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HEADQUARTERS
Company "A" (Rein), 7th Engineer Battalion
Maintenance Battalion, 1st FSR/FLC
FPO San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AG3D)

Via: (1) Commanding Officer, Maintenance Battalion, 1st Force Service Regiment/Force Logistic Command
(2) Commanding General, Force Logistic Command
(3) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, Fleet Marine Force
(4) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology, period 1 September 1970 to 30 September 1970

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.I
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8A
(c) FLCO 5750.1B

Encl: (1) September Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 September to 30 September 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Company "A" (Rein), 7th Engineer Battalion

2. COMMANDER

Major G. R. METIBAUM : 1 September to 30 September 1970

3. LOCATION

Danang, RVN

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
9	285	0	8

5. PERSONNEL GAINS AND LOSSES

<u>GAINS</u>				<u>LOSSES</u>			
	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>		<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>		
OFF	0	0		0	0		
ENL	9	0		3	0		

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1970PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

Company "F" (Rein), 7th Engineer Battalion, continued support of the III Marine Amphibious Force within the Danang area. The Company continued maintenance responsibility of 32.2 miles of road. On 5 September 1970, the mine sweep responsibilities dropped from 24.6 miles of road to 14.3 miles of road. On 27 September 1970, the mine sweep responsibilities further dropped from 14.3 miles to 9.3 miles of road.

Company "A" (Rein), 7th Engineer Battalion, conducted the following daily mine sweeps:

- route 545 from AT 942787 to AT 875829
- * route 540 from AT 913588 to AT 940640
- * route 540 from AT 913588 to AT 925533
- * LTL-4 from AT 922576 to AT 968584
- routes 1-D & LTL-4 from AT 965605 to AT 992578
- ** LTL-4 from AT 992578 to BT 020572
- ** LTL-4 from BT 056589 to BT 020572

* NOTE: Three (3) mine sweeps turned over to 1st Engr. Bn. on 5 September 1970.

** NOTE: Two (2) mine sweeps turned over to 2nd ROKMARBDE on 27 September 1970.

The two (2) water points operated by Company "A" produced 1,655,000 gallons of water.

III MAF WORK ORDERS OUTSTANDING 1 SEPTEMBER 1970

III MAF msg 15.4/mnv over 11100 Z 3 Apr 70 - Provide engineer assistance for construction of road near Quan Nam (2).

III MAF 1006 - Install 100 barrel water tank for 1st Battalion, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade, in their headquarters area.

III MAF 1266 - Repair and upgrade "S" Lot drainage at Camp Books, FLC.

III MAF msg 050226 Z Jun 70 - Construct five (5) CH-54 revetments for the 478th Aviation Company.

III MAF ltr. 15.4/rls over 4760 of 29 Jul 70 - Repair Camp Perdue roads.

III MAF 1015 - Upgrade electrical system on 1st Marine Division ridgeline (sectors A & B).

III MAF 1021 - Construct eight (8) SEA-huts and a rappelling tower for Recon Company, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade.

III MAF 1023 - Upgrade electrical system for 4/11 on Hill 34.

III MAF 1026 - Construct a roof over the security bubble at III MAF Headquarters.

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III MAF 1028 - Upgrade the electrical system for 2nd ROK Marine Brigade in the headquarters area.

III MAF 1029 - Construct two (2) 12' x 16' ammo storage bunkers for the Army artillery on Hill 65.

III MAF WORK ORDERS COMPLETED DURING SEPTEMBER 1970

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III MAF 1028 - Upgrade the electrical system for 2nd ROK Marine Brigade in their Headquarters area.

III MAF 1029 - Construct two (2) 12' x 16' ammo storage bunkers for the Army artillery on Hill 65.

III MAF 1030 - Provide electrical back-up system for FLC headquarters area.

III MAF 1042 - Install exhaust fans in III MAF Headquarters Annex building.

III MAF WORK ORDERS ISSUED DURING SEPTEMBER 1970

III MAF 1030 - Provide electrical back-up system for FLC headquarters area.

III MAF 1029 - Construct six (6) 155 (SP) gun pads and two (2) turning pads for "L" Battery, 1/11 at NAC.

