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(a) MCO 5750.2

(b) FMFPAC 5750.8 (c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: (1) August Command Chronology

1. In consonance with references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

By direction

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1 August 1967 to 31 August 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA

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1. DESIGNATION	produced in the second	COMANDER
7th Engineer Battalion	(Rein), FMF	LtColing R. FUNDERBURK
<u>.:48 ಕೆಎಫ</u>	SUBORDINATE UNITS	
HqCo Ec	Capt. R. J. BROUILLET	28 June 1967
ServCo	Capt. H. L. CAMPBELL	7 March 1967
Co ^{tt} A ^{tt}	Capt. L. H. WALTERS, Jr.	3 April 1967
Co ^π B ^π	Capt. J. R. PHANEUF	7 March 1967
Concn	Capt. R. J. GENOVESE	31 July 1967
Co ¹¹ D ¹¹	Capt. J. W. MARSHALL III	9 January 1967
	ATTACHED UNIT	
lst Bridge Co	Capt. R. M. KIBBLE	1 June 1967
3rd Bridge Co	lstLt. F. A. SCHIGG	10 June 1967
Co"A", 9th EngrBn	Capt. R. A. TIEBOUT	20 June 1967
2. LOCATION		
7th Engineer Bn	6 August 1965	Danang, RVN
1st Bridge Co	8 December 1965	Danang, RVN
3rd Bridge Co	17 October 1966	Danang, RVN
Go"A", 9th EngrBn	26 June 1966	Danang, RVN
3. STAFF OFFICERS		
Executive Officer	Major.R. A. HUNTZINGER	26 July 1967
S-1	lstLt. J. R. MANNING	25 August 1967
S-2/3	Major L. E. RAMSEY	26 July 1967
S-4	Major W. S. SHEA	17 December 1966

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Capt. J. KAZALUNAS

lstSgt. C. J. MURPHY Jr. 4 August 1967

Supply Officer

Sergeant Major

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The 7th Engineer Battalion continued support of the III Marine Amphibious Force within the Danang area. Platoons from the attached 1st and 3rd Bridge Companies are rendering support in the Chu Lai, Hue/Phu Bai, and Dong Ha areas.

Company "A", 9th Engineer Battalion continues conducting engineer operations on Route 1 between Danang and Thang Bill to upgrade Highway 1 for class 50 traffic.

Route 1 was subject to intensive enemy sabotage. In Company "A", 9th Engineer Battalion's area of responsibility, a triple 60" culvert (BT 102516), one (1) 18" culvert (BT 107517), one (1) 16" culvert (BT 099521), one (1) 5' concrete culvert (BT 107504), a bridge (BT 045614), and 2 spans of the Song Cau Lau bridge (BT 092552) were destroyed. Two (2) ferries are in operation at the Song Cau Lau, one belonging to 1st Bridge, the other an aRVN ferry. Due to the profile and the shallow depth of the river, the ferry is only operational at certain periods during the day.

North of Danang on Highway 1, around the Hai Von Pass area, eight (8) bridges were destroyed. 1st and 3rd Bridge Companies repaired three (3), two (2) of which were destroyed twice more and repaired again. ARVN Engineers repaired the other five (5).

Company "B" continues operations on Route 12 and the Ha Thanh Dam.

16,790 yards of fill were placed and compacted. Work has been impeded several times due to heavy VC activity.

Work continues on Route 5 to bring it above the high water mark and cap it with crushed rock. During August 27, 136 yards of fill and 2,445 yards of rock were placed and compacted.

Company "A" completed the final sector of the Danang Air Base minefield. A total of 132 - M14's and 51 - M16's were located and destroyed.

