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To: Commanding General, First Marine Division, Fleet Marine
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Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 October 1968 to 31
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1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), (b)
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

9th Engineer Battalion

COMMANDER

LtCol D. U. DAVIDSON

Subordinate Units

Headquarters Company
Service Company
Company "A"
Company "B"
Company "C"
Company "D"

Capt. C. H. ROYER
Capt. J. K. NAGAZYNA
*1stLt D. E. CRAIS
1stLt G. M. SHERMAN
Capt. D. W. JOHNSON
1stLt W. G. WARD

*Assumed duties on 2 Oct 68

Attached Units

3rd Bridge Platoon, 1st Bridge
Company in direct support

2ndLt P. J. SHEA

2. Location

9th Engineer Battalion	Chu Lai, RVN	1-31 October 1968
Company "A"	Hill #10	1-31 October 1968
	BT 199390	
Company "B"	Chu Lai, RVN	1-31 October 1968
Company "C"	Chu Lai, RVN	1-31 October 1968
Company "D"	Hill #63	1-31 October 1968
	BT 136448	

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer
S-1 Adjutant
Personnel Officer
S-2/3
S-5
S-4

None
1stLt R. J. BURNS
1stLt R. J. BURNS
Maj. S. A. JOHNSON
1stLt C. E. HUGHES
Maj. W. B. CHANNELL

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Sgt Maj.
Motor Transport Officer
Construction Officer
ADM Officer
Maintenance Officer
Utilities Officer
Medical Officer
Supply Officer
Legal Officer
Embarkation Officer
NBC Officer
Training Officer
Education Officer
Chaplain

Sgt Maj. R. V. OWEN
1stLt J. D. BUCHANAN
Maj. S. A. JOHNSON
Maj. S. A. JOHNSON
GySgt B. SHUMPERT
Capt. C. H. JONES
Lt. A. P. IVERSON USN (MC)
*Capt. J. W. MODDY
Capt. C. H. ROYER
1stLt R. G. ERICSON
1stLt C.J. TOENISKOETTER
1stLt C.J. TOENISKOETTER
2ndLt P. R. FARO
Services conducted by
visiting Chaplain Capt.
G. J. RICHARDSON

*Assumed duties on 2 October 1968

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
41	924	1	19

PART II

During the month of October 1968, the 9th Engineer Battalion, LtCol D. U. DAVIDSON Commanding, continued as its primary mission the maintenance and upgrading of RVN Route #1 from Chu Lai (BT 520044) to the Song Cau Lau (BT 091554). The maintenance and road networks for the Americal Division, Supply Company (Rein)FLC, plus Engineer Support of Free World Forces in the Chu Lai TAOR continued to require a significant engineer effort.

Company "A" (-) was located at Hill #10 (BT 199390) and was in the process of maintaining and upgrading RVN Route #1 from (BT 259289) to Thang Binh (BT 175418) a distance of 10 miles. The 2nd Platoon, Company "A" was located on Hill #29.

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Company "B" was located at Chu Lai (BT 520044) and is engaged in vertical construction and maintenance of RVN Route #1 from Chu Lai (BT 520044) to Bridge #35 (BT 259289), a distance of 17 miles.

Company "C" continued upgrading of RVN Route #1 between Chu Lai (BT 520044) and Bridge #35 (BT 259289), a distance of 17 miles and engaged in vertical construction in the support of the Americal Division.

Company "D" continued maintenance and upgrading of RVN Route #1 from Thang Binh (BT 175418) to the Song Cau Lau (BT 091554), a distance of 11.1 miles and engaged in construction in support of Free World Military Forces.

During the month of October, upgrading and repair of RVN Route #1 was broken down into three areas of responsibility; Chu Lai to Bridge #35, Bridge #35 to Thang Binh, and Thang Binh to the Song Cau Lau.

Between Chu Lai (BT 520044) and Bridge #35 (BT 259289), 9th Engineer Battalion personnel expended 12,910 man hours and 12,591 equipment hours in hauling 18,597 cubic yards of rock and placing 22,405 gallons of asphalt.

