was 1140 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock and 19,400 gallons of water were also hauled and spread in this same area. 6000 gallons of oil was hauled and spread on Route 540 from AT 922500 to AT 914510, to aid in mine detection and dust suppression.

(b) Vertical Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion began construction of four 30' towers for the 610 Transportation Company. This project is presently 23% complete. At the Cam Le Bridge the Construction of the 12' x 12' generator shed was completed on 24 August 1969. On Hill 327, a 20' x 34' bunker was constructed by the 7th Engineer Battalion. This project was completed on 26 August 1969. Also on Hill 327, the site preparations for a 20' x 50' mess hall extension was begun. At the R&E center the eight 12' x 28' bunkers were completed on 24 August 1969. The cantonment project at the 5th/7th Communication Battalions was completed on 23 August 1969. Construction continued on the 250 man mess hall at the Hai Van Pass by erecting roof trusses and wall frames. The construction of two 175mm gun pads and two gun pads for 8" Howitzers were continued by the 7th Engineer Battalion. At MACS-4, Monkey Mountain all of the bunker construction is complete. Fugasse devices are to be installed near these sites as soon as materials become available. The construction of two 30' towers for the DaNang barrier are reported 22% complete. The construction of the Battalion Aid Station at the 7th Engineer Battalion CP has been slowed due to forming difficulties. At the Liberty Bridge 250 man mess hall, the roof trusses and wall frames are being prefabricated so that they may be erected in the near future. The installation of lightning rods on 18-60' towers and 24-36' towers for the 2nd ROK Brigade is 52% complete.

(c) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

23 August 1969 - Completed construction of the 5th/7th Communication Battalions cantonment project.

24 August 1969 - Completed construction of eight (8) 12' x 28' bunkers at the R&R center for III MAF

24 August 1969 - Completed land clearing operations for operation "Pipestone Canyon"

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(5) Operations - 29 - 31 August 1969

(a) Horizontal Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion continued to upgrade route QL-1S in the vicinity of the Thanh Quyt by hauling, spreading, grading and compacting 744.8 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock and 28.4 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock. They also hauled and spread 2000 gallons of oil in this same area, to aid in dust suppression and mine detection. On Route 540 maintenance was continued by hauling and spreading 4000 gallons of oil from AT 942663 to AT 942657, to aid in mine detection and dust suppression. 170 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock was also hauled and spread on Route 540 in the vicinity of AT 934624. In the vicinity of AT 910508, on the An Hoa Road 5600 cu.yds. of fill was hauled, spread, graded and compacted. In the same area 185 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock was hauled, spread and rolled. To aid in mine detection and dust suppression on the An Hoa road, 14,000 gallons of oil was hauled and spread from AT 910515 to AT 873473. The 7th Engineer Battalion also hauled and spread 2000 gallons of oil on Route 4, to aid in mine detection and dust suppression.

(b) Vertical Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion continued construction of the three 40' towers for the 610 Transportation Company. The legs for these towers are prepared for erection. The digging for the footing and setting of the forms for the mess hall extension at Hill 327 was continued. This project is 6% complete. At the Hai Van Pass, construction continued on the 250 man mess hall by placing screen on the exterior walls. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued construction of the 250 barrel water storage tank and tower at 1st Marines East. The construction of the 2-30' replacement towers for the DaNang Barrier is 97% complete. The Battalion Aid Station at the 7th Engineer Battalion CP is ready for the concrete to be poured for the deck. The gun pads at the An Hoa Combat Base are now 21% complete. The 7th Engineer Battalion installed the roof trusses on the 250 man mess hall at the Liberty Bridge.

