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

Subj: Command Chronology; period 1 October to 31 October 1969

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

Encl: / (1) October 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 October to 31 October 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 A. RANISZEWSKI	30Sep69 - 31Oct69
ServCo	1stLt R. J. BANKS	9Sep69 - 31Oct69
Co"A"	Capt C. J. GOMEZ	25Jun69 - 31Oct69
Co"B"	Capt K. P. VANCE	12Sep69 - 31Oct69
Co"C"	Capt M. E. MUNDY	8Sep69 - 31Oct69
Co"D"	1stLt J. A. GETTMAN	27Aug69 - 31Oct69

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Bridge Co	1stLt R. A. PASCARELLA	25Aug69 - 31Oct69
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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 - 31Oct69
S-1	1stLt R. H. ALNUTT	18Dec68 - 31Oct69
S-2/S-3	Capt J. C. SHUMAKER	22Jun69 - 25Oct69
	Maj N. F. MITCHELL	26Oct69 - 31Oct69
S-4	Maj F. C. FLOWMAN	23Sep69 - 31Oct69
S-5	SSgt W. T. JONES	11Oct69 - 31Oct69

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<u>Section</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Period Individual Occupied Billet</u>
Supply Officer	1stLt L. E. KRUSEMARK	12Mar69 - 30Oct69
	1stLt S. C. CHAPPELL	4Oct69 - 31Oct69
SgtMaj	SgtMaj C. C. AWKERMANN	1Sep - 31Oct69

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
43	1100	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> 6	0	8	0
<u>ENL</u> 72	0	122	1

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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 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 Route 540 and Route 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 minesweeps of Route QL-1N from AT 927843 to AT 886957. Company "A" also conducts daily minesweeps of Route 545.

Company "B", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading of Route QL-1S in preparation for paving. Company "B" is also responsible for maintenance and upgrading of Route 4 from BT 046589 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 of Route 540 from AT 912743 to AT 927608. Company "C" also conducts daily minesweeps 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 of 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 minesweeps of Route 4 from AT 922576 to AT 968584.

III MAF WORK ORDERS OUTSTANDING 1 OCTOBER 1969

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

III MAF msg - Clear a 25 foot fire break around the perimeter of ASP #2 (CG, III MAF msg 100424Z May69)

III MAF msg - Support ROK Marines with four (4) EIMCO tractors. (CG, III MAF msg 081156 Jun69)

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

III MAF msg - Support III MAF with tactical Bridge support as required. (CG, III MAF msg 281310Z May69)

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- III MAF msg - Construct a class 40/45 raft in support of MCB. (Phone Call)
- III MAF msg - Provide one (1) EIMCO in support of EOD 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 1022 - Construct a 30' bridge on Route QL-1S (BT 043619)
- III MAF 1028 - Construct one (1) 20' X 32' BAS bunker for the 7th Engineer Battalion.
- III MAF 1061 - Construct 250 barrel water tank and tower for 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines.
- 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 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 1046 - Construct one (1) 8' X 12' bunker for Service Company, 7th Engineer Battalion.
- III MAF 1085 - Dig one (1) water well at Company "D", 7th Engineer Battalion.
- III MAF 1077 - Construct eleven (11) 8' X 6' X 8' fighting bunkers at Company "C", 7th Engineer Battalion.
- III MAF 1079 - Construct one (1) 20' X 32' bunker for the 1st Radio Battalion.
- III MAF 1084 - Construct two (2) 4 hole burn-out heads for Company "C", 7th Engineer Battalion.
- III MAF 1080 - Construct two (2) 30' observation towers for 11th Marines.

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III MAF 1088 - Construct (2) SEA huts and (1) 3 legged 50' tower on Barrier Island. Provide Engineer technical assistance for 62 bunkers, 4 ammunition bunkers, 5-2 hole heads, 33 living bunkers, and 1 TOC bunker for 2nd ROK Brigade.

III MAF WORK ORDERS COMPLETED DURING OCTOBER 1969

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

III MAF msg - Support ROK Marines with four (4) EIMCO tractors. (CG, III MAF msg 081156 Jun69)

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

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

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

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

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

III MAF msg 122308Z - Prepare 40' X 40' sub base for helio pad for MASS-3.

