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

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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)

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Subj: Command Chronology, Period 1 October to 31 October 1970

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(b) FMF PacO 5750.8A
(c) FLC O 5750.1B

Encl: (1) October Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 October to 31 October 1970

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

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

2. COMMANDER

Major G.R. MEIBAUM: 1 October to 31 October 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>
8	265	0	7

5. PERSONNEL GAINS AND LOSSES

<u>GAINS</u>		<u>LOSSES</u>	
<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
OFF 1		2	0
ENL 6		22	

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Company "A" (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. In addition, the company carried the minesweep responsibilities of 9.3 miles of road.

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

Route 545 from AT942787 to AT875829
Routes 1 D<L-4 from AT965605 to AT992578

The two (2) water points operated by Company "A" produced 1,640,000 gallons of water.

III MAF WORK ORDERS OUTSTANDING 1 OCTOBER 1970

III MAF Ltr 15.2/jhh over 4700 15 September 1970 - Provide engineer assistance for dismantling of An Hoa Combat Base.

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

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

III MAF Ltr 15.2/ris over 4760 of 8 September 1970 - Provide alterations to FLC Communications Center Building.

III MAF Ltr 15.2/rls over 11010 of 14 September 1970 - Provide equipment assistance in clearing and leveling land in vicinity of perimeter wire for 1st M.P. Battalion.

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

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

III MAF 1047 - Construct four (4) SEA-huts, one (1) 12' x 24' OOC 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 1041 - Oil, grade, crown, and upgrade Route 545 from end of blacktop to the entrance to NAC.

III MAF 1061 Upgrade the drainage system at the Force Logistic Command Retrograde Lot.

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III MAF 1025 - Construct 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 SEA-huts in the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade area.

III MAF WORK ORDERS COMPLETED DURING OCTOBER 1970

III MAF ltr 15.2/jhh over 4700 15 September 1970 Provide engineer assistance for dismantling An Hoa combat base.

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

III MAF ltr 15.2/rls over 4760 at 8 September 1970- Provide alterations to Force Logistic Command Communications Center Building.

III MAF ltr 15.2/rls over 11010 at 14 September 1970 Provide equipment assistance in clearing and leveling land in the vicinity of perimeter wire for 1st M.P. Battalion.

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

III MAF ltr 15.2/rls over 11013 at 23 October 1970 Construct fuel berm for Bulk Fuel Platoon, Support Company Supply Battalion.

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

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

III MAF ltr 15.2/rls over 11013 at 19 October 1970 Provide assistance in landing clearing project on 4 East for two (2) resettlement villages.

III MAF WORK ORDERS ISSUED DURING OCTOBER 1970

III MAF 001 Provide equipment for drainage ditch on Hill 65 for 94th Artillery, U.S. Army.

III MAF 1059- Install lightening arreductors on the Watch towers for 2nd ROK Marine Brigade.

III MAF ltr 15.2/rls over 11013 at 23 October 1970- Construct fuel berm for Bulk Fuel Platoon, Support Company Supply Battalion.

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III MAF 1090 - Construct one (1) standard Sea-huts for 2nd Combined Action Group.

III MAF 1091 Lay one (1) 12' x 90' concrete slab in front of CP of 2nd Combined Action Group.

III MAF 1062 Provide engineer assistance to MACS-4 in alleviating soil erosion problems on Monkey Mountain.

III MAF ltr 15.1/jhh over 20 October 1970 construct three (3) helo-pad surfaces, for 45th Engineer Group.

III MAF 1093 Construct four (4) SEA-huts and one (1) electronic maintenance building (38 x 50) for MASS-3 on Hill 327.

III MAF 1071 - Replace the 500 barrel water tank at Camp Haskins.

III MAF 1073 - Upgrade the electrical system at FSB Ross.

III MAF 1075 Upgrade the electrical system at 2nd CAG Headquarters.

III MAF 1070 Provide materials for monsoon control to 2nd Combined Action Group.

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PART III

1. Sequential Listing of Significant Eventsa. Personnel and Administration: none

b. Enemy, Weather, and Terrain: The weather in the Danang area was cold and rainy as the seasonal monsoons closed in. High winds, cause by typhoon conditions, inflicted extensive damage to many installations in the corps area. Rampart flooding in the latter part of the month disrupted most road work and curtailed some vertical construction.

c. Enemy activities: See Tab B Enclosure (1)d. Organization and Operations

(1) Officer Assignments - See Tab A Enclosure (1)

(2) Operations : 1 - 15 October 1970

(a) Horizontal Construction - During the first 15 days of October, the company hauled 3,457 cubic yds of earth products. MCB-62 received the following support; 501 cubic yards of asphalt to LTL-4 East 7 cubic yards of asphalts to Hill 327, 96 cubic yards of fill to LTL-4E, 63 cubic yards of CER to QL 1 South 1,183 cubic yards of CER to QL- 1B, and 848 cubic yards of CER to LTL - 4 East. The company supported itself with the following : 296 cubic yards of CER, to Route 540 and 49 cubic yards to 11th Marines perimeter road. LTL - 4 west is being upgraded as weather permits. In addition, "A" Company hauled 800 gallons of water and 1000 gallons of oil to LTL -4 East, and 800 gallons of water and 5,000 gallons of to Route 540.

