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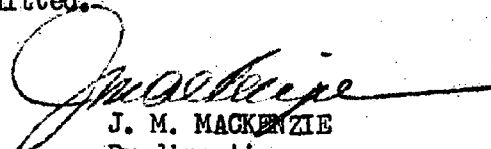
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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: (1) March Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

7th Engineer Battalion (Rein), FMF

LtCol. F.W. HARRIS III  
8 August 1966SUBORDINATE UNITS

HqCo	Capt. M. WEISER	25 March 1967
ServCo	Capt. H. L. CAMPBELL	7 March 1967
Co"A"	Capt. N. PACULA Jr.	11 November 1966
Co"B"	Capt. J. R. PHANEUF	7 March 1967
Co"C"	Capt. W. H. WEST	24 March 1967
Co"D"	Capt. J. W. MARSHALL III	9 January 1967

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Bridge Co	Capt. W. D. LYTCH Jr.	4 October 1966
3rd Bridge Co	Capt. L. M. WALTERS Jr.	11 November 1966
Co"A", 9th EngrBn	Capt. G. W. MIMS Jr.	12 September 1966

2. LOCATION

7th EngrBn	6 August 1965	DANANG, RVN
1st Bridge Co	8 December 1965	DANANG, RVN
3rd Bridge Co	17 October 1966	DANANG, RVN
Co"A", 9th EngrBn	26 June 1966	DANANG, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj. J. M. MACKENZIE	28 October 1966
S-1	2dLt. J. R. MANNING	25 August 1966
S-2/3	Maj. L. E. RAMSEY	24 November 1966
S-4	S. SHEA	17 December 1966
Supply Off	Capt. J. W. WILSON	5 July 1966

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Sgt.Maj.

Sgt.Maj. E. J. URBAN

8 August 1966

4. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
78	1359	2	19

5. Personnel Gains and Losses

		<u>GAINS</u>			<u>LOSSES</u>
	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u>	6	<u>OFF</u>	0	<u>OFF</u>	0
<u>ENL</u>	108	<u>ENL</u>	1	<u>ENL</u>	0

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PART II

8 AUG 1966

## Narrative Summary

The 7th Engineer Battalion (Rein) continued support of the III Marine Amphibious Force throughout I Corps Tactical Zone with primary effort concentrated in the Da Nang area.

Significant events during March included completion of a 105 foot, single lane, class 60 pile bent bridge on Route 5 south of the Tuy Loan River; completion of two single lane, class 60 bridges of 24 foot and 11 foot lengths on Route 5 north of the Tuy Loan River; continued construction of a 30 foot, class 60 pile bent bridge on Route 5 and a 46 foot steel stringer bridge on Route 13-C; completion of a 10,000 square foot soil cement heli pad at 3rd Bn, 1st Mar CP; completion of a dental facility on Hill 37; continued upgrading of 24 km of roads and maintenance of 121 km of roads.

## PART III

## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration. None.

b. Enemy, Weather, and Terrain

- (1) 010800H at BT 073670, Marine from Company "A", 9th EngrBn reported MIA. Infantry and PF units searched area with negative results.
- (2) 020950H at BT 003634, Company "B" sweep team received 40-50 rounds of automatic weapons fire. Returned fire and V.C. broke contact. No casualties.
- (3) 031115H at BT 070675, Company "A", 9th EngrBn road construction security element detonated unknown type mine. One Marine WIA (evac).
- (4) 041155H at BT 003633, road construction detail from Company "B" received 50-60 rounds of automatic weapons fire. Infantry and artillery returned 40 rounds, 155 mm, 20 rounds 60 mm mortar and 1000 rounds SA. One Marine WIA (non-evac).
- (5) 051015H at AT 943664, dump truck from Company "A" detonated mine. Nine WIA (2 evac).
- (6) 051200H to 060600H, 7th Engineer Battalion assumed security for MCB-9 on the occasion of the SeaBee Birthday.
- (7) 051535H at BT 063672, road construction detail from Company "A", 9th EngrBn received light SA fire from estimated 4-6 V.C. Returned 450 rounds SA and CAC unit swept area. One Marine WIA (non-evac).
- (8) 051545H at AT 993632, road construction detail from Company "B" received 4 rounds of SA fire, did not return fire due to friendly troops in area. No casualties.
- (9) 051605H at BT 069674, road construction detail from Company "A", 9th EngrBn received 7-9 rounds SA fire from 4 to 6 V.C. Returned 150 rounds SA and 7 rounds M-79. CAC unit swept area with negative results. No casualties.

