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

Subj: Command Chronology; period 1 September to 30 September 1969

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: (1) September Chronology

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

  
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By direction

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 September 1969 to 30 September 1969

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

7th Engineer Battalion (Rein), FMF

LtCol W. G. BATES

SUBORDINATE UNITS

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Period Individual Occupied Billet</u>
HqCo	1stLt R. C. DEBUSSEY	5Aug69 - 30Sep69
ServCo	Maj W. W. RICH	12Mar69 - 9Sep69
ServCo	1stLt R. J. BANKS	10Sep69 - 30Sep69
Co"A"	Capt C. J. GOMEZ	25Jun69 - 30Sep69
Co"B"	1stLt C. S. RINEHART	15Jun69 - 11Sep69
Co"B"	Capt K. A. VANCE	12Sep69 - 30Sep69
Co"C"	1stLt E. E. LINDSEY	8Aug69 - 7Sep69
Co"C"	Capt M. W. MUNDY	8Sep69 - 30Sep69
Co"D"	1stLt J. A. GETTMAN	27Aug69 - 30Sep69

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Bridge Co	1stLt R. A. PASCARELLA	25Aug69 - 30Sep69
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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 Billet</u>
Executive Officer	Maj R. J. BORDENARO	18Apr69 - 30Sep69
S-1	1stLt R. H. ALNUTT	18Dec68 - 30Sep69
S-2/S-3	Capt J. C. SHUMAKER	22Jun69 - 30Sep69
S-4	Maj J. T. MARSHALL	12Dec68 - 22Sep69
S-4	Maj F. C. PLOWMAN	23Sep69 - 30Sep69
S-5	1stLt E. G. WHITE	6Apr69 - 30Sep69

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<u>Section</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Period Individual Occupied Billet</u>
Supply Officer	1stLt L. E. KRUSEMARK	12Mar69 - 30Sep69
SgtMaj	SgtMaj C. D. AMKERMAN	1Sep69 - 30 Sep69

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
44	1138	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>
<u>OFF</u> 12	0	7	0
<u>ENL</u> 123	1	121	2

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

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 40.5 miles of road. The Battalion maintained 7 water points in the DaNang area producing 4,088,000 gallons of water. One platoon of the 1st Bridge Company is now in a TAD status to furnish tactical bridge support to the 9th Engineer Battalion at Chu Lai.

Company "A", 7th Engineer Battalion continued maintenance of Rt# 540 and Rt. 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 on 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 042621.

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 874460 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. Company "D" also conducts daily mine sweeps of Route 4 from AT 922576 to AT 968584.

III MAF WORK ORDERS OUTSTANDING 1 September 1969

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

III MAF msg - Construct and remove one (1) MAT6 floating bridge at Lang Co.  
(Phone Call)

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

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

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

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

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

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.

III MAF msg 131204Z - Provide six (6) Eimco tractors for 9th 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 ISSUED DURING SEPTEMBER 1969

III MAF 1054 - Construct two (2) 20' towers for 1st Medical Battalion.

III MAF msg 010532Z Aug69 - Furnish six (6) tractors in support of 2nd ROK land clearing operation.

III MAF ltr 1510/wlc over 11100 - Provide one tractor to MASS-3 on Hill 327.

III MAF msg 122308Z - Prepare 40' x 40' sub base for helo pad for MASS-3

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III MAF 1046 - Construct one (1) 8' x 12' bunker for Service Company, 7th Engineer Battalion.

III MAF 1072 - Construct two (2) SEA huts for "A" Company, 7th Engineer Battalion.

III MAF 1085 - Dig one (1) water well at "D" Company, 7th Engineer Battalion.

III MAF 1077 - Construct eleven (11) 8' x 6' x 8' fighting bunkers at "C" Company, 7th Engineer Battalion.

III MAF 1079 - Construct one (1) 20' x 32' bunker for the 1st Radio Battalion.

III MAF msg 241116Z Sept69 - Furnish one (1) Eimco tractor to MAG-16 for a period of one week.

III MAF 1084 - Construct two (2) 4 hole burn-out heads for "C" Company, 7th Engineer Battalion.

III MAF 1080 - Construct one (2) 30' observation tower for 11th Marines.