Between Bridge #35 (BT 259289) and Thang Binh (BT 175418), the 9th Engineer Battalion personnel expended 2,895 man hours 3,539 equipment hours in hauling and placing 3,372 cubic yards of rock and placing 56,740 gallons of asphalt.

Between Thang Binh (BT 175418) and the Song Cau Lau (BT 091554), 9th Engineer Battalion personnel expended 1,222 man hours and 1,252 equipment hours in hauling and placing 2,561 cubic yards of rock, 270 cubic yards of fill, and 8,330 gallons of asphalt.

During the month of October, the 9th Engineer Battalion units replaced, installed, or repaired twenty four culverts along RVN Route #1. This required 331' of 18" culvert, 60' of 24" culvert, 124' of 36" culvert, 310' of 48" culvert, and 77' of 60" culvert as shown below:

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<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Man Hours</u>	<u>Equipment Hours</u>
BT 554051	2	40'	18"	40	10
BT 554054	1	44'	18"	40	10
BT 534057	1	60'	24"	50	6
BT 542066	1	44'	18"	40	10
BT 255295	2	45'	48"	40	10
BT 359191	1	42'	60"	100	10
BT 132474	1	40'	36"	35	4
CP	1	40'	18"	40	10
BT 119488	1	36'	18"	20	2
BT 182410	1	44'	36"	120	53
BT 118491	2	44'	48"	98	6
BT 343203	2	44'	18"	80	5
BT 101516	3	44'	48"	210	150
BT 141467	1	40'	36"	70	60
BT 242318	1	35'	60"	100	54
BT 252298	3	44'	48"	315	288

During the month of October 1968 the following bridge was repaired:

<u>Bridge #</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Man Hours</u>	<u>Equip Hours</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>
41	BT 283252	79'	Steel Stringer, Concrete center support and Timber Decking	16	0	4 Oct 1968

The culverts destroyed by enemy demolitions are shown below:

<u>Culvert Location</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Date Destroyed</u>
BT 409131	1	2 October 1968
BT 119489	1	7 October 1968
BT 124483	1	7 October 1968

In addition to the major road and bridge work being done on RVN Route #1 the 9th Engineer Battalion was responsible for the repair and maintenance of other sections of road as shown below:

Company "C" continued (1) the maintenance of 2.0 miles of roadway within the Supply Company (Rein) FLC-C (BT 532111); (2) the maintenance of 3.5 miles of roadway within the Supply Company (Rein) FLC-ASP (BT 550044); (3) the maintenance of 1.6 miles of roadway on Route #22W (BT 512053)-(BT 493037); and (4) the maintenance of 0.6 miles of roadway on Route #22E (BT 538027)-(BT 549049).

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Headquarters Company Heavy Equipment Platoon retained the responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the Americal Perimeter Road (BT 521071)-(BT 519049) a distance of 8.5 miles.

Since 1 October 1968, 9th Engineer Battalion has provided the following additional Engineer Equipment Support for the U. S. Army, U. S. Navy, U. S. Marine Corps and the Korean Marine Corps units within its area of responsibility:

(1) Covering a 300' open ditch for MAC-V compound. Date Started 16 October 1968, Date Completed 30 October 1968; Man Hours: 156, Equipment Hours: 4.

(2) Upgrading of 700 meters of road for MAG-13. Date Started 16 October 1968, Date Completed 31 October 1968; Man Hours: 504, Equipment Hours: 283.

During the month of October 1968, the 9th Engineer Battalion completed the following vertical construction.

(1) Construction of four bunkers for 1st CAG MTT 1-2. Date Started 15 September 1968, Date Completed 15 October 1968; Man Hours: 220.

(2) Construction of laterite storage pad for MAG-13. Date Started 3 September 1968, Date Completed 2 November 1968; Man Hours: 948, Equipment Hours: 447.

