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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps

Via: (1) Commanding General, Third Marine Division
(2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 January 1968 to 31 January 1968;
submission of

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8
(c) 3d MarDivO 5750.1A

Encl: ✓(1) 11th Engineer Battalion Command Chronology

1. Pursuant to references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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PART I
Organizational data

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11th ENGINEER BATTALION

COMMANDER

LtCol. V. A. PERRY, USMC
 5Nov67 - Current

SUBORDINATE UNITS

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Capt L. L. LISZEWSKI, USMC
 8November67 - Current

SERVICE COMPANY

Capt W. T. EVANS, USMC
 24Sept67 - 21 Jan 68
 Maj N. M. OLF, USMC
 22Jan68 - Current

"A" COMPANY

Capt R. E. REAGAN, USMC
 24Sept67 - 7 Jan68
 1stLt D. W. COPELAND, USMC
 8Jan68 - Current

"B" COMPANY

1stLt R. F. BAILES, USMC
 22Nov67 - Current

"C" COMPANY

Capt J. R. PLEIER, USMC
 23Sep67 - Current

"D" COMPANY

Capt R.H. BRINKLEY, USMC
 25Nov67 - Current

2. LOCATION

1 January 1968 - 31 January 1968 - Dong Ha, RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Maj W. J. P. MANNIX, USMC
 26Nov67 - Current

S-1/ADJUTANT

1stLt E. V. BURNETTE, USMC
 1Jan68 - Current
 1stLt S. E. DURHAM, USMC
 31Dec67 - Current

S-2/3

Maj J. C. THORP, USMC
 24Nov67 - Current

S-4

Maj C. J. WOLK JR, USMC
 26Nov67 - Current

Group 4

Dwongraded at 3 year intervals;
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SUPPLY OFFICER

2ndLt H. RIJFKOGLE, USMC
20Nov67 - Current

COMMUNICATION OFFICER

1stLt R. W. OCONNER, USMC
28Nov67 - Current

MEDICAL OFFICER

Lt F. C. SANFORD, USNR (MC)
1Aug67 - Current

CHAPLAIN

~~LCDR P. D. KEBBLY, USN (CHC)~~
~~15Jun67 - 4Dec67~~
LCDR J. W. McELROY, USN (CHC)
5Dec67 - Current

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
45	889	2	23	0	0

PART II

During the month of Jan construction at A-2, A-3, A-4, C-3, and Ca Lu were major projects for this battalion. During January construction of firing ports on bunkers at A-2 were completed. Eleven bunkers were added to A-4. 1,550 meters of 4 strand warning fence, laying of 175 meters of double apron fence, laying of 1,000 meters of double apron with two on three concertina, between the aprons, and the emplacing of 10,231 mines was completed at Ca Lu. 3,459 mandays and 2,974 equipment hours were expended on this project.

Continued work on upgrading route 561 from YD 146605 to YD 114701 to a class 60, limited all-weather, single lane road. This road is being upgraded as the main supply route to A-4 and is in support of Operation Dye Marker. The road is currently 98% complete. A 135 foot M-6 bridge is in place at YD129672.

Commenced construction on class 60, limited, all-weather, single lane road 635 meters long from YD 213727 to YD 177723 to follow general trace of route 566. Pioneering work is completed and 850 meters of rock base completed. This road is being built for the access road to position A-3 and is a part of Operation Dye Marker.

During the reporting period a total of 326 mandays, 1,956 engineer equipment hours and 4,720 cubic yards of material were expended on road construction.

In addition to Operation Dye Marker the battalion continued to provide support to the 3rd Marine Division and other units located in the Dong Ha Combat Base, Camp J. J. Carroll, Camp Hill and Con Thien.

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During the reporting period, the battalion continued to operate and maintain the water points in the 3rd Marine Division northern area of operations and a total of 1,795,260 gallons of potable water was produced. The Water Supply Platoon commenced drilling of a well at Con Thien, but were held up at a depth of 87 feet due to mechanical troubles on the well rig.

During the reporting period, personnel, equipment and materials were provided to maintain and repair the existing structures, facilities, and equipment in the 3rd Marine Division northern area of operations. 39 projects for repairs/improvements to existing facilities and/or cantonment type construction were completed.