(b) Vertical Construction: Construction of three (3) SEA-huts and a COG bunker for 3rd Company, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade are underway and a laundry facility is being constructed in their Headquarters area. Six (6) gun pads for 4/11 at NAC are also being constructed, as well as one (1) 30' x 90' turning pad. Electrical upgrade projects are underway in the following location: 4/11 on Hill 34

(c) Engineer Comments

(1) 1 October 1970 - Engineer personnel and some equipment are being evacuated from An Hoa combat base.

(2) 6 October 1970- Construction of 10' x 24' x 8' COG bunker is completed for 3rd Company 2nd ROK Marine Brigade.

(3) 8 October 1970 The upgrade of the perimeter road for 11th Marines is completed.

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(4) 10 October 1970 The kitchen at 3rd Company, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade is completed. One (1) 30' x 40' turning pad is also completed for 1/11 at NAC.

(5) 11 October 1970 The drainage upgrade of FLC Retrograde facility is completed.

(6) 13 October 1970 - The OOC bunker for 25th Company, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade is completed.

(7) 24 October 1970- One (1) 40' x 40' turning pad for 1/11 at NAC is complete.

(8) 15 October 1970 - SEA-huts for 25th Company, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade is completed.

(3) Operations: 16 -31 October 1970

(a) Horizontal Construction - The company hauled a total of 3,323 cubic yards of earth products during the last half of October. MCB-62 was supported with 200 cubic yards of asphalt to LTL-4 east, 42 cubic yards to MACS-11, 392 cubic yards of laterite to LTL-4E, 800 gallons of water to LTL-4E, and 1,265 cubic yards of CBR to QL-1B and 280 cubic yards of CBR to LTL-4E. The company supported itself with 84 cubic yards of laterite to LTL-4W and 553 cubic yards of CBR to LTL-4W. The company cleared land for two (2) resettlement villages along LTL-4W. The company also finished with their assistance of 1st Engineer Battalion in the leveling of An Hoa combat base. Alleviation of the soil erosion problem at MACS-4 on Monkey Mountain also got underway.

(b) Vertical Construction - Construction of a new base camp for 25th Company, 3rd ROK Marine Brigade was begun, and the company was committed to building five (5) SEA-huts and one (1) electronics repair building for MASS- III on Hill 327.

(c) Electrical Project are underway for FSB Ross. The system is being upgraded and rewired. Installation of two (2) 150 KW generator on Hill 34 is underway.

(d) Engineer Comments

(1) 16 October 1970 - Renovation of FLC Comm Center is complete.

(2) 18 October 1970 - Repair of SEA-huts for 3rd Company, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade is complete.

(3) 19 October 1970 - The clearing and leveling at Camp Stokes is completed.

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- (4) 21 October 1970 - The gun pads for NAC are completed.
- (5) 22 October 1970 - The electrical work on Hill 34 for 4/11 is completed.
- (6) 24 October 1970- The land clearing on LTL-4E was completed.
- (7) 28 October 1970 - The Berm Construction for the Bulk Fuel Platoon at FLC is complete.

e. Plans

- (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-4W as weather permits.
- (4) Continue maintenance of Route 540.
- (5) Upgrade Route 545 to NAC.

f. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply

(1) Administration

- (a) 9 October 1970 - Exchange one (1) chain saw with Maintenance Float.
- (b) Company supply processed 363 requisitions of which 172 were completed. Previous back order completed were 27. A total of 110 direct exchange items were turned in with a fill of 98. Four items were received from direct exchange that had been placed on back order.

(2) Motor Transport

A total of 77,739 miles were logged by the Company Motor Transport vehicles. There were 9,306 tons of earth products, 216 tons of general cargo, and 1,806 personnel transported during the month of October.