d. Plans (a) Horizontal Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion continued to upgrade route QL-1S in the vicinity of the Thanh Quyt by hauling, spreading, grading (1) ~~Continued general support of all units within the 1st Marine 6"(-) Division TAOR, nor has it been assigned by III MAF Headquarters.~~ in this same area, to aid in dust suppression and mine detection. On Route 540 maintenance was continued by hauling (2) ~~Continued maintenance of assigned roads within the 1st Marine~~ to aid Division TAOR and as directed by III MAF Headquarters. 3"(-) rock was also hauled and spread on Route 540 in the vicinity of AT 934624. In the vicinity of AT 910508 (3) ~~Continued maintenance and upgrading of Route QL-1S~~ spread, graded and compacted. In the same area 185 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock was hauled, spread and rolled. (4) Start upgrading of Route LTL 4 dust suppression on the An Hoa road, 14,000 gallons of oil was hauled and spread from AT 910515 to AT 873473. The 7th Engin (5) ~~Continued maintenance of Route 545~~ 500 gallons of oil on Route 4, to aid in mine detection and dust suppression.

(6) Continued upgrading Route 540 to An Hoa

(b) Vertical Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion continued construction (7) ~~Continued upgrading of Route 30~~ 610 Transportation Company. The legs for these towers are prepared for erection. The digging for the footing and setting (8) ~~Continued maintenance of Route 544~~ extension at Hill 327 was continued. This project is 6% complete. At the Hai Van Pass, construction continued on the 250 man mess hall by placing screen on the exterior walls. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued construction of the 1550 barrel water storage tank at 1st Marines East. The construction of the 2-30' replacement towers for the DaNang Barrier is 97% complete. The Battalion Aid Station at the 7th Engineer Battalion CP is ready for the concrete to be poured for the deck. The gun pads at the An Hoa Combat Base are now 21% complete. The 7th Engineer Battalion installed the roof trusses on the 250 man mess hall at the Liberty Bridge.

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(9) Continued maintenance of Route 542

(10) Continued maintenance of Route 10

e. Training

(1) Command Indoctrination and information for newly arrived personnel was conducted. 98 enlisted personnel attended.

(2) 25 enlisted personnel attended Landmine Warfare School (1st Engineer Battalion)

(3) 12 enlisted personnel attended Chain Saw School (7thEngrBn)

(4) 28 enlisted personnel attended Rock Crusher School (7thEngrBn)

(5) 2 Officers attended Officer Leadership School (1stMarDiv)

(6) 2 Staff NCO's attended Staff NCO Leadership School (1stMarDiv)

(7) 2 NCO's attended NCO Leadership School (1stMarDiv)

(8) 3 enlisted attended Basic Ammo Tech Course (Okinawa)

(9) 1 enlisted personnel attended Embarkation School (Okinawa)

(10) 3 enlisted attended Special Weapons Course (Okinawa)

(11) 3 enlisted personnel attended Generator School (China Beach)

(12) 3 enlisted personnel attended 16mm Projectionist School (III MAF)

(13) 1 Officer attended Comm/Crypto School - (Japan)

(14) 1 enlisted attended Basic Infantry Weapons Course (Okinawa)

f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply

(1) Administration

(a) 3 August-Sent 6 Eimcos, 1 air compressor and 1-M60 crane to operation "Pipestone Canyon".

(b) 7 August-Received one (1) Eimco

(c) 15 August-Combat Loss one (1) Eimco

(d) 15 August-Received 1 MRS 100, 1 MRS 200 and 1-150T46 Crane.

(e) 16 August-Received one (1) LM62 welder (1stBridge)

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- (f) 17 August-Received 13 - M51 dumps, two (2) Eimcos
- (g) 23 August-Received 1-M151 jeep from maintenance float
- (h) 23 August-Received 4-M151 jeeps
- (i) 24 August- 6 Eimcos, 1 air compressor and 1-M60 crane returned from "Pipestone Canyon"
- (j) 27 August-Received one (1) sheepfoot roller
- (k) 27 August-Received one (1) floodlight unit
- (l) 27 August-Received one (1) M52 from maintenance float
- (m) 27 August-Received (1) M-49 tanker
- (n) 27 August-Contract for civilian trucks to haul rock was terminated.
- (o) 30 August-Invoiced (2) sheepfoot rollers to 1st Engineer Battalion.
- (p) 31 August-Received new contract for civilian trucks to haul rock.