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

III MAF msg 241116Z Sep69 - Furnish one (1) EIMCO tractor to M.G-16 for a period of one week.

III MAF 1100 - Construct 2-30' towers for 11th Marines; 1 at Hill 65, and 1 at FSB Ross.

III MAF 1099 - Construct one (1) 20' X 32' bunker for Company "A", 7th Engineer Battalion.

III MAF 1101 - Construct one (1) gun pad and refurbish one (1) gun pad at Hill 55.

III MAF 1106 - Construct three (3) 30' observation towers for 3/26.

III MAF 1105 - Construct one (1) 4 hole burn out head for 1st MP Battalion.

III MAF WORK ORDERS ISSUED DURING OCTOBER 1969

III MAF 1083 - Construct two (2) 50' towers for 1/1 at Anderson Trail.

III MAF 1094 - Construct generator shed for Company "B", 7th Engineer Battalion.

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- III MAF 1095- Refurbish 2 gun pads for 2/11.
- III MAF 1090 - Construct 2-20' gun pads at Hill 65 for 3rd 8" Howitzer Batt.
- III MAF 1097 - Construct 2-20' gun platforms on Hill 34
- III MAF 1092 - Construct 2-20' gun pads at Northern Artillery Cantonment for 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery.
- III MAF 1100 - Construct 2-30' towers for 11th Marines, 1 at Hill 65, and 1 at FSB Ross.
- III MAF 1099 - Construct one (1) 20' X 32' bunker for Company "A", 7th Engineer Battalion
- III MAF 1101 - Construct one (1) gun pad and refurbish one (1) gun pad at Hill 55.
- III MAF 1106 - Construct three (3) 30' observation towers for 3/26.
- III MAF 1105 - Construct one (1) 4 hole burn out head for 1st MP Battalion.

#### PART III

##### 1. Sequential Listing of Significant Events

- a. Personnel and Administration. None
- b. Enemy, Weather and Terrain. A total of 37.8 inches of rain was recorded for the month of October.
- c. Enemy Activity

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
011130H	Security for Company "D"'s sweep team stepped on a 40 pound rock mine, possibly command detonated, resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA.	AT 960584
021530H	Company "B" while working on a culvert found 1 approximately 40 pound plastic explosive dug up by a Bay City crane. Ordnance was blown in place.	BT 040624
090950H	One Company "B" M51 following their sweep team on Route QL-1S received 4 M79 rounds and small arms. Fire was returned with negative casualties.	BT 044594
111000H	A Vietnamese child showed Company "B"'s sweep team the location of one claymore mine approximately 1 meter off west side of Route QL-1S. Ordnance was blown in place.	BT 062575



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<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
111945H	One Company "C" M151 jeep traveling on Route 540 was surprised by a Vietnamese national wearing a tan uniform. The suspected NVA opened fire which was returned by Company "C" personnel with M16s and M79. The area of contact was swept visually with negative findings.	AT 945701
120715H	Company "A"'s sweep team found one ChiCom grenade on Route 545 at AT 889828. Ordnance was blown in place.	AT 889828
150810H	Company "C"'s sweep team found 1 LAAW on Route 540 at AT 944674. LAAW had apparently been misfired and discarded on road. LAAW was not booby-trapped and was blown in place.	AT 944674
171025H	An ARVN personnel carrier detonated an approximately 30 pound box mine on Route 540 resulting in 3 Vietnamese KIA and 3 Vietnamese WIA. Company "D" personnel evacuated the KIAs and WIAs to their CP. Area where mine detonated was swept with negative findings.	AT 922552
171540H	Company "D"'s sweep team found one approximately 5 pound anti-personnel mine next to mud hole on Route D4E. Ordnance was blown in place.	AT 965585
171730H	Security for Company "D"s sweep team detonated one ChiCom grenade booby-trapped with trip wire resulting in one USMC WIA. Emergency medevac was called, sweep was continued.	AT 965585
181040H	Company "D"s sweep team found one M26 grenade and one M79 round, not booby-trapped, on Route 4. Ordnance was blown in place.	AT 960584
181820H	One Company "D" M151 jeep while returning to their CP detonated an approximately 40 pound box mine on Route 540. Personnel dispatched to scene found 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA and reported 2 Marines missing. Emergency and Routine medevacs were called. The bodies of the two missing Marines were found approximately 14 hours later by Company "D"'s sweep team.	AT 922560
200811H	Company "D"'s sweep team found one air craft rocket on Route 540. Ordnance was blown in place with no secondary explosion.	AT 913592
200900H	Company "B"'s sweep team found one 106mm round on Route QL-1S primed with electrical blasting cap with no lead wires attached. Ordnance was blown in place.	BT 033631