III MAF 1088 - Const (2) SEA huts and (1) 3 logged 50' tower on Barrier Island. Provide Engr. Tech assistance for 62 bunkers, 4-ammo bunkers, 5-2 hole heads, 33-living bunkers, and 1-TOC bunker for 2nd ROK Brigade.

III MAF WORK ORDERS COMPLETED DURING SEPTEMBER 1969

III MAF 6387

1. Perform horizontal construction on cantonment 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 cantonment roads at 1st Battalion 1st Marines.
4. Perform horizontal construction on cantonment roads at 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines.

III MAF msg - Provide one Eimco with operator to assist 7th Communication Battalion in laying cable. (III MAF msg 171056Z JULY 1969)

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

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

III MAF msg - Upgrade Route QL-1S from Thanh Quit to BT 036631. (CG, III MAF msg 180610Z May69)

III MAF msg - Construct 12 fighting bunkers for MACS-4 (III MAF ltr MTH/shb over 11100 dtd 14 June 1969)

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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 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' replacement towers for the DaNang Barrier and install four (4) 30' towers for the 2nd ROK Brigade.

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

III MAF ltr 1510/wlc over 11100 - Provide one (1) Einco tractor to MASS-3 on Hill 327.

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

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

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

III MAF msg 122308Z - Prepare 40' x 40' sub base for helo pad for MASS-3

### PART III

#### 1. Sequential Listing of Significant Events

- a. Personnel and Administration. None
- b. Enemy, Weather and Terrain. A total of 8.81 inches of rain was recorded for the month of September.
- c. Enemy Activity

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
040720H	Company "C"'s sweep team found five claymores in the middle of Route 540. Ordnance was blown in place	AT 946698
040830H	Company "D"'s sweep team found one LAAW on the right side of Route 540. LAAW was blown in place.	AT 922603

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- 040740H Company "A" sweep team found ten V.C. type claymore mines AT 914940  
ten meters above west side of road on edge of bank.  
Mines were armed with electrical type caps spaced two  
meters apart covering a distance of fifty meters. Lead wire  
was traced with negative findings. Sweep team disarmed clay-  
mores and brought them back to Company "A"'s CP.
- 041445H Headquarters Company operator driving a Eimco hit approximat-AT 892717  
ly a 20 lb box mine with pressure type firing device. Eimco  
was totally destroyed with negative casualties.
- 060200H Company "D"'s CP received small arms fire. Personnel AT 927579  
manned lines with negative casualties.
- 060730H Company "B" sweep team found two rock mines approximately BT 047609  
ten pounds each on Route #1. Mines were set for Cmd. Det.  
with wires running 300 to 400 meters off east side of road.  
A Vietnamese was spotted approximately where wires ended.  
Fired at Vietnamese with negative results. Removed rock  
mines and blow in rice paddy.
- 061035H Headquarters Company reported one rocket hit in Battalion AT 951771  
Rock Quarry damaging 75 ton rock crusher. Contact team was  
sent to rock crusher. Rock crusher Code H.
- 061305H Company "D"'s second platoon CP received four 122mm rockets. AT 841454  
Personnel manned lines with negative casualties.
- 070113H 7th Engineer Battalion's road post #1 and #3 received three AT 944782  
rounds of sniper fire. Negative casualties were sustained  
and no fire was returned.
- 070720H Company "C" sweep team found one 60mm round on road. Sweep AT 945695  
team personnel moved round to side of road and blew it.
- 070825H Company "B" sweep team found three barricades stretching BT 040620  
across road, first one consisting of tree limbs; second one  
approximately 25 meters beyond consisting of piles of rocks;  
third one approximately 5 meters beyond consisting of sticks.  
Also found red and yellow sign attached to tree and booby  
trapped with M-26 grenade.
- 071505H Company "D"'s second platoon CP received four 122mm rockets. AT 841454  
Personnel manned lines with negative casualties.
- 090730H Company "D" sweep team found one ChiCom grenade and one AT 932578  
M-26 grenade approximately five meters off right side of  
road. Grenades were blown in place.
- 090815H Company "D" sweep team found one ChiCom grenade on left AT 945582  
side of road. Grenade was blown in place.