III MAF 1025 - Construct a 20' x 40' Laundry facility for Service Company, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade.

III MAF 1036 - Supervise the renovation of field fortifications in the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade area.

III MAF 1037 - Supervise the renovation of SEM-huts in the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade area.

III MAF 1039 - Upgrade electrical system in 2/7's area at EZ Baldy. (cancelled)

III MAF 1040 - Upgrade electrical system for 1/5 on the Division ridgeline (Sectors C & D).

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III MAF 1041 - Oil, grade, crown and upgrade route 545 from end of black-top to the entrance to NAC.

III MAF 1042 - Install exhaust fans in III MAF Headquarters Annex building.

III MAF 1047 - Construct four (4) SEA-huts, one (1) 12' x 24' COC bunker, control materials and provide supervisory help in construction of new base camps for 3rd Company and 25th Company, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade.

III MAF 1053 - Draw and issue materials to 45th Engineer Group, U.S. Army.

III MAF 1056 - Draw and issue materials for repair of tower ladders in 2nd ROK Marine Brigade area.

III MAF ltr. 15.2/rls over 11010 of 14 Sept 70 - Provide equipment assistance in clearing and leveling land in vicinity of perimeter wire for 1st M.P. Battalion.

III MAF ltr. 15.2/rls over 4760 of 8 Sept 70 - Provide alterations to FLC Communications Center building

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PART IIII. Sequential Listing of Significant Eventsa. Personnel and Administration: None

b. Enemy, Weather and Terrain: The weather in the Danang area was hot and humid during the first half of the month and turned cold, windy and rainy during the last half of the month.

c. Enemy Activities: See TAB B, Enclosure (1)d. Organization and Operations

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

(2) Operations: 1 - 15 September 1970

(a) Horizontal Construction - During the first 15 days of September, the company hauled 4,366 cubic yards of earth products. MCB - 62 received the following support: 1,274 cubic yards of asphalt to QL-1S, 756 cubic yards of asphalt to LTL-4, 371 cubic yards of asphalt to the FLC retrograde road, 763 cubic yards of asphalt and 301 cubic yards of CBR to the FLC reefer bank lot, 140 cubic yards of CBR to III MAF headquarters, and 161 cubic yards of CBR to the Hill 55 stockpile. The company supported itself with the following: 280 cubic yards of CBR to the Camp Perdue roads, 112 cubic yards of CBR and 112 cubic yards of sand to LTL-4 E., and 96 cubic yards of laterite to LTL - 4 W. In addition, the Vietnamese rock contract hauled 5,318 cubic yards of CBR from ANK to the Hill 37 stockpile. Finally, 420 cubic yards of CBR were delivered to the S-Lot at Camp Books. This rock was placed and compacted in an effort to improve the drainage in the lot. The main drainage ditch was enlarged and half-culvert laid. Route 540 from Cobb Bridge to London Bridge is being ripped, shaped, compacted and oiled. LTL-4W from route 540 to Hill 65 is being worked on again. The roads in Camp Perdue have been upgraded.

(b) Vertical Construction: Eight (8) SEM-huts and one (1) 30' rappelling tower are being constructed for Recon Company, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade, and a laundry facility is being built in their headquarters area. Electrical upgrade projects are underway in the following locations:

FLC Headquarters

1st Marine Division ridgeline (Sectors A & B)

2nd ROK Marine Brigade Headquarters

(c) Engineer Comments

(1) 2 September 1970 - A 100 barrel water tank was installed on a 20' platform for 1st Battalion, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade.

(2) 7 September 1970 - The upgrading of the Camp Perdue roads and drainage is complete.

(3) 7 September 1970 - The S-Lot drainage project at FLC is complete.

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(4) 10 September 1970 - The five (5) CH-54 revetments for the 478th Aviation Company are complete.

(5) 13 September 1970 - Two (2) 12' by 16' ammo bunkers for the Army artillery on Hill 65 are complete.

(6) 14 September 1970 - The roof over the III MAF security bubble is complete.