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
200930H	Company "B"'s sweep team found one 81mm illumination round casing planted in road on Route QL-1S. The casing was blown in place with no secondary explosion.	BT 034628
202230H	Nine 7th Engineer Battalion personnel attached to 2nd ROKs on Barrier Island were involved in a rocket attack on their position at BT 204550. 1 rocket detonated directly on a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trailer in which 3 7thEngrBn personnel were sleeping, and 1 rocket detonated next to 15 cases of 81mm mortar rounds, in turn detonating them. Small arms fire was also entering their position at this time. This enemy activity resulted in 3 7thEngrBn personnel KIA, and 5 WIA. Emergency, priority, and routine medevacs were called while ROKs fired counter-mortar fire with 4.2 and 60mm mortars.	BT 204550
220920H	Company "D"'s sweep team found 2 60mm mortar rounds on Route 540. Ordnance was blown in place.	AT 922547
230915H	Company "B"'s sweep team found 1 LAAW, not booby-trapped, on Route QL-1S. Ordnance was blown in place.	BT 036628
230900H	A Vietnamese child turned in one M79 round to Company "D"'s sweep team on Route 4. Ordnance was blown in place.	AT 934577
231100H	Security for Company "D"'s sweep team on Route 4 tripped a trip wire detonating 1 ChiCom grenade. Negative casualties were sustained, area was swept with negative findings.	AT 957573
231145H	Company "D"'s sweep team found 1 booby-trapped M26 grenade approximately 75 meters off Route 4. Ordnance was blown in place.	AT 963583
240850H	A Vietnamese child turned in 1 B40 rocket to Company "B"'s sweep team on Route QL-1S. Ordnance was blown in place.	BT 037628
240925H	Company "D"'s sweep team found 1 approximately 5 pound anti-personnel mine 25 meters off Route 4. Ordnance was blown in place.	AT 949584
250300H	Five Vietnamese civilians approached Road Post #1 requesting medical aid for a 15 year old Vietnamese girl they claimed was shot by a VC. The girl was evacuated to 1st Medical Battalion where she was treated. It was determined that the girls wound was inflicted by an AK-47 rifle.	AT 942787

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
260748H	Company "B"s sweep team found 1 81mm mortar round on Route QL-1S. Ordnance was blown in place.	BT 035630
261015H	Security for Company "D"s sweep team on Route 4 detonated 1 booby-trapped M26 grenade, resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Priority medevac was called, sweep was continued.	AT 964584
270810H	A Vietnamese child showed Company "B"s sweep team the location of 1 81mm mortar round booby-trapped with 2 M26 grenades. Ordnance was blown in place.	BT 036627
270815H	Company "A"s sweep team found a US type claymore blasting cap attached to firing wire on Route QL-1N. Wire was traced with no firing device found. Blasting cap was returned to Company "A"s CP.	AT 904952
290820H	Company "D"s sweep team found 1 25 pound box mine on Route 540. Ordnance was blown in place.	AT 922554
290855H	Company "D"s sweep team found 1 booby-trapped 20 pound box mine on Route 540. Ordnance was blown in place.	AT 922554
290855H	Company "D"s sweep team found 1 20 pound box mine on Route 540. Ordnance was blown in place.	AT 922556

d. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

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

(2) Operations 1 &amp; 2 October 1969

(a) Horizontal Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion continued maintenance of Route 544 by spreading 700 gallons of oil to aid in dust suppression. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued maintenance of Route 545 by spreading 500 gallons of oil to aid in dust suppression and mine detection. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued maintenance of Route QL-1S by hauling, spreading, rolling, and grading 229.1 cubic yards of 6"(-) rock, 112 cubic yards of 3"(-) rock and by spreading 4000 gallons of oil to aid in dust suppression. The 7th Engineer Battalion hauled, spread, rolled, and graded 590 cubic yards of 3"(-) rock, 200 cubic yards of fill and spread 18,000 gallons of oil to aid in the upgrading and maintenance of the An Hoa road. The 7th Engineer Battalion spread, rolled, and graded 200 cubic yards of 3"(-) rock, 340 cubic yards of fill and spread 600 gallons of oil in the upgrading of the 7th Engineer Battalion berm road.