This battalion continued to furnish all electrical power for the 3rd Marines Division northern area of operations. This battalion is currently operating 22 generators at 20 different locations.

Equipment availability due to a lack of repair parts and third and fourth echelon maintenance support continues to be low.

Ten Rome plow clearing blades were received for the Eimco tractors. These were tested on a land clearing task at Yankee Station. The Blades were very effective for clearing large timbers.

A continuous spot inventory to the Battalion warehouse has been instituted to verify locations and 708 card blanks.

The utility situation is deteriorating. The overworked generators as predicted are giving out. Partial relief will occur when some replacement generators are received. The solution for the utility status of Dong Ha Combat Base is centralized power.

Work has been started to replace the sluice gates on the Eleventh Engineer water source, water point one. This should provide adequate water source, during the dry season. An evaluation of the water source of waterpoint two is being conducted. There is a possibility that this water may become contaminated and a new source will have to be opened.

During the month of January one Officer attended Embarkation School, one Enlisted attended NCO Leadership school. 70 new personnel attended Battalion In-Country Indoctrination Class. Transition training and FAM firing on the M-16 rifle was conducted for 110 men of the Battalion.

During the month of January 1968 this Battalion suffered 10 WIA's due to enemy hostile action. Two non-hostile casualties were also recorded during this period.

This Battalion transferred two Marine Officers; joined one Marine Officer and 51 Marine Corps Enlisted; Transferred 147 Marine Corps Enlisted personnel. On 31 January 1968, the 11th Engineer Battalion had on hand: USMC; 45 Off, 889 Enl; USN; 2 Off, 23 Enl.

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During the month of January this battalion had operational control of the following units:

3rd Platoon, 3rd Bridge Company - 1 Officer 20 Enlisted
 1st Platoon, 25th Chemical Company (SG), USA - 20 Officers, 25 Enlisted
 Company "D" 9th Engineer Battalion - 6 Officers, 105 Enlisted, 1 Naval Enlisted
 Company "A" 7th Engineer Battalion - 3 Officers, 86 Enlisted, 2 Naval Enlisted

On 31 January 1968 the 11th Engineer Battalion strength including attached units was:

<u>MARINE CORPS</u>		<u>NAVY</u>		<u>ARMY</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
54	1038	2	25	1	24

The Battalion Personnel Strength by major area of deployment was as follows:

<u>MARINE CORPS</u>		<u>NAVY</u>		<u>ARMY</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
35	620	2	12	1	24
			Dong Ha		
0	5	0	0	0	0
			Cam Lo		
1	17	0	0	0	0
			Ca Lu		
8	160	0	9	0	0
			Con Thien		
0	7	0	0	0	0
			Gio Linh		
0	6	0	0	0	0
			Cua Viet		
5	49	0	1	0	0
			Non Effective		

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

5 January 1968: Sweep team on route nine found one VC/NVA KIA along side of the road, had been killed by ARVN.

9 January 1968: Sweep team on route 1 found pieces of material believed to be that of a helicopter.

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11 January 1968: Performed a combination Med Cap and psychological indoctrination at the village of Ha Thuong about 2000 meters south of Gio Linh. People were receptive to the MedCap; Their reaction toward the indoctrination is undetermined.

Combat operations base at Ca Lu was completed by "D" company 9th Engineer Battalion.

13 January 1968: "A" Company, 7th Engineer Battalion completed bunker entrances at C-3.

15 January 1968: Sweep team discovered 2 AT mines at YD 182721. Both were destroyed.

21 January 1968: Sweep team discovered 2 T-41 mines at YD 167588. One upside down with the other on top. The mines were placed solidly and had to be destroyed.

22 January 1968: "A" Company 7th Engineer Battalion completed road inside of A-4 position.

24 January 1968: "D" Company 9th Engineer Battalion was detached from 11th Engineer Battalion and returned to their parent organization.

27 January 1968: Began clearing a 600 meter section located west of A-4 at Yankee Station.

28 January 1968: Sweep team on route 1 found a large satchel charge under water attached to culvert at YD 229624. It was possibly placed there after 11th Engr sweep team had passed. The Seabees notified EOD and the charge was disarmed and removed.

30 January 1968: Completed 11 bunkers at A-4.

31 January 1968: "A" Company, 7th Engineer Battalion was detached from 11th Engineer Battalion and returned to their parent organization.

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