Company "D" will start capping Route 5 from an Hoa to the Song Thu Bon (AT 925530) with rock.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

- 1. Topics: TH -edsnimelegistal by Vibora (1921 1924) (2013)
 - a. Personnel and Administration. None. It will be a second

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041515 н	"B" Company's road secur booby trapped 3.5 round, destroyed in place.		BT 055653
050630 н	11Bill Company's sweep tear 2 box mines, approximate each. The mines were lo 40 meters apart. Both r and removed.	ely weighing 20 lbs ocated approximately	BT 028640
050945 H	Company "A", 9th EngrBn mine consisting of appropure explosives, There	eximately 100 lbs of	BT 102514
050945 Н	"B" Company truck received grenade from Vietnamese tened both front tires. injured.	child. Explosion flat-	AT 986639
06 NNK H	A bridge was blown on Ro	oute #1.	BT 045614 :
071315 H-	Company "A", 9th EngrBn personnel mine. Mine wa	road crew found anti-	. BT 101514
0 771.405 .H	Enemy force opened fire pit (Hill #55). Called returned small arms fire wounded and there was 1	in artillery on VC and There was 1.USMC	AT 981623
	"B" Company's road secur trapped chi-chom grenade stroyed in place.		BT 054655
080705 Н	*B* Company found box mily 25 lbs. Mine removed		ET 048655
091145 н	"B" Company found a book round. Booby trap was	by trapped 60mm mortar destroyed in place.	BT 055653
091520 н	"B" Company road crew rearms sniper fire. Return arms fire with negative Med-Evaced to NSA. (DOW)	rned 200 rounds small results, One USMC WIA,	BT 054655
112100 н	Culvert was blown by est sive in the middle of reable condition.	ead. Road was in pass-	
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120745 Н	"B" Compay found a 20 lb pressure type thing BT 048655 device in road! The device was removed and de-stroyed.
14 UNK H	Culvert was blown making road impassable. BT 129478
140700 н	"B" Company found a 25 lb mine with pressure BT 045654 type device in road. Mine was removed and destroyed.
16 UNK H	Culvert was blown making road impassable. BT 129478
181500 H	"B" Company jeep detonated box mine, approximate BT 067664 ly 15 lbs. There was one USMC KIA and one USMC across WIA Med-Evaced.
19 UNK H	Hole blown in road, approximately 5 feet deep. BT 142465 Road is still passable.
190815 Н	"B" Company's road security found a booby trap—BT 064657 ped chi-chom grenade. Booby trap was blown in road
190900 H	"B" Company TD-18 detonated box mine, approxi- BT 045655 mately 50 lbs. The operator was sent to BAS for check.
210745 H	"B" Company found a 20 lb box mine in center BT 045653 of road to Mine was removed and destroyed. 30 (c) "B" Company found a 25 lb box mine. Mine was BT 045658 removed and destroyed.
27 UNK H	Culvert was blown on Route #1. TG 5 BT 054594
27 UNK H	Gilvert was blown on Route #5. AT 922548
27 UNK H	Culvert was blown on Route #12. BT 003634
27 UNK H.	Bridge was blown on Route #14. AT 867573
27 UNK H	Two bridges were blown on Route #1. AT 932892
	Three culverts were blown on Route #17 8 BT 101517 BT 098522 BT 099521
	at culvert job. Mine was blown in place.
29 UNK H	A culvert was blown on Route #1. BT 107594

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- 291320 H "B" Company personnal stepped on chi-chom BT 003633 grenade approximately 3 feet from the road.

 One man was wounded and Med-Evaced.
- 300155 H 7th Engineer Battalion Command Post was attack— AT 944787
 ed by approximately 12-20 VC with satchel charges
 and small arms fire and automatic weapons fire.
 VC penetrated perimeter wire and threw satchel
 charges into 2 dump trucks in the Motor Transport lot. There was one USMC KIA and three
 USMC WIA's Med-Evaced. One VC was wounded and
 captured. One weapon was captured and 1 cartridge belt with personal gear. Approximately
 16 satchel charges were found in the area of
 the attack.
- 311050 H Company "A", 9th EngrBn found an anti-personnel BT 102514 mine, the mine was blown in place.