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- 110746 Company "D" sweep team found three Chi Com grenades. Grenades blown in place. AT 950582
- 110815H Company "B" sweep team found one M-26 grenade approximately ten meters off east side of road. Grenade was booby trapped with trip wire. Ordnance was blown in place. BT 038628
- 120300H Company "D"'s second platoon CP received unknown amount of unknown size rockets. Personnel manned bunkers with negative casualties. AT 841454
- 120930H Company "D" sweep team was shown one booby trapped ChiCom grenade with trip wires leading off left side of road by Vietnamese Children. Also one B-40 rocket, one 60mm mortar, and one ChiCom which was not booby trapped. All ordnance was blown in place. AT 940581
- 121300H Company "D"'s second platoon received two 122mm rockets. Personnel manned bunkers with negative casualties. AT 842455
- 130740H Company "B" sweep team found one barricade consisting of rock with three piles of rock on north side and 9 piles of rock on south side of barricade. Negative findings in barricade and piles of rock. Found unknown explosives set for command detonation with wire running approximately 200 feet off east side of road. While investigating barricades sighted a brush barricade. Blew explosive in place leaving crater 4 foot across and 3 foot deep. Crater has been filled. BT 037629
- 130750H Company "B" sweep team while on sweep had six (6) 105 rounds detonate resulting in 3 casualties. Also received sniper fire and 4 or 5 mortar rounds from the west approximately AT 052595. Called in Medevac and had gunships fire in area of enemy. Also returned small arms fire. One USMC KIA, One USMC WIA, and one ROK WIA. BT 052595
- 130900H Company "D" sweep team found one booby trapped ChiCom grenade on left side of road. Grenade was blown in place. AT 952583
- 140845H Company "B" sweep team found a barricade consisting of branches and brush across the road. While destroying barricade with grappling hook a M-26 grenade went off. Also found unknown explosive. Blew unknown explosive in place with secondary explosion. Negative casualties were sustained. BT 042623

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161030H Company "D" sweep team found the body of one Vietnamese in a ravine on right side of road approximately 10 meters out. The Vietnamese was stripped naked with a large open wound in small of back, possibly from M-79 round. Found Vietnamese clothing approximately 100 meters up road. Checked body for possible booby traps with negative findings. Vietnamese was believed to have been killed last night by 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines while on patrol. AT 960584

161115H Company "D" sweep team found one M-26 grenade. Grenade was not booby trapped and was blown in place AT 966584

181000H Company "D" sweep team security walking point stepped on approximately a 40lb box mine. Two (2) USMC 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine personnel KIA. MedEvac called in. AT 960584

200950H Company "D" sweep team found one 40 lb rock mine with mine detector. Mine was disarmed and taken to "D" Company's CP for further disarming. AT 945582

201545H Company "C" operator driving M-51 was heading north on Route #540. Driver stopped to check tires and when he got down from cab received a burst of automatic fire. Driver received minor wounds; proceeded on way with no action taken. AT 927615

201550H Company "D" operator while marking by-pass on culvert site on An Hoa Road driving Eimco tractor hit anti-personnel mine. Driver received minor injuries and no damage to Eimco. AT 904474

210930H Company "D" sweep team found one homemade anti-personnel mine on left side of road. Mine was blown in place. AT 929578

220720H Company "D" sweep team reported culvert blown on Route #540. Repairs made by Company "D" personnel. AT 922572

220747H Company "B" sweep team found one 105HE round approximately 40 meters off east side of road. Round was not booby trapped. Ordnance was blown in place. BT 039634

220830H Company "B" sweep team found one M-26 grenade approximately 10 meters off east side of road. Grenade was not booby trapped. Ordnance was blown in place. BT 038627

230840H Company "D" sweep team found one anti-personnel mine in mud hole on Route # 4. Mine was blown in place. AT 940581

230850H Company "D" sweep team found one anti-personnel mine in mud hole on Route # 4. Mine was blown in place. AT 942582