(b) Vertical Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion began construction of two (2) 20' X 30' fighting bunkers for III MAF Transient Facility; this project is 5% complete. The 7th Engineer Battalion began construction of 1-30' tower at Hill 65, the project is 1% complete.

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The 7th Engineer Battalion is awaiting security from the 2nd ROKs to continue installation of lightning rods on 42 ROK towers. This project is currently 79% complete. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued welding M8A1 matting for the 20' X 30' BAS bunker at the 7th Engineer Battalion. This project is currently 81% complete. Continued construction of 1-50' three (3) legged tower at FLC. The project is currently 65% complete. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued construction of 1-30' tower for ARVN forces. This project is currently 80% complete.

(3) Operations 3 - 10 October 1969

(a) Horizontal Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion continued maintenance of Route QL-1S by hauling, spreading, rolling, and grading 543.5 cubic yards of 3"(-) rock and 589.2 cubic yards of 6"(-) rock. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued maintenance of Route 540 by hauling, spreading, grading and rolling 500 cubic yards of 3"(-) rock and 190 cubic yards of 6"(-) rock. 133 cubic yards of 3"(-) rock and 580 cubic yards of 6"(-) rock was hauled, spread, graded, and rolled on the An Hoa Road in a continuation of its upgrading and maintenance. The 7th Engineer Battalion spread, rolled, and graded 640 cubic yards of 6"(-) rock in the upgrading of the 7th Engineer Battalion berm road. The 7th Engineer Battalion cut drainage ditches and graded Route 545 in the vicinity of AT 905767 to continue its maintenance.

(b) Vertical Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion continued construction of two (2) 20' X 32' fighting bunkers at the III MAF Transient Facility. This project is currently 85% complete. The 7th Engineer Battalion began construction of one (1) 20' X 32' bunker for 1st Radio Battalion at Hill 327. This project is currently 2% complete. The 7th Engineer Battalion is awaiting security from the 2nd ROKs to continue installation of lightning rods on 42 ROK towers. This project remains 79% complete.

(c) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

(1) 10 October 1969 - 1 50' 3 legged tower completed for FLC.

(4) Operations - 11 - 17 October 1969

(a) Horizontal Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion continued maintenance and upgrading of roads in its TAOR. 350 cubic yards of 3"(-) rock and 252 cubic yards of 6"(-) rock was hauled, spread, graded, and rolled on Route 545. 2,957 cubic yards of 3"(-) rock, 215 cubic yards of 6"(-) rock, and 718 cubic yards of fill was hauled and graded on Route 540. On Route 542, 55 cubic yards of 3"(-) rock and 20 cubic yards of 6"(-) rock was hauled, spread, graded and rolled. 784.6 cubic yards of 3"(-) rock was rolled and graded on Route QL-1S near Dien Ban in preparation for paving. 40 cubic yards of 6"(-) rock was hauled, spread, rolled, and graded for the maintenance of Route 4. The 7th Engineer Battalion hauled, spread, rolled, and graded 75 cubic yards 3"(-) rock and 329 cubic yards of 6"(-) rock to the 7th Engineer Battalion berm road.

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(b) Verticle Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion began construction of 2-30' observation towers for the 11th Marines. The Battalion continued construction of 13-8' X 8' and 1-8' X 12' bunker for ASP #2; a 20' X 30' BAS bunker at the 7th Engineer Battalion CP; 1-50' 3 legged tower for the 1st Marines; 10-30' towers for ARVN forces; and, 1-30' tower for Hill 65. The 7th Engineer Battalion began prefabrication and erection of 1-20' tower and 3000 gallon water tank at its Hoi An water point. Also, this Battalion sent personnel to Barrier Island to provide technical assistance to the 2nd ROK Brigade.