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- (10) 061100H at AT 999634, dump truck from Service Company detonated mine estimated to be 40-50 pounds TNT. Truck heavily damaged. No casualties.
- (11) 061105H at AT 925520, road construction detail from Company "D" received SA fire from unknown number of V.C. Requested infantry assistance. No casualties.
- (12) 061400H at AT 991634, road grader from Company "B" detonated mine. Grader heavily damaged. No casualties.
- (13) 062000H at AT 915598, V.C. burned 105' timber pile bent bridge on Route 5. (See TAB B Photo #1)
- (14) 071111H at AT 990641, dump truck from Company "B" received 9 rounds SA sniper fire. No fire returned. No casualties.
- (15) 082005H at AT 948778, 7th Engineer Bn defensive perimeter received SA fire from unknown number of V.C. No fire returned. No casualties.
- (16) 121420H at AT 907752, bridge reconnaissance party from Company "C" received 3 rounds SA fire. No casualties.
- (17) 122020H at AT 948778, 7th EngrBn defensive perimeter received 10-14 rounds SA fire. No casualties.
- (18) 122030H at AT 924605, V.C. burned 30' timber pile bent bridge on Route 5.
- (19) 170930H at BT 067674, mine sweep team from Company "A", 9th EngrBn received 3-4 rounds SA fire. Returned 2 rounds M-79. No casualties.
- (20) 280820H at AT 948707, M-16 mine detonated during training resulting in 13 Marines killed and one wounded.
- (21) 311205H at BT 069673, sweep team from Company "A", 9th EngrBn received 3 rounds SA fire. Returned 5 rounds SA. No casualties.

c. Organization and Operations

- (1) Officer Assignments - See TAB A of Enclosure (1)
- (2) Operations
  - (a) On 8 March 1967 a 14' class 60 timber bridge was completed at AT 907753.
  - (b) On 13 March 1967 a 24' class 60 timber bridge was completed at AT 906746.
  - (c) On 16 March 1967 a 10,000 sq.ft. soil cement helipad was completed at the 1st Bn. 3rd Mar CF.
  - (d) On 17 March 1967 a 12' x 12' Dental Facility was Completed at Hill 37.
  - (e) On 31 March 1967 a 105' timber pile bent bridge was completed on Route 5 at AT 915598 (See TAB B Photo #2 & 3).
  - (f) Continued upgrading of 10 km of pioneer road from AT 874461 to AT 925530.
  - (g) Continued upgrading of Anderson Trail from Route 1C to Route 1 (AT 995633 to BT 032643).

d. Plans

- (1) Continue construction of 46' steel beam, class 60 bridge at BT 071701 (See TAB B Photo #4).
- (2) Pioneer and upgrade lateral road from Route 1 (BT 030647) to

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Vinh Dien River (BT 032648).