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c: Organization and Operations

- (1) Officer Assignments See TAB A, Enclosure (1)
- : (2) Operations
- (a) On 5 August 1967 a 961 pile bent bridge, partially destroyed by the Viet Cong was repaired.
- (b) On 9 August 1967 a 45° class N/A (China Boy) M4T6 fixed span was emplaced at AT 982625.
- (c) On 15 August 1967, four (4) bunkers for CAP B-4 AT 944663 and five (5) bunkers for CAP D-4 BT 083569 were completed. All bunkers were 8'x12's.
- (d) On 15 August 1967 a triple 60th culvert replaced a blown bridge on Route 1 BT 045614.
- (e) On 17 August 1967 two (2) bridges on Route 5, AT 927718 and AT 945707, were redecked.
- (f) On 21 August 1967 fourteen (14) 51x31x30" bunkers were completed for the General's quarters at III MAF. These are two (2) man fighting holes.
- (g) On 21 August 1967 510^t of decking and treadway were replaced on the Song Ba Ren Bridge, BT 102512.
- (h) On 22 August 1967 anti-swim nets were installed on both sides of the Song Cau Do Bridge, AT 999706. However, an amtrack lost power in midstream, was carried through the nets, by the current, completely destroying them.

- (i) On August 1967 a 38'4" class 30 (A 332891) and a 30' class 60 (AT 932895) M4T6 fixed spans were emplaced on Route 1 near Hai Van Pass. Each bridge was blown twice again and repaired; each time.
- (j) On 26 August 1967 a 961 pile bent bridge (AT 866573) was partially destroyed. Bridge repairs were completed 29 August 1967.
- (k) On 31 August 1967 a 51 8" class 35/45 M4T6 fixed span was emplaced at (BT 237326).
- layed due to lack of M8A1 matting.
 - de nPlansi grige offe ao be
 - (1) Continue upgrading of Route 5 between AT 943746 and AT 912577.
 - (2) Continue construction of new lateral road designated Route 12.
 - (3) Continue construction of Dai Loc Bypass AT 9158.
 - (4) Commence working on Hill 63 helopad BT 132452.
 - (5) Continue upgrading of Route 1 from Danang to Thang Binh.
- (6) Reshape the road bed and commence capping Route 5 from An Hoa to the Song Thu Bon (AT 925530) with crushed rock.

e. Training

- (1) Command Indoctrination and information for newly arrived personnel and debriefing for those departing.
- (2) 58 personnel attended the 1st Engineer Battalion "Land Mine Warfare" schools
 - (3) One (1) NCO attended NCO Leadership school (Okinawa).
 - (4) One (1) enlisted attended Vietnamese Language school (Danang).
 - (5) 40 Marinos Fam Firod 50 Cal. Machine Gun.
 - (6) 60 Marines Fam Fired M-16 rifle.
 - (7) Battalion Fam Fired M-14
 - (8) Officers and Staff NCOs Fam Fired 45 Cal. pistol.
- (9) Officers and Staff NCOs attended a lecture on Med-Evac, Civil Affairs and Radio Procedures.
- (10) 11 personnel attended a class at 11th Motor Transport Battalion on Multi-Fuel Maintenance and Operation.

- (11) 10 Marine attended a class on fork lift (gh terrain).
- (12) 40 Marines attended radio school AN/PRS 25 at Bn Comm.
- (13) 3 personnel attended Embarkation school held at 1st Marine Division.

f. Logistics. Equipment and Supply

(1) Administration

August

A report of combat essential equipment deadlined in excess of ninety days was forwarded to CG, 1st Marine Division (Attn: G-4).

A request for transfer of funds from project code "3" to project code "0" was forwarded to CG, 1st Marine Division (Attn: Division Comptroller).