(c) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

(1) 11 October 1969 - Completed two (2) 20' X 32' fighting bunkers for III MAF Transient Facility.

(2) 17 October 1969 - Completed ten (10) 30' observation towers for ARVN forces.

(4) Operations 18 - 24 October 1969

(a) Horizontal Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading Route 540 by hauling, spreading, rolling, and grading 1,406 cubic yards of 3"(-) rock, 65 cubic yards of 6"(-) rock and 625 cubic yards of fill. 14,000 gallons of oil was spread from AT 909481 to AT 928609 to aid in dust suppression and mine detection. In the vicinity of Liberty Bridge (AT 922532), 245 cubic yards of 3"(-) rock and 400 cubic yards of 6"(-) rock was hauled, spread, and graded, along with 694 cubic yards of fill, in the maintenance of Route 540. 425.6 cubic yards of 3"(-) rock was hauled, spread, rolled, and graded in the vicinity of Dien Ban (AT 059583) in preparation for paving. 90 cubic yards of 3"(-) rock was hauled, spread, rolled, and graded in the upgrading of the 7th Engineer Battalion berm road.

(b) Verticle Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion began construction of 2-30' towers for the 11th Marines, one at Hill 65 and one at FSB Ross; 2 gun pads at the Northern artillery cantonment; 1 SEA hut for 3/26; and 2-50' towers for 1/1 at Anderson Trail. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued construction of the following: 2-30' towers for Headquarters Battery, 11th Marines; 13-8' X 8' bunkers and 1-8' X 12' bunker for ASP #2; 1-20' X 30' BAS bunker at the 7th Engineer Battalion; 1-50' 3 legged tower for the 1st Marines, and 1-30' tower for 2/5 at Hill 65.

(c) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

(1) 18 October 1969 - Completed one (1) 20' tower and 3000 gallon water tank at Hoi An for 2nd ROK Brigade.

(2) 23 October 1969 - Completed one (1) 30' tower for 2/5 at Hill 65.

(5) Operations 25 - 31 October

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(a) Horizontal Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading Route QL-1S by hauling, spreading, rolling, and grading 762 cubic yards of 3"(-) rock in the vicinity of Dien Ban in preparation for paving. 719 cubic yards of 3"(-) rock and 29,000 gallons of oil were hauled and spread on Route 540 between AT 874460 and AT 934628 in the maintenance and upgrading of this road. 6 cubic yards of 6"(-) rock was hauled and spread at Bailey Bridge (AT 898813) in the maintenance of Route 545.

(b) Verticle Construction - The 7th Engineer Battalion continued construction of 1-30' X 32' bunker for 1st Radio Battalion at Hill 327, 2-30' towers for Headquarters Battery, 11th Marines, 2 gun pads for 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery at the Northern Artillery cantonment; 2-30' towers for the 11th Marines, 1 at Hill 65 and 1 at FSB Ross; 1-20' X 32' BAS bunker at 7th Engineer Battalion; 1-30' tower for 2/5 at Hill 65. The 7th Engineer Battalion continued lowering the ceiling of the 7th Engineer Battalion mess hall and continued the extension of the present S-3 and S-4 offices. In addition, the 7th Engineer Battalion continued to provide technical assistance and to construct 2 SEA huts for the 2nd ROKS on Barrier Island. This battalion continued relocation of 1 generator shed at Liberty Bridge. The 7th Engineer Battalion began construction of the special forces CCN camp at Marble Mountain, one generator shed for Company "B", 7th Engineer Battalion, and 11-6' X 8' bunkers for Company "C", 7th Engineer Battalion.

(c) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

(1) 26 October 1969 - Completed 13-8' X 8' and one 8' X 12' bunkers for ASP #2.

(2) 28 October 1969 - Completed construction of 1 SEA hut for 3/26.

(3) 29 October 1969 - Completed installation of lightning rods on 42 ROK towers.

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) Continued maintenance and upgrading of Route QL-1S

(4) Start upgrading of Route IITL 4

(5) Continued maintenance of Route 545

(6) Continued upgrading Route 540 to An Hoa

(7) Continued upgrading of Route 30

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(8) Continued maintenance of Route 544

(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 with 98 personnel attending.