(2) Supply

7th Engineer Battalion (AC 21300)

During the month of August, Battalion Supply processed 102 priority 02, 532 priority 05 and 620 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 769 receipts from due, 769 issues from due and 621 issues from stock.

1st Bridge Company (AC 21325)

During the month of August, 1st Bridge Supply processed 33 priority 02, 86 priority 05 and 63 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 245 receipts from due, 201 issues from due and 87 issues from stock.

Motor Transport

Approximately 148,260 miles were logged in on the Battalion Motor Transport vehicles during the month of August. There were 10,052 tons of earth products hauled and 15,530 tons of general cargo hauled during the month of August.

Maintenance

The Battalion Motor Transport Maintenance received 157 work orders, completed 129 work orders and sent 17 work orders to FSR during the month of August. The Battalion Heavy Equipment Maintenance received 72 engineer work orders, completed 54 and sent 11 work orders to FSR during August, two items returned from FSR and two items were Code H during August.

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Messing

The Battalion Mess hall continues to provide four (4) meals daily except Sunday. The fourth meal being Mid-rations for duty personnel. On Sundays and holidays a brunch is served replacing breakfast and dinner.

Medical

The Battalion Aid Station treated 1386 military, 32 Vietnamese and 2 Civilian. The Dental Clinic treated 245 military, 4 Vietnamese and 0 Civilian workers.

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

(1) The Civic Action Program sponsored the following:

- (a) The MedCap Program provided treatment for 222 persons
- (b) The DentCap Program provided treatment for 38 persons
- (c) Distributed 65 pounds of clothing, 55 pounds of soap, and 10 pounds of food.

(d) Eight packages of clothing and miscellaneous items were received from donators through Operation "Handclasp"

(e) Two PSYOPS movies were held in the hamlet of Hoa Ninh for approximately 500 people.

(2) Personal Response

(a) Five cultural tours were conducted in the city of DaNang with the participation of 81 Marines.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