- (3) Upgrade Anderson Trail from 2d Bn. 1st Marines CP to Route 1.
- (4) Upgrade Route 5 from Song Thu Bon Ferry to An Hoa (AT 925530 to AT 874461).
- (5) Continue pioneering and upgrading of road/bridge approach on Dai Loc bypass via Hill 37 (AT 914587).

e. Training

- (1) Command Indoctrination and Information continues for newly arrived personnel and debriefing for those departing.
- (2) 66 personnel attended the 1st Engineer Battalion Land Mine Warfare School.
- (3) Six personnel attended ADM school. One was for initial training and five attended refresher training.
- (4) One officer attended Registered Publications School.
- (5) One Staff NCO attended III MAF Psychological Operations School.
- (6) 50 personnel fired individual weapon for familiarization on the Battalion 1000 inch range.

f. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply

(1) Administration

March

1 This Battalion was inspected by a team from Division Motor Transport. Service Company and 1st Bridge Company were the companies inspected.

7 The Division Supply and Instruction Team started an inspection of 3rd Bridge Company and finished on 9 March 1967.

8 Five conex boxes were turned in to FSR.

11 Final loads of rock were delivered to complete the contract.

Four Euclid dump truck were received by this Battalion and placed on administrative deadline.

Two M172A1 lowbed trailers were received by this Battalion.

12 The Division Supply and Instruction team started an inspection of 1st Bridge Company and finished on 15 March 1967.

15 A request for an additional \$171,896.97 for Project Code 3 was submitted to Commanding General, 1st Marine Division as a result of increased requirements in III MAF work orders 3001, 6109, and 6249.

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- 16 Received Modification of Allowances from Commanding General, 1st Marine Division to drop one AN/URM-32, one AN/GRA-11 and add one TS-103 B/U.
- 20 Submitted repair parts list for high density engineer equipment items to Commanding General, 1st Marine Division.
- 25 Movement of all cut and packaged bunkers completed. All bunkers cut and packaged for which shipping was requested have been embarked.
- Three M-37B1 vehicles were nominated for the rebuild program.
- 28 The Battalion messhall was inspected by a party from 1st Marine Division Food Services.
- 29 A letter was forwarded to Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific stating that eleven Tractors MGL03 (M64) would be used for operator/mechanic training during the period 26 March to 26 May 1967.

(2) Supply

- (a) 7th Engineer Battalion FMF (RUC 21300). During the month of March the Battalion Supply Section processed 280 priority O2 and O5 requisitions and 1890 L2 and L7 requisitions. Also processed were 2053 receipts from due, 1589 issues from due and 609 issues from warehouse.
- (b) 1st Bridge Company FMF (RUC 21325). During the month of March 1st Bridge Company Supply Section processed 251 requisitions. Also processed were 136 receipts from due, 85 issues from due and 70 issues from warehouse.
- (c) 3rd Bridge Company FMF (RUC 21335). During the month of March 3rd Bridge Company Supply Section processed 381 requisitions. Also processed were 24 receipts from due, 9 issues from due and 36 issues from warehouse.
- (3) Motor Transport. Approximately 183,612 miles were logged on the Battalion's Motor Transport vehicles during March.
- (4) Maintenance. The Battalion Maintenance Platoon completed 166 Motor Transport work orders during the month of March. A total of 157 work orders were submitted, 39 were sent to Maint Bn. Total work orders for Engineer Equipment numbered 217 with 189 completed and 19 were sent to FLSG.
- (5) Messing. The Battalion Mess Staff continued the normal mess operation of providing four (4) meals daily except on Sunday; the fourth meal being a midnight ration for night crews. On Sunday a brunch replaces breakfast and dinner.



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(6) Medical. The Battalion Aid Station treated 682 military and 287 Vietnamese. During the month of March the Dental Clinic treated 209 military and 25 Vietnamese.

(7) Embarkation

<u>To Chu Lai</u>	<u>To Phu Bai</u>
2 Bridge Trailers	15 Bunkers

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 458 persons.

(b) The Battalion sponsored, Vietnamese brickyard produced a total of 31,344 soil bricks.

(c) A total of 870 bars of soap were given out to the Vietnamese people.

(d) A total of 15,310 bricks were released from the 7th Engineer Battalion Brick Factory during the month of March for various projects.