(3) Construction of one concrete pad for MAG-13. Date Started 9 September 1968, Date Completed 10 October 1968; Man Hours: 1,000, Equipment Hours: 304.

(4) Construction of a retaining wall for COC MAG-13. Date Started 3 September 1968, Date Completed 12 October 1968; Man Hours: 140, Equipment Hours: 4.

(5) Construction of a 24'x24' FDC Bunker for 3/16th Arty. Date Started 15 August 1968, Date Completed 18 October 1968; Man Hours: 185, Equipment Hours: 60.

(6) Construction of stage and screen for the Americal Division. Date Started 25 October 1968, Date Completed 28 October 1968; Man Hours: 185, Equipment Hours: 10.

(7) Construction of bunker for Huc Doc. Date Started 5 October 1968, Date Completed 25 October 1968; Man Hours: 120.

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(8) Construction of five latrines for the 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Date Started 17 October 1968, Date Completed 20 October 1968; Man Hours: 168, Equipment Hours: 36.

(9) Construction of six latrines for the Americal Division. Date Started 15 October 1968, Date Completed 20 October 1968; Man Hours: 200, Equipment Hours: 41.

During the period, the 9th Engineer Battalion water points produced 4,516,000 gallons of potable water and expended 3458 man hours and 7146 equipment hours.

During the same period, the 9th Engineer Battalion conducted daily mine sweeps from (BT 520044) to (BT 092549).

During the month of October mine sweep personnel expended 8,423 man hours and 857 equipment hours on RVN Route #1 and were responsible for locating the previously mentioned mines.

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>METERS COVERED</u>	<u>COMPOSITION</u>
"C"Co	BT 520044	BT 330235	26,000	4
"C"Co	BT 300235	BT 259289	7,000	4
"A"Co	BT 242318	BT 259289	3,600	4
"A"Co	BT 242318	BT 226347	3,700	4
"A"Co	BT 198389	BT 226347	5,000	5
"A"Co	BT 198389	BT 175418	3,800	4
"D"Co	BT 144457	BT 175418	5,000	10
"D"Co	BT 144457	BT 113497	5,200	12
"D"Co	BT 113497	BT 092549	6,800	12

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel & Administration

1 October 1968	Dropped 1stLt T. W. BACHE
2 October 1968	Dropped Capt. S. W. FITZGERALD
2 October 1968	Dropped Capt. G. B. BARNEY
8 October 1968	Dropped SSgt R. L. MOE
9 October 1968	Joined SSgt H. F. REEVES
9 October 1968	Joined SSgt N. H. STEVENS
9 October 1968	Joined SSgt W. J. THOMAS
11 October 1968	Dropped SSgt T. H. LOGAN
12 October 1968	Joined SSgt E. R. ROZELLE
18 October 1968	Joined SSgt J. MEANS
22 October 1968	Dropped SSgt J. N. MOORE
22 October 1968	Joined SSgt C. R. ACKERMAN
23 October 1968	Joined SSgt C. R. BARE
24 October 1968	Dropped Sgt Maj. R. V. OWEN
25 October 1968	Joined SSgt H. MAY-CARCIA
26 October 1968	Joined 2ndLt T. B. MACMURRAY
27 October 1968	Joined GySgt R. O. BITNER
28 October 1968	Dropped 1stLt R. G. ERICSON
30 October 1968	Dropped 1stLt J. J. NOZAR
30 October 1968	Dropped SSgt M. E. HANCOCK

2. Civic Action

During the month of October, the 9th Engineer Battalion donated eight truckloads of scrap lumber to the Villagers of Tich Tay 1, 2, and 3 for the renovation of homes. The MEDCAP Team held nine MEDCAPS at the Tich Tay Field Dispensary. At these MEDCAPS 154 men, women, and children were treated and 28 lbs of soap and candy were distributed. The following projects are now being administered by the S-5: Upgrading of Rt #22, construction of a council house, renovation of village wells, and the construction of a Buddhist Temple.