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- 240812H Company "B" sweep team found one 40 lb mine in middle of road. BT 039628  
Mine was set up to be command detonated with wire running approximately 150 meters off west side of road. Mine blown in place and hole was filled.
- 250800H Company "D" sweep team security tripped 1 booby trapped ChiCom AT 934577  
grenade on left side of road about 20 meters out. Negative injuries were sustained. Checked out area with Negative findings.
- 280800H Company "B" sweep team found 10 barricades made of rocks and BT 039628  
bushes on Route #1. Personnel investigated with negative findings.
- 291105H Company "D" sweep team found one 30 lb rock mine. Mine was AT 945582  
found approximately 25 meters from previous crater left on 28 September 1969. Crater size 7' x 3'. Mine was armed with pressure type firing device. Mine blown in place.
- 300815H Company "B" sweep team found one 10 lb rock mine on east side BT 037630  
of road. Mine was not set for detonation. Mine removed from road and destroyed.
- 300815H Company "B" sweep team found one M-26 booby trapped grenade BT 062578  
on west side of road next to culvert. M-26 was blown in place.
- 300920H Company "D" sweep team found one Anti-personnel mine weight AT 940582  
approximately 5 lbs., home made, two fuzes: Command and pull type firing device. Mine was blown in place.

c. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

- (1) Officer assignment - See TAB A, enclosure (1)
- (2) Operation 1 September - 4 September 1969

(a) Horizontal Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion continued maintenance of Route 542 by grading from AT 940754 to AT 930745. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued maintenance of Route 545 by grading from AT 950785 to AT 938791, and from AT 930795 to AT 920794. The 7th Engineer Battalion hauled, spread, rolled and compacted 110 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock and 1240 cu.yds. of fill and 35 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock for An Hoa Road. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued to haul, spread and roll 1098 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock and 35 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock to the area of Song Thanh Quit from BT 045614 to BT 052599, to upgrade this section of Route QL-1S in preparation for paving. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued to upgrade and maintain Route 540 by grading the following areas, from AT 942690 to AT 941642, AT 912590 to AT 924607 and from AT 922577 to AT 922542 also hauled 30 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock to Route 540 from AT 922540 to AT 920584. The 7th Engineer maintained Route 4w by hauling 25 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock and 10 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock to fill crater at AT 900571.

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(b) **Verticle Construction** - The 7th Engineer Battalion continued construction of 250 man mess hall at Hai Van Pass. This project is 71% complete. The BAS bunker for 7th Engineer Battalion is progressing at a slow rate due to preparing the site for pouring of concrete deck and footings. This project is 18% complete at this time. Continued to put bracing on legs of towers for 610 Transportation Company. This project is currently 38% complete. This past week 7th Engineer Battalion started a mess hall extension at Hill 327 and this project is currently 7% complete. Continued to erect 2-30' and 2-20' towers for 1st Medical Battalion. This project is 20% complete. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued to construct and place towers for the DaNang barrier. This project is currently 35% complete. Continued to erect rafters for 250 man mess hall at Liberty Bridge. This project is currently 52% complete. The work on the gun pads at An Hoa have been slowed by rain but project is currently 30% complete. The 2-250 barrel tanks to be constructed at the 7th Engineer Battalion area have been stopped because water tanks are not available.

(3) **Operations** 5 September - 11 September 1969

(a) **Horizontal Construction** - The 7th Engineer Battalion hauled, spread, graded and rolled 772 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock and 1428.4 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock on Route QL-1S in the vicinity of BT 045614 to upgrade and improve this section of the road in preparation for paving. The 7th Engineer Battalion in its effort to improve and maintain Route 545 by grading from AT 930795 to AT 920793 from AT 927744 to AT 927738 and spread 1200 gallons of oil from AT 945786 to AT 924793 and 2400 gallons of oil from AT 950785 to AT 908783. On Route 542 1200 gallons of oil was spread from AT 947759 to AT 930745. The 7th Engineer Battalion hauled 2075 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock to AT 917500, 145 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock to AT 917508, 265 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock at AT 917510, 1996 cu.yds. of fill at AT 918510, 2400 gallons of water and 2000 gallons of oil was spread from AT 910502 to AT 917508 to aid in compaction and dust suppression. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued to maintain Route 540 by grading the following, from AT 942688 to AT 943663, from AT 943663 to AT 928609 and from AT 922577 to AT 915508, spread 5000 gallons of oil from AT 945707 to AT 943663 and 2500 gallons of oil from AT 945707 to AT 928609 and spread 3500 gallons of oil from AT 943663 and 4000 gallons of oil from AT 922579 to AT 930620.