(3) Maintenance

(a) The Company Maintenance Platoon received 136 work orders, of which 72 were completed. There are a total of 64 work orders pending completion, of which 30 are awaiting completion from higher echelon, and 34 are waiting parts. None of these are combat deadlined,

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PART IV

1. The following are the 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>SER.NO./MOS</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PRIMARY DUTY</u>	<u>RTD</u>
MEIBAU G.R.	077573/1302/1320	MAJOR	CO CDR	710726
MEREDITH J.P.	089501/1302	CAPT.	CO EXEC O	710620
COLGLASURE R.E.	0109801/1302/1320	1st LT.	CO OPER O	710115
LAMPICH J.P.	0109228/1302	1st LT	HE/MT OPER O	710226
McKENNITT R.L.	091418/1310	CWO-2	HE/MT MAINT O	710607
NARVAEZ H.F.	0109475/1301/1320	1st LT	PLT CMDR	710104
CAPRONE R.J.	0110210/1301	1st LT	PLT CMDR	710528
DRURY J.E.	0109611/1301/1390	1st LT	PLT CMDR	710519

TAB A
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<u>DTG</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
021510 H	One (1) USMC lowbed hit mine of undetermined size, blowing off rear axle. A VN civilian bus hit a 50 lb mine at the same time. 1st Engineer's sweep team found two (2) more mines and blew them in place. Four VN civilians KIA, two ARVN WIA, One USMC WIA	AT942658
030900 H	M/S team found one (1) 81 mm mortar round on south shoulder of road, negative booby traps, blown in place.	AT984584
032005 H	Approximately 40 ft span of Golden Gate Bridge blown out by floating explosive	AT963605
061000 H	One (1) M-52 truck pulling a trailer hit an M-14 Toe Popper on left side of road, negative injuries. Damage tire on trailer	BT028640
061240 H	A Sea Bee TD-20 armored dozer detonated 60 lb land mine while towing sheep foot roller negative injuries, major damage to the sheep foot roller.	AT956589
061300 H	A Sea Bee TD-20 armored dozer detonated a 50 lb. mine while turning around with damage sheep - foot, Damaged left side & belly pan of TD-20 One (1) SEA BEE WIA	AT955584
070800 H	M/S team found one (1) 106 mm round 10 feet off right side of road, negative booby traps blown in place.	BT022638
080900 H	One (1) ARVN personnel received wounds from one (1) M-26 fragmentation grenade thrown from bush. Emergency medevac called for one (1) ARVN personnel.	AT985582
100745 H	M/S team found one (1) toe popper on road negative booby traps, blown in place, negative casualties.	BT019635

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
101105 H	Blew three (3) line charges resulting in one (1) secondary explosion of approximately 20lb mine. One (1) chopper flying low overhead had door and glass blown out, negative casualties	AT956584
110725 H	M/S team found one (1) dud M-79 round on road negative booby traps blown in place.	AT968595
110825 H	M/S team found two (2) M-26 grenades and one (1) 60 mm illumination, negative booby traps round blown in place.	
121525 H	One (1) M-54 truck detonated M-14 Toe Popper blowing out one tire negative casualties.	BT018634
151115 H	One (1) M-51 truck hit one (1) AP mine and one (1) Seabee roller hit another AP mine 05 minutes later, negative injuries and damage.	AT958584
170800 H	M/S team found two (2) M-79 rounds off of road, negative booby traps, blown in place.	BT066657
190715 H	M/S found one (1) 81 mm smoke round 10 feet off road, negative booby traps, blown in place	BT070648
210730 H	M/S team found one (1) M-79 round on road negative booby traps, blown in place	BT070661
210720 H	M/S team found one (1) M-14 Toe popper on road negative booby traps, blown in place	AT968598
211700 H	One (1) M-79 round exploded while three (3) VN children were playing with it. All received shrapnel wounds. Called emergency medevac Three (3) VN children WIA	AT902571
211055 H	Einco tractor hit 155 round booby trap damage to track, hoses, and lift cylinder One (1) emergency medevac, one (1) routine both USMC personnel	BT023573
221130 H	Einco tractor turned up one (1) 30 Lb anti-TANK mine, negative booby traps, blown in place.	BT012578

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
220740 H	M/S team found five (5) Laaw rounds and one (1) 60mm HE rounds, negative booby traps, rounds blown in place.	BT070663
230755 H	M/S team found one (1) 81mm HE round negative booby traps, blown in place	BT070633
231800 H	One(1) MRS-100 pan got barbed wire entangled in it, and cut three (3) VN children , one (1) child treated for minor cuts, two (2) children medevaced by U.S.M.C. personnel.	AT911579
250800 H	M/S team found one (1) 175 mm round negative booby traps,blown in place	BT065661
250810 H	M/S team found one (1) 20mm aircraft round off left side of road, negative booby traps, round blown in place	BT065659
260755 H	M/S team found two (2) 81mm HE round and one (1) 81mm illumination round negative booby traps, round blown in place	BT072662
271005 H	M/S team found one (1) unknown booby trap about 3.5 lbs weight in middle of road. Device was blown in place.	AT964584
270745 H	M/S team found one (1) Laaw Negative booby traps, round blown in place.	BT065662
280725 H	M/S team found one (1) 15 lb A.T. Mine booby trapped with pressure release firing device Mine blown in place.	BT066642
280920 H	M/S team found one (1) M-14 Toe popper on south side of road. Negative booby traps mine blown in place.	AT966584

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