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- 1 October 1968 Company "D" found AP mine at BT 152451 approximately one inch high by three inches in diameter. Looked factory made and booby-trapped. Company "C" found mine at BT 233333 of approximately 25 lbs tritonal, pressure/electric detonation. Also found two holes dug near ends of bridge, two detonators found near holes. Company "D" reported civilian bus hit mine at BT 121487. Crater five feet deep 12x12; 13 VN killed, 11 Medevaced.
- 2 October 1968 Company "C" reported blown culvert at BT 409131.
- 7 October 1968 Company "D" minesweep reported culvert blown at BT 119489 and found a 20 lbs concrete mine with pressure/electric firing device at BT 120487. One culvert was blown at BT 124483.
- 8 October 1968 Company "D" found a crater blown in the road at BT 084543. Company "A" sweep team found one Chi Com grenade at BT 208375.
- 9 October 1968 Company "D" found an 81mm mortar round booby trapped with pull friction device at BT 119499. They also received 10 rounds sniper fire at BT 097507, two civilians WIA.
- 15 October 1968 S-3A reported Combat Youth found 1 VC bamboo type mine 20-25 lbs at BT 048515.
- 21 October 1968 Company "A" sweep team received 2 60mm mortar rounds at BT 174419.
- 23 October 1968 Company "D" found two 20 lbs concrete mines with pressure/electric firing devices at BT 154447.
- 27 October 1968 Company "D" sweep team found a crater in the road 7'x7'x4'. They also found a 60mm mortar round with pressure/electric fuze at the same location BT 10755040.
- 28 October 1968 Company "D" reported ARVNs killed 2 VC planting a 25 lbs concrete mine with pull friction fuze on the bottom and pressure/electric fuze on top at BT 105508.
- 29 October 1968 Company "C" reported PFs pointed out a small AP mine at BT 403138.
- 30 October 1968 Company "A" found a boobytrapped M26 grenade at BT 201383. Company "D" received four 82mm mortar rounds and small arms fire at BT 102517. Negative Casualties.
- 31 October 1968 Company "A" minesweep reported Bridge #29 partially blown.

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4. Training

7 October 1968 1 man sent to Div Embarkation School, Danang
7 October 1968 1 man sent to SNCO Leadership Course, Danang
14 October 1968 2 men sent to NCO Leadership Course, Danang
14 October 1968 1 man sent to Officers Leadership Course, Danang
20 October 1968 1 man sent to Career Advisory School, Okinawa
21 October 1968 2 men sent to Embarkation School, Okinawa
25 October 1968 1 man sent to Clerk Fiscal School, Danang
28 October 1968 1 man sent to Officers Leadership Course, Danang

5. Patrols

1 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from 012400H to 020500H
2 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from 022200H to 030400H
3 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from 032300H to 040500H
4 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from 042230H to 050330H
5 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from 052330H to 060400H
6 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from 062400H to 070600H
7 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from 072100H to 080230H
8 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from 082300H to 090400H
9 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from 092200H to 100500H
10 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from 102400H to 110500H
11 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from 112230H to 120430H
12 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from 122300H to 130400H
13 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from 132300H to 140400H
14 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from 142230H to 150430H
15 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from 152400H to 160500H
16 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from 162200H to 170400H
17 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from 172300H to 180400H
18 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from 182300H to 190500H

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19 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with
ambush from 192400H to 200600H
20 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with
ambush from 202230H to 210500H
21 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with
ambush from 212300H to 220600H
22 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with
ambush from 222200H to 230500H
23 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with
ambush from 232300H to 240400H
24 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with
ambush from 242400H to 250500H
25 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with
ambush from 252230H to 260330H
26 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with
ambush from 262300H to 270430H
27 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with
ambush from 272200H to 280330H
28 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with
ambush from 282200H to 290430H
29 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with
ambush from 292300H to 300600H
30 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with
ambush from 302400H to 310500H
31 October 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with
ambush from 312300H to 010600H

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