(b) **Verticle Construction** - The 7th Engineer Battalion completed installation of grease trap for 1st Marines. Began construction of 2-30' towers for 1st Medical Battalion, also began prefabricating 2 towers for 2-250 barrel water tanks and towers for An Hoa. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued to construct a 250 man mess hall at Hai Van Pass, also a mess hall extension for Hill 327 and another 250 man mess hall for Liberty Bridge. Continued to construct towers for 610 Transportation Company. 7th Engineer Battalion have been installing lightning rods for 2nd ROKS and have been waiting on materials for 2-250 barrel water tanks for 1st Marines, also have be waiting on fugasse devices for bunkers at MACS-4. Reconstructed 1-250 barrel water tank and tower for 1st Battalion 1st Marines. The 7th Engineer Battalion is currently constructing a 20' x 30' bunker to be used for BAS in the 7th Engineer Battalion area. Continued to construct 50' ft. tower for 2nd ROKS and 4-30' towers for the DaNang Barrier. "D" Company, 7th Engineer Battalion continued to work on gun pads at An Hoa.

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(4) Operations 12 September - 18 September 1969

(a) Horizontal Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion continued to upgrade and maintain Route QL-1S in the vicinity of Dien Ban by hauling, spreading, grading and rolling 2435 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock and 228.8 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock, in preparation for paving. They also hauled and spread 10,000 gallons of water to aid in compaction. The upgrading of the An Hoa Road was continued by hauling, spreading, grading and rolling 3750 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock and 2322 cu.yds. of fill. 11,000 gallons of oil and 4800 gallons of water was spread to aid in dust suppression and compaction. 116 feet of 48" culvert was installed to aid in drainage. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued to maintain Routes 540 and 542 by hauling and spreading 11,300 gallons of oil from AT 943663 to AT 928609. 1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion supported the 2nd ROK Brigade by installing and retracting 51'8" reinforced raft near the Barrier Island.

(b) Verticle Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion constructed one (3) legged 50' observation tower for the 2nd ROK Brigade. At the 1st Medical Battalion 2-30' observation towers were flown into place. The 4-30' replacement towers for the DaNang Barrier were completed by the 7th Engineer Battalion on 15 September 1969. Construction was started on the 50' three legged tower at the Golden Gate Bridge near Hill 55. This tower is now 70% complete. At the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines mess hall the 7th Engineer Battalion completed the plumbing of the grease trap. Construction continued on the 250 barrel water tank tower superstructure for 1st Marines (east). Due to lack of materials the tank can not be constructed at this time. The 250 man mess hall at the Liberty Bridge is 69% complete. Construction has been halted due to the 5th Marines proposal to abandon this cantonment. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued construction of the 4 gun pads at the An Hoa Combat Base by pouring concrete and installing wood decks. The 2-250 Barrel water tanks and towers at the An Hoa Combat Base is reported 45% complete at this time. Construction continued on the 250 man mess hall at the Hai Van Pass by working on the interior walls, wiring and plumbing. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued their efforts toward completing 2 of these towers and erecting the bents on the 3rd tower. The wall frames for the mess hall extension were erected at the 1st MAW. This project is 57% complete. At the 1st Medical Battalion the first 20' tower was completed and the second tower was prefabricated by the 7th Engineer Battalion. The 20' x 30' BAS bunker at the 7th Engineer Battalion continuing to frame walls and than sheath this structure.

(c) Engineer Comments - Significant events

- 12 September - Completed grease trap at 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
- 13 September - Completed one 50' (3) legged tower for 2nd ROK Brigade
- 16 September - Completed construction of 4-30' replacement towers for the DaNang Barrier.