(2) 16 enlisted personnel attended Landmine warfare school (1stEngrBn)

(3) 10 personnel attended Chain Saw School (7thEngrBn)

(4) 1 officer attended Officer Leadership School (1stMarDiv)

(5) 1 Staff NCO attended Staff NCO Leadership School (1stMarDiv)

(6) 2 NCOs attended NCO Leadership School (1stMarDiv)

(7) 1 enlisted attended basic Ammo Tech Course (Okinawa)

(8) 3 enlisted attended Basic Infantry Weapons Course (Okinawa)

(9) 1 enlisted attended Career Planning Course (1stMarDiv)

(10) 1 enlisted attended Vietnamese Language, Culture Course (1stMarDiv)

f. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply

(1) Administration

(a) 2 October - Received 10 M118 trailer from R & E; Temporary loaned one (1) Drill Pneumatic Drifter Crawler MTD and invoiced one (1) Air Compressor 600 CFM to 9th Engineer Battalion.

(b) 3 October - Invoiced one (1) Euclid Dump Truck to 9th Engineer Battalion.

(c) 5 October - Received from R & E six (6) dump trucks and one (1) M52 tractor.

(d) 9 October - Combat Loss one 75 TPH rock crusher; transferred to 11th Engineer Battalion one (1) Dump Truck, M51

(e) 12 October - Received five (5) tractors TD-18 from 12th Marines.

(f) 20 October - Received one (1) bath unit Trls MTD from Albany, Georgia.

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(g) 21 October - Finished hauling \$13,428 of TSFC material for the 2nd ROK Brigade.

(h) 24 October - Received two (2) 125 graders, one (1) 315 air compressor, two (2) grid rollers, and three (3) Rome KG Blades and one 75TPH rock crusher from 11th Engineer Battalion, received two (2) tractors TD-18's from 12th Marines.

(2) Supply

7th Engineer Battalion (AC 21300)

During the month of October, Battalion Supply processed 248 priority 02, 446 priority 05, and 864 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 772 receipts from due, 772 issues from due and 221 issues from stock.

1st Bridge Company (AC 21325)

During the month of October, 1st Bridge Supply process 52 priority 02, 115 priority 05 and 52 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 288 receipts from due, 251 issues from due, and 75 issues from stock.

Motor Transport

Approximately 245,300 miles were logged in on the Battalion Motor Transport Vehicles during the month of October. There were 54,341 tons of earth products hauled and 20,029 tons of general cargo hauled during the month of October.

Maintenance

The Battalion Motor Transport Maintenance received 174 work orders, completed 96 work orders, and 44 work orders to FSR during the month of October. The Battalion Heavy Equipment Maintenance received 58 engineer work orders, completed 96 and sent 22 work orders to FSR during October. 9 items of equipment were Code H during October.

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 1274 military, 20 Vietnamese and 1 civilian worker. The Dental Clinic treated 213 military and 3 Vietnamese.

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action



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- (1) The Civic Action Program sponsored the following:
  - (a) The medcaps provided treatment for 326 people.
  - (b) During the medcaps 20 pounds of soap was distributed.
  - (c) Four packages of clothing and miscellaneous items were received from donators through Operation "Handclasp."
  - (d) Gave out 15 Battalion Scholarships and 10 General Walt Scholarships in the village of Hoa Thanh.
  - (e) Under the village self help program 12 groups of people purchased 49 hogs, and one group has purchased a water pump and irrigation pipe.
  - (f) A total of 24 loads of scrapwood and 9 loads of rock were delivered to the village of Hoi Thanh.
- (2) Personal Response
  - (a) One PSYOPS movie was held in the hamlet of Tung Son for approximately 175 people and one PSYOPS movie was held in the hamlet of Phu Thuong for approximately 125 people.
  - (b) Four cultural tours were conducted in the city of Danang with the participation of 85 Marines.