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| NAME | SERVNO/MOS | RANK | PRIMARY DUTY | RTD |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------|------------------|---------|
| BATES, W. G. | 051526/1302/5702/0406 | LtCol | BnCmdr | 12Sep70 |
| BORDENARO, R. J. | 064504/1302/2502/8 02 | Maj | ExecO | 21Oct69 |
| ALNUTT, R. H. | 095814/0130/0102 | 1stLt | S-1/Adj | 10Jan70 |
| BRANNON, D. R. | 0105032/2502 | 1stLt | CommO | 1Dec69 |
| DEBUSSEY, R. C. | 0104910/1302 | 1stLt | HqComdt | 23Nov69 |
| ERICKSON, R. L. | 0105083/1302 | 1stLt | Asst S-3 | 28Sep69 |
| MANGNALL, B. C. Jr. | 0103650/1302/1310 | 1stLt | Asst S-3 | 3Jan70 |
| MARSHALL, J. T. | 080929/1302/1310 | Maj | S-4 | 30Oct69 |
| MCALEISTER, G. D. | 099031/1360 | CWO-2 | ConstPltCmdr | 21Dec69 |
| OSBECK, D. G. | 0106007/1302/0430 | 1stLt | Asst S-4/Legal | 22Nov69 |
| FLOWMAN, F. C. | 082334/1302/1310/1305 | Maj | Asst S-4 | 30Oct70 |
| PRICER, K. D. | 0104937/1302 | 1stLt | Asst S-3 | 6Dec69 |
| SHUMAKER, J. C. | 090562/1302/5715 | Capt | S-3 | 9Jun70 |
| WHITE, E. G. | 0105701/1302 | 1stLt | S-2/S-5 | 17Oct69 |
| <u>SERVICE COMPANY</u> | | | | |
| BANKS, R. J. | 0100833/1302 | 1stLt | CoCmdr | 6Mar70 |
| KRESGE, F. E. | 098930/1310 | CWO-2 | AsstMaintPltCmdr | 24Sep70 |
| KRUSEMARK, L. E. | 0104657/3002 | 1stLt | BnSupO | 11Oct69 |
| LAWRENCE, D. W. | 0105955/3502 | 1stLt | BnMTO | 27Sep70 |
| OLSON, R. D. | 091398/1310 | Capt | MaintPltCmdr | 24Sep70 |
| <u>"A" COMPANY</u> | | | | |
| GOMEZ, C. J. | 089904/1302 | Capt | CoCmdr | 16Jul70 |
| CARLSON, F. G. | 0105884/1302 | 1stLt | PltCmdr | 23Nov69 |
| FLAMMANG, J. F. Jr. | 0105512/1302 | 1stLt | PltCmdr | 17Oct69 |
| RANISZEWSKI, A. Jr. | 0106863/1302/1390 | 2ndLt | PltCmdr | 17Jun70 |
| <u>"B" COMPANY</u> | | | | |
| VANCE, K. A. | 081562/1310 | Capt | CoCmdr | 16Aug70 |
| BASHAM, G. W. | 0105865/1302 | 2ndLt | PltCmdr | 17Jun70 |
| RINEHART, C. S. | 0105243/1302 | 1stLt | PltCmdr | 28Sep69 |
| WICKMAN, B. E. | 0106423/1302/1390 | 2ndLt | PltCmdr | 22Jun70 |
| WISE, R. A. Jr. | 0104959/1302 | 1stLt | PltCmdr | 11Dec69 |
| <u>"C" COMPANY</u> | | | | |
| MUNDY, M. E. | 097485/1302/0430 | Capt | CoCmdr | 26Sep70 |
| LINDSEY, E. E. | 0105959/1302 | 1stLt | PltCmdr | 23Nov69 |
| LYONS, A. E. | 0106846/1302 | 2ndLt | PltCmdr | 17Jun70 |
| MCLARTY, R. A. | 0106319/1302 | 1stLt | PltCmdr | 17Mar70 |
| PERRIN, W. R. | 0108421/1302 | 2ndLt | PltCmdr | 30Jun70 |
| <u>"D" COMPANY</u> | | | | |
| GETTMAN, J. A. | 0102613/1302 | 1stLt | CoCmdr | 1Jan70 |
| ADAMS, R. E. | 0105441/1302 | 1stLt | PltCmdr | 23Oct69 |
| LEONARD, R. L. | 0105165/1302 | 1stLt | PltCmdr | 29Sep69 |
| WILLS, H. J. | 0106074/1302 | 1stLt | PltCmdr | 23Nov69 |
| WILSON, T. J. | 0107962/1302 | 2ndLt | PltCmdr | 6Jun70 |

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|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------|
| <u>1st BRIDGE COMPANY</u> | | | | |
| PASCARELLA, R. A. Jr. | 0103721/1302 | 1stLt | CoCmdr | 3Jan70 |
| BELL, D. C. | 0108235/1302 | 2ndLt | PltCmdr | 22Jun70 |
| GORDON, T. E. | 0105524/1302 | 1stLt | PltCmdr | 24Oct69 |
| JONES, J. C. | 0105555/1302 | 1stLt | PltCmdr | 23Oct69 |
| KINGSBURY, D. J. | 0107427/3002 | 1stLt | SupO | 20Sep70 |
| <u>USA</u> | | | | |
| CARLSON, C. R. | 698088/2205 | Lt | BnDentist | 6Feb70 |
| KROPSKY, B. A. | 729804/2105 | Lt | BnSurgeon | 24Feb70 |
| PAGE, D. V. | 652223/4105 | LtCmdr | BnChaplain | 19Jul70 |