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## (5) Operations - 19 September - 25 September 1969

(a) Horizontal Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion continued their efforts to upgrade route QL-1S in the vicinity of Dien Ban by hauling, spreading, grading and rolling 2205 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock, in preparation for paving. Upgrading of the An Hoa Road continued by hauling, spreading, grading and rolling 1610 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock, 60 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock and 255 cu.yds. of fill. They also hauled and spread 12,000 gallons of oil to aid in dust suppression and mine detection. Plus installing 80' of 48" culvert and 50' of 36" culvert to aid in the drainage of the An Hoa Road. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued to maintain Route 540 by hauling and spreading 5000 gallons of oil from AT 945707 to AT 928609 and installing 90' of 36" culvert at AT 910663 and 80' of 48" culvert at AT 922572. Construction of the 7th Engineer Battalion's perimeter road continued by hauling, spreading and grading 135 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock and installing 40' of 24" culvert. This project is 38% complete. In maintaining the access road at ASP#2, the 7th Engineer Battalion hauled, spread and graded 878 cu. yds. of 3"(-) rock plus spreading 5200 gallons of oil.

(b) Verticle Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion completed construction of three (3) 30' observation towers for the 610 Transportation Company. Also completed by the 7th Engineer Battalion were two (2) 20' observation towers for the 1st Medical Battalion, 1st Marine Division. Construction was begun on one (1) 50' three legged tower for FLC. This project is 7% complete. The construction of the 250 man mess hall at the Hai Van Pass is nearing completion with all frame work and hanging of doors completed. This project is currently 93% complete. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued their efforts on the mess hall extension for the 1st MAW at Hill 327 by framing and screening the walls. The construction of the 250 barrel water and tower is reported 50% complete. The four (4) gun pads at the An Hoa Combat Base is 65% complete. The decking is being placed on the first three gun pads and construction was begun on the fourth. Both projects requiring 250 barrel water tanks at the An Hoa Combat Base and the 7th Engineer Battalion compound, are now awaiting the tanks. Construction on the 7th Engineer Battalion's Aid Station continued by completing the roofing and installing the vents.

## (c) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

21 September 1969 - Completed two (2) 20' observation towers for 1st Medical Battalion.

24 September 1969 - Completed three (3) 30' observation towers for 610 Transportation Company.

## (6) Operations - 26 September - 30 September 1969

(a) Horizontal Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion continued their efforts in upgrading QL-1S in the vicinity of Dien Ban by hauling, spreading grading and rolling 739 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock and 107.3 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock, in preparation for paving this section of the road.

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On the An Hoa Road 1495 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock was hauled, spread, graded and rolled from AT 909481 to AT 922577 and 195 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock in the vicinity of AT 915508. 42,000 gallons of oil was hauled and spread from AT 904474 to AT 922540, to aid in mine detection and dust suppression. There were three sections of 40' of 48" culvert installed at AT 910489, AT 914489 and AT 911486 to aid in drainage of this road. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued to maintain Route 540 by hauling and spreading 6400 gallons of oil to aid in mine detection and dust suppression. On Route 544 and 542, 5800 gallons of oil was spread to aid in mine detection. To aid in dust suppression, 2200 gallons of oil was spread on the ASP #2 roads. Construction continued on the berm road at the 7th Engineer Battalion CP by hauling, spreading, grading and compacting 905 cu.yds. of fill and 230 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock. There was also 20' of 24" culvert placed.

(b) Verticle Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion completed construction of the 1000 sq. ft. mess hall extension for the 1st MAF at Hill 327. Construction was begun on the two (2) 20' x 32' fighting bunkers at the R & R center for III MAF. The installation of lightning rods on the 42 towers for the 2nd ROK Brigade is currently 79% complete. At the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines the construction of the tower for the 250 barrel water tank is complete. They are now awaiting materials for the tank. Construction continued by placing the M8A1 matting on the 20' x 30' BAS bunker at the 7th Engineer Battalion CP. The construction of the 50' three legged tower for FLC is presently 45% complete. Construction continued on the ten (10) 30' towers for the ARVN Forces. This project is 78% complete. The tower for the two (2) 250 barrel water storage tanks is constructed. The 7th Engineer Battalion is now awaiting materials for the tanks. The construction of two (2) 175mm gun pads and two (2) 8" gun pads is presently 70% complete.