PART IV

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

12 November 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	12Aug70
GLEESON, R.	080815/1302/1310/5715	Maj	ExecO	21Oct70
ALEXANDER, R. R.	0109270/2501	2ndLt	CommO	9Sep70
ALNUTT, R. H.	095814/0130/0102	1stLt	Adj	10Dec69
CAROWAY, D. L.	0110799/1310	WO	HvyEquipPltCmdr	21Sep70
CHASE, S. M.	0105390/1301/9940	1stLt	S-5	28Oct70
JONES, J. C.	0105555/1302	1stLt	AsstPersO/Awards/Legal/ISO	23Dec69
LANE, D. A.	0110873/0130	WO	Asst Adj	29Oct70
LYONS, A. E.	0106846/1302/1390	1stLt	Asst S-3	17May70
MCPHERSON, D. H.	0104278/1302	1stLt	Asst S-3	20Feb70
MITCHELL, N. F.	083531/1302/2502/5715	Maj	S-3	17Oct70
FLOWMAN, F. C. Jr.	082334/1302/1310	Maj	S-4	30Sep70
RANISZEWSKI, A. Jr.	0106863/1302/1390	1stLt	HqComdt	17May70
RUDGE, H. G.	0108774/1302	2ndLt	Asst S-3	4Jul70
SHUMAKER, J. C.	090562/1302/5715	Capt	Asst S-3	9May70
YAKAMAVAGE, P. J.	0109579/1301	2ndLt	PersO/LegalO/Awards/ISO	26Oct70

SERVICE COMPANY

BANKS, R. J.	0100833/1302	1stLt	CoCmdr	14Feb70
CHAPPELL, S. C.	0103400/3002	1stLt	BnSupO	21Mar70
KRESGE, F. E.	098930/1310	CWO-2	AsstMaintPltCmdr	24Aug70
LAWRENCE, D. W.	0105955/3502	1stLt	BnMTO	27Aug70
OLSON, R. D.	091398/1310	Capt	MaintPltCmdr	24Aug70

"A" COMPANY

GOMEZ, C. J.	089904/1302	Capt	CoCmdr	16Jun70
CARTER, L. N.	0108554/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	14Sep70
MANGNALL, B. C. Jr.	0103650/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	3Dec69
SHOPE, W. W.	0108791/1301/1310	2ndLt	PltCmdr	19Sep70
ROSS, C. P.	0110334/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	25Sep70

"B" COMPANY

VANCE, K. A.	081562/1310	Capt	CoCmdr	16Jul70
BASHAM, G. W.	0105865/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	17May70
WICKMAN, B. E.	0106423/1302/1390	1stLt	PltCmdr	22May70
WRIGHT, J. D.	0109238/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	25Oct70

"C" COMPANY

MUNDY, M. E.	097485/1302/0430	Capt	CoCmdr	26Aug70
HANDEL, W. M.	0108214/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	25Sep70
MCLARTY, R. A.	0106319/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	17Apr70
PERRIN, W. R.	0108421/1302	2ndLt	PltCmdr	22May70
SASSANO, R. J.	0108645/1301/1310	2ndLt	PltCmdr	14Sep70

TAB A

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERVNO/MOS</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PRIMARY DUTY</u>	<u>RTD</u>
<u>"D" COMPANY</u>				
GETTMAN J. A.	0102613/1302	1stLt	CoCmdr	2Dec69
SHIRE, J. W.	0108790/1301/1310	2ndLt	PltCmdr	19Sep70
URBANIAK, J. J.	0108824/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	14Sep70
WILSON, T. J.	0107962/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	3May70
<u>1st BRIDGE COMPANY</u>				
PASCARELLA, R. A. Jr.	0103721/1302	1stLt	CoCmdr	3Dec69
BELL, D. C.	0108235/1302	2ndLt	PltCmdr	22May70
CHEEVER, R. A.	0108272/1302	2ndLt	PltCmdr	22May70
DEMARCO, M. J.	0108585/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	14Sep70
HOSTUTLER, C. R.	0108340/1302	2ndLt	PltCmdr	22May70
KINGSBURY, D. J.	0107427/3002	1stLt	SupO	20Aug70
NICOLOSI, D. Jr.	0107965/1302	2ndLt	PltCmdr	9Jul70
<u>USN</u>				
CARLSON, C. R.	698088/2205	Lt	BnDentist	6Jan70
KROPSKY, B. A.	729804/2105	Lt	BnSurgeon	24Jan70
PAGE, D. V.	652223/4105	LtCmdr	BnChaplain	19Jan70