(7) 15 September 1970 - Six (6) Einco tractors and 25 - 1371 combat engineers were moved into An Hoa to begin destruction of the combat base.

(3) Operations 16 - 30 September 1970

(a) Horizontal Construction - The company hauled a total of 6,204 cubic yards of earth products during the last half of September. MCB-62 was supported with 3,234 cubic yards of asphalt delivered to LTL - 4 E. The company projects were supported as follows: 482 cubic yards of laterite fill and 2,208 cubic yards of CBR were hauled to LTL-4 W., 21 cubic yards of sand were hauled to LTL - 4 E., 189 cubic yards of CBR were hauled to the 11th Marines CP, and 70 cubic yards of CBR were delivered to route 12 W. (Anderson Trail). In addition, the Vietnamese rock contract hauled 2,888 cubic yards of CBR from RMK to Hill 37 stockpile. The company continued to assist 1st Engineer Battalion with the leveling of An Hoa combat base. The upgrade of LTL - 4 W. continues although progress has slowed due to the rains. Six (6) 155mm (SP) gun pads are well underway for "Lima" Battery at the NAC.

(b) Vertical Construction - The construction of a laundry facility for Service Company, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade, and the construction of a new base camp for 3rd Company, 1st Battalion, of this same unit is progressing well with the construction of three (3) SEA-huts, a kitchen, and a 10' x 24' COC bunker. Electrical projects are underway for 4/11 on Hill 34 and for 1/5 on the 1st Marine Division ridgeline (Sectors C & D).

(c) Engineer Comments

(1) 16 September 1970 - Emergency power system for the FLC headquarters area is complete.

(2) 19 September 1970 - The upgrade of route 540 from Cobb Bridge to London Bridge is complete. The electrical upgrade of the Division ridgeline (Sectors A & B) is complete.

(3) 20 September 1970 - The eight (8) SEA-huts for Recon Company, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade are complete.

(4) 25 September 1970 - The electrical upgrade for 2nd ROK Marine Brigade headquarters is complete, and the electrical upgrade project for 2/7 at L Z Baldy has been halted. The 30' rappelling tower for Recon Company, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade, is complete.

(5) 30 September 1970 - The majority of the men and equipment was moved out of An Hoa due to the probability of Liberty Bridge becoming impassable due to high water.

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(1) Continue general support of all units in the Danang area as assigned by III MAF Headquarters.

(2) Continue maintenance of assigned roads as directed by III MAF Headquarters.

(3) Continue upgrading LTL - 4 W. as weather permits.

(4) Continue maintenance of route 540.

(5) Upgrade route 12 W.

f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply(1) Administration

(a) 2 September 1970 - Received code H for one (1) Eimco tractor.

(b) 3 September 1970 - Received from supply one (1) Eimco tractor as replacement for one (1) code H above.

(c) 28 September 1970 - Received four (4) M-416 $\frac{1}{4}$ ton trailers as replacements for four (4) M-100 - $\frac{1}{4}$ ton cargo trailers turned in.

(d) Company Supply processed 334 requisitions of which 131 were completed. A total of 83 items were submitted for direct exchange. Of these 83 items, 73 were exchanged and 10 were placed on back order.

(2) Motor Transport : A total of 66,124 miles were logged by the Company Motor Transport vehicles. There were 12,440 tons of earth products, 2,206 tons of general cargo, and 1,393 passengers transported during this period.

(3) Maintenance

(a) The Company Maintenance Platoon received 136 work orders, of which 113 were completed. Of the 23 work orders remaining open, 9 are combat deadline, 8 are NORS deadline and 1 is NORM deadline. A total of 15 work orders were sent to 1st FSR, of which 7 were completed.