(c) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

30 September 1969 - Completed construction of the 1000 sq. ft. mess hall extension for 1st MAF at Hill 327.

d. Plans

- (1) Continue general support of all units within the 1st Marine Division TAOR, or as assigned by III MAF Headquarters.
- (2) Continue maintenance of assigned roads within the 1st Marine Division TAOR and as directed by III MAF Headquarters.
- (3) Continue maintenance and upgrading of Route QL-1S
- (4) Start upgrading of Route LTL 4
- (5) Continue maintenance of Route 545
- (6) Continue upgrading Route 540 to An Hoa
- (7) Continue upgrading of Route 30

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- (8) Continue maintenance of Route 544
- (9) Continue maintenance of Route 542
- (10) Continue maintenance of Route 10

e. Training

- (1) Command indoctrination and information for newly arrived personnel was conducted. 128 enlisted personnel attended.
- (2) 24 enlisted personnel attended Landmine Warfare School (1stEngrBn)
- (3) 10 personnel attended Chain Saw School (7thEngrBn)
- (4) 20 personnel attended 5 ton Driver School (7thEngrBn)
- (5) 8 personnel attended 10 ton Driver School (7thEngrBn)
- (6) 1 Officer attended Officer Leadership School (1stMarDiv)
- (7) 2 Staff NCO's attended Staff NCO Leadership School (1stMarDiv)
- (8) 2 personnel attended Career Planning Course (1stMarDiv)
- (9) 2 NCO's attended NCO Leadership School (1stMarDiv)
- (10) 2 enlisted attended Basic Ammo Tech Course (Okinawa)
- (11) 1 Officer attended Embarkation School (Okinawa)
- (12) 6 personnel attended Special Weapons Course (Okinawa)
- (13) 1 Officer attended Registered Publications System School (III MAF)

f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply

- (1) Administration
  - (a) 1 September Received (1) M64 Eimco
  - (b) 2 September ROK land clearing operations commenced
  - (c) 7 September Sent (6) M64 Eimco to ROK Brigade
  - (d) 9 September Received (1) M54 cargo truck Maint Float (1stBridge)

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- (e) 11 September Combat Loss (2) Eimco's
- (f) 12 September Received (3) M49 fuel tankers
- (g) 13 September Received (1) M51 dump truck
- (h) 15 September Received (2) H82 Scrapers
- (i) 26 September Turned in to FSR (2) sand dehydrators and (1) scraper B170A (2) M199 Dolly Convertors, (10) M51 dump trucks and (1) M37B1 truck.

(2) Supply

7th Engineer Battalion (AC 21300)

During the month of September, Battalion Supply processed 92 priority 02, 385 priority 05 and 726 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 1235 receipts from due, 1235 issues from due and 667 issues from stock.

1st Bridge Company (AC 21325)

During the month of September, 1st Bridge Supply processed 21 priority 02, 102 priority 05 and 237 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 345 receipts from due, 297 issues from due and 134 issues from stock.

Motor Transport

Approximately 183,668 miles were logged in on the Battalion Motor Transport Vehicles during the month of September. There were 1,409,777 tons of earth products hauled and 17,837 tons of general cargo hauled during the month of September.

Maintenance

The Battalion Motor Transport Maintenance received 142 work orders, completed 118 work orders and 24 work orders to FSR during the month of September. The Battalion Heavy Equipment Maintenance received 74 engineer work orders, completed 45 and sent 12 work orders to FSR during September, 0 items returned from FSR and 3 were Code H during September.

Messing

The Battalion mess hall continued 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 1136 military, 20 vietnamese and 0 civilian workers. The Dental Clinic treated 199 military, 7 Vietnamese and 0 civilian workers.

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5750g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

- (1) The civic Action Program sponsored the following:
  - (a) The medcaps provided treatment for 190 people
  - (b) The dentcaps provided treatment for 29 people
  - (c) Distributed 65 pounds of soap, 3 cases of tooth brushes, and tooth paste, and five cases of shampoo were distributed.
  - (d) Five packages of clothing and miscellaneous items were received from donators through Operation "Handclasp".
  - (e) Three brick machines, seeds, and medical supplies were distributed to the Leper Colony.
  - (f) International Rescue Committee received 1300 bricks for a new school site.
  - (g) Two loads of sand were delivered to An Ngai Tay
  - (h) Delivered scrap wood to the following villages, four loads to Tung Son, seven loads to An Ngai Tay, eight loads to Hoa Ninh and nine loads to Phu Thuong.
  - (i) One PSYOPS movie was held in the hamlet of Tung Son for approximately 125 people.