- 9 A request for MSAl matting to be used on the Song Cau Lau bridge was forwarded to CG, III Marine Amphibious Force.
- 15 A detail of 80 men from the S.L.F. came aboard and was quartered for two (2) weeks.
 - Two (2) 50 TPH rock crushers were received from the U.S. Army Salvage lot in an attempt to provide an increased crushing capability to the battalion.
- 19 This Battalion received a total of 235 bundles of MEAL matting for use at the helicopter site at hill 63.
- 21 A request for an increase in the funds alloted to this Battalion for project code "O" was sent to CG, 1st Marine Division (Attn: AC/S Comptroller).
- 29 A staff visit was paid to this battalion by a representative from FMFPAC Fiscal Inspector.

(2) Supply
(a) 7th Engineer Battalion FMF (RUC 21300)

During the month of August the Battalion Supply Section processed 138 priority 02 and 154 priority 05 requisitions and 2331 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 1066 receipts from due, 821 issues from due and 361 issues from warehouse.

(b) 1st Bridge Company FMF (RUC 21325)

During the month of August 1st Bridge Company Supply Section processed 629 requisitions. Also processed were 212 receipts from due, 196 issues from due and 39 issues from warehouse.

idge Combany Fit (RUC 21335) During the month of August 3rd Bridge Company Supply Section processed 161 requisitions/ Also processed were 5 receipts from due, 5 issues from due, and 66 issues from warehouse. 學·劉·克·斯克·克·斯克·西西斯·斯·瓦尔·克·斯·克特·

(3) Motor Transport

Approximately 149,803 miles were logged on the Battalion's Motor Transport Vehicles during August.

The Battalion Maintenance Platoon completed 126 Motor Transport work orders during the month of August. A total of 162 work orders were submitted, 36 were sent to Maint Bn.. Total work orders for Engineer Equipment numbered 159 with 126 completed and 33 were sent to FLSG "A".

(5) Messing

The Battalion Mess Staff continued to provide four meals daily except on Sunday; the fourth meal being a midnight ration for night crews. On Sunday a brunch replaces breakfast and dinner.

(6) Modical

The Battalion Aid Station treated 2191 Military and 1468 Vietnamese. During the month of August the Dental Clinic treated 510 Military and 8 Vietnamese.

(7) Embarkation

To Phu Bai

1 - Floodlight Set 1 - Crane 150T46

- 2 Compressor 125
- 1 M54
- 1 Trailer M105
- 1 Trailer Mll8 w/Dolly Ml97
- 1 M31 Truck

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

- (1) The civil affairs program continues on a daily basis.
- (2) Activities were as follows:
 - (a) MED CAP program provided treatment to 1468 persons.
- (b) The Battalion sporsored, Vietnamese brickyard produced a total of 30,832 soil bricks.
- (c) A total of 8,203 bricks were released from the 7th Engineer Battalion Brick Factory during the month of August for various projects.

- (d) A tot of 2,400 coment bricks were proceed at the Hoa Ninh Refugoe Village for the month of August 1967.
- (e) The school at the village of Hea Ninh and the School Master's House at Hoa Thanh have been completed!

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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2. Report on Sapper attack of 30 August 1967. See TAB B of Enclosure (1).

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Report of Sapper Attack 31 August 196

At 0200 on the morning of 31 August 1967, a series of explosions occurred in the Service Company Motor Pool. A team of V.C. sappers had penetrated the perimeter. The attack commenced simultaneously with small arms fire, satchel charges and B-40 rockets. There were no probes or any type hostile activities before the attack.

Damage and casualties consisted of:

a. One Marine KIA

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- b. Three Marines WIA (one emergency Med-evac)
- c. One hostile wounded and taken prisoner
- d. 3 M51A2 dump trucks damaged
- e. 1 MlO5 cargo trailer damaged
- f. 1 Security bunker destroyed

AT first light a sweep was made of the area. It was determined that at least eight (8) B-40 rocket rounds were fired at the area under attack. Approximately 16 pieces of unexploded ordnance were disposed of, including Chicom grenades, satchel charges, and some unknown type of explosive.

All information was turned over to Division G-2.

TAB B