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PART IV

I. The following are supporting documents for the September Command Chronology of Company "A" (Rein), 7th Engineer Battalion.

a. ✓ Officer Assignments - See TAB A, Enclosure (1)

b. ✓ Incident Journal - See TAB B, Enclosure (1)

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>STR NO/MOS</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PRIMARY DUTY</u>	<u>RTD</u>
MEIBAUM, G. R.	077573/1302/1320	Major	CoCdr	710726
MEREDITH, J. P. Jr.	089501/1302	Capt	CoExecO	710620
WRIGHT, J. D.	0109238/1302	1stLt	CoOperO	701025
LAMPICH, J. P.	0109228/1302	1stLt	HE/MT OperO	710226
McDEAVITT, R. L.	091418/1310	CWO-2	HE/MT MaintO	710607
COLCLASURE, R. E.	0109804/1302/1310	1stLt	PltCdr	710115
NARVAEZ, H. F.	0109475/1301/1320	1stLt	PltCdr	710104
ANDERSON, J. W.	0111532/1301	1stLt	PltCdr	710331
CARBONE, R. J.	0110210/1301	1stLt	PltCdr	710528

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INCIDENT JOURNAL

<u>DTG</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORD</u>
021015H	Four (4) line charges were blown resulting in five (5) secondary explosions. The concussion uncovered (1) 15 - 20 lbs. of TNT, (1) 60mm type fuse. Both were blown in place.	BT042579
021120H	VN civilian gave a gate sentry two (2) 60mm W.P. rounds. Engineers blew rounds in place.	AT936583
040730H	M/S team found one (1) M-26 grenade buried in the road. There were negative booby-traps. Grenade was blown in place.	BT054588
051235H	A Seabee TD-20 detonated a 40 lb. rock mine with a sheepfoot roller. The roller was a total loss. Emergency medevac called for operator of TD-20.	BT045579
051500H	Seabee personnel found one (1) 105mm round with a booby-trap. Round was blown in place.	BT012567
060915H	A Seabee M/S detonated a 40 lb. rock mine on north side of road. Major vehicle damage to right rear. Minor injury to operator.	AT994575
070600H	Received two (2) 122mm rockets. Negative damage or injuries.	AT967617
071030H	Received two (2) 122mm rockets. Negative damages or injuries.	AT967617
061845H	Received two (2) 122mm rockets. Negative damages or injuries.	AT967617
072400H	Received one (1) M-79 round within 15 yards of hootch. Accidentally fired upon by RVN's.	AT916585
080825H	M/S team personnel found one (1) M-79 round. Negative booby-traps. Blown in place.	AT984584
100845H	M/S team found one (1) I.P. mine of the "Bouncing Betty" type. Negative firing device, negative booby-traps. Blown in place.	AT981583
101545H	A Seabee A-Car detonated an approximately 30 lb. rock mine. Major damage to vehicle. Slight injury to one man, negative injury to other personnel	BT002567
110730H	M/S team found one (1) M-79 illum. round. Blew round in place.	AT886827

TAB B
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<u>DTG</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORD</u>
111330H	M/S team found one (1) 40 lb. box mine on left side of road going north. Blown in place.	AT941648
130720H	M/S team found one (1) M-26 grenade five feet off west side of road. Negative booby-traps. Blown in place.	AT968599
130750H	M/S team found one (1) M-26 seven feet off south side of road. Negative booby-traps. Blown in place.	BT017570
141330H	Seabee segment compactor hit a 40 lb rock mine on north shoulder of road. Major equipment damage. Emergency medevac called for one Seabee.	BT001568
210720H	M/S team found one (1) M-14 A.P. mine. Negative booby-traps. Blown in place.	BT046578
230755H	M/S team found one (1) 105mm round on north side of road. Blown in place.	BT021572
250330H	Approximately 30' span of the Golden Gate Bridge was blown out. It is believed that some sort of bomb was floated down river.	AT990642
260755H	M/S team found one (1) M-26 grenade 15 meters off right side of road. Negative booby-traps. Blown in place.	AT889827
280810H	One 24 inch culvert was completely destroyed, time unknown. Crater in road was 8' wide and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' to 3' deep. Road was swept with negative findings.	BT003566
290735H	M/S team found two (2) B-40 nose cones on left side of road. Blown in place.	AT869830
290930H	A Seabee A-Car was destroyed by a possible 80 - 100 lb. command detonated mine. One Seabee was medevaced with serious injuries.	AT936580
290935H	A Seabee A-Car detonated an 80 to 100 lb. mine. Major damage to vehicle, negative injuries to operator.	AT937580

TAB B
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