## (2) Personal Response

- (a) One cultural tour was conducted in the city of DaNang with the participation of 18 Marines.

PART IV

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

14 October 1969

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERVNO/MOS</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PRIMARY DUTY</u>	<u>RTD</u>
BATES, W. G.	051526/1302/5702/0406	LtCol	BnCmdr	12Sep70
BORDENARO, R. J.	064504/1302/2502/1802	Maj	ExecO	21Oct69
ALEXANDER, R. R.	0109270/2501	2ndLt	Asst CommO	9Oct69
ALNUTT, R. H.	095814/0130/0102	1stLt	Adj	10Jan69
BRANNON, D. R.	0105032/2502	1stLt	CommO/LegalO	1Dec69
CAROWAY, D. L.	0110799/1310	WO	HvyEquipPltCmdr	21Oct70
LYONS, A. E.	0106846/1302	2ndLt	Asst S-4	17Jun70
MCALLISTER, G. D.	099031/1360	CWO-2	ConstPltCmdr	21Dec69
PLOWMAN, F. C.	082334/1302/1310/1305	Maj	S-4	30Oct70
RANISZEWSKI, A. Jr.	0106863/1302/1390	1stLt	HqComdt	17Jun70
RUDGE, H. G.	0108774/1302	2ndLt	Asst S-3	4Aug70
SHUMAKER, J. C.	090562/1302/5715	Capt	S-2/S-3	9Jun70

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BANKS, R. J.	0100833/1302	1stLt	CoCmdr	6Mar70
CHAPPELL, S. C.	0103400/3002	1stLt	BnSupO	21May70
KRESGE, F. E.	098930/1310	CWO-2	AsstMaintPltCmdr	24Sep70
LAWRENCE, D. W.	0105955/3502	1stLt	BnMTO	27Sep70
OLSON, R. D.	091398/1310	Capt	MaintPltCmdr	24Sep70

"A" COMPANY

GOMEZ, C. J.	089904/1302	Capt	CoCmdr	16Jul70
CARTER, L. N.	0108554/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	14Oct70
MANGNALL, B. C. Jr.	0103650/1302/1390	1stLt	PltCmdr	3Jan70
SHOPE, W. W.	0108791/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	19Oct70

"B" COMPANY

VANCE, K. A.	081562/1310	Capt	CoCmdr	16Aug70
BASHAM, G. W.	0105865/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	17Jun70
WICKMAN, B. E.	0106423/1302/1390	1stLt	PltCmdr	22Jun70
WISE, R. A. Jr.	0104959/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	11Dec69

"C" COMPANY

MUNDY, M. W.	097485/1302/0430	Capt	CoCmdr	26Sep70
MCLARTY, R. A.	0106319/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	17Mar70
PERRIN, W. R.	0108421/1302	2ndLt	PltCmdr	30Jun70
SASSANO, R. J.	0108645/1301/1310	2ndLt	PltCmdr	14Oct70

"D" COMPANY

GETTMAN, J. A.	0102613/1302	1stLt	CoCmdr	1Jan70
SHIRE, J. W.	0108790/1301/1310	2ndLt	PltCmdr	19Oct70
URBANIAK, J. J.	0108824/1301/1310	2ndLt	PltCmdr	14Oct70
WILSON, T. J.	0107962/1302	2ndLt	PltCmdr	6Jun70

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERVNO/MOS</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PRIMARY DUTY</u>	<u>RTD</u>
<u>1st BRIDGE COMPANY</u>				
PASCARELLA, R. A. Jr.	0103721/1302	1stLt	CoCmdr	3Jan70
BELL, D. C.	0108235/1302	2ndLt	PltCmdr	22Jun70
CHEEVER, R. A.	0108272/1302	2ndLt	PltCmdr	22Jun70
HOSUTLER, C. R.	0108340/1302	2ndLt	PltCmdr	22Jun70
KINGSBURY, D. J.	0107421/3002	1stLt	SupO	20Sep70
NICOLOSI, D. Jr.	0107965/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	9Jul70
<u>USN</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