(e) The 7th Engineer Battalion is sponsoring a Brick Factory in its Civil Affairs area at the Refugee Village of HOA NINH. One brick machine has been taken out to the Village for the production of cement block which are intended for Civil Affairs projects. This new Brick Factory is on an experimental basis to determine the feasibility of its operation. The Village Chief of HOA THANH is having sand hauled to the site of the brick machine and the Village Chief of HOA NINH has the operational control of production. Since the beginning of the Brick Factory, 24 March 1967, in HOA NINH there have been 2044 bricks produced.

h. Psychological Operations. None.

i. Communications. None.

## PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Filed w/ C/Chron*
1. Officer Assignments. See TAB A of enclosure (1).
  2. Photographs. See TAB B of enclosure (1).

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NAME	SERVNO	OR	LINEAL #	BILLET		ACT	RANK	BILLET	ACT	MOS	ACT	MOS	T/O TITLE/PRIMARY DU	END	ADD DU	DECLASSIFIED
				OF	OF											
DIKE S H	098606		30Jun66	Lt	WO	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	FltCdrUtilPlt	Nov67		
				Lt			1320	1320					FltCdrWaterPlt			
"A" Co																
WALTERS L M JR	088012		3Aug66	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	"A" Co Cndr	Nov67		
				Lt			1302	1302					ExecO			
LUND R C	098993		30Jun66	WO	WO	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	FltCdrEngrPlt	Dec67		
ATKINSON W T	096057		27May66	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	FltCdrEngrPlt	Aug67		
				Lt			1302	1302					FltCdrEngrPlt			
SHOFF J R	089447		3Dec65	Lt	1stLt	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	FltCdrEngrPlt	Jun67		
"B" Co																
FRANEUF J R	082142		3757	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	"B" Co Cndr	Oct67		
				Lt			1302	1302					ExecutiveO			
GANDY C F JR	098698		30Jun66	WO	WO	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	FltCdrEngrPlt	Nov67		
WOLSTAD R D	093310		18Jun66	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	FltCdrEngrPlt	Sep67		
BAKER J R	095288		8Jun66R	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	FltCdrEngrPlt	Apr68		
				Lt			1302	1302					FltCdrEngrPlt			
"C" Co																
WEST W H JR	082314		3946	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	"C" Co Cndr	Aug67		
				Lt			1302	1302					ExecutiveO			
MCCULLOUGH C A	099041		30Jun66	WO	WO	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	FltCdrEquipPlt	Sep67		
CROSBY W A	093048		1623R	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	FltCdrEngrPlt	Sep67		
FOO R C K	096688		27May66	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	FltCdrEngrPlt	Nov67		
				Lt			1302	1302					FltCdrEngrPlt			
"D" Co																
MARSHALL J W III	081638		4111	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	"D" Co Cndr	Nov67		
				Lt			1302	1302					ExecutiveO			
CROSS C F	093588		1May66	WO	2ndLt	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	FltCdrEquipPlt	Apr68		
				Lt			1302	1302					FltCdrEngrPlt			
CHILTON J E	096372		15Jul66	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	FltCdrEngrPlt	Nov67		
BIENKLE A J	092984		1566R	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	FltCdrEngrPlt	Sep67		
1st Bridge Co																
LYTCH W D JR	083482		4329	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1stBrdgCo Cndr	Jul67		
KING L D	087576		1909R	Lt	1stLt	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	1302	ExecutiveO	May67		
				WO			1310	1310					FltCdrEquipPlt			

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NAME	SERVNO	DATE OF RANK	BILLET RANK	ACT MOS	T/O TITLE/PRIMARY DU	RTD	ADD DU
HARRIS F W III	045031	699	Lt Col	1302	1302/1310/1305 Bn Cndr	Aug67	Senior Mbr Pro Brd; Senior Mbr Awards Brd; Class Mat Conto
MACKENZIE J M	057845	1027R	Major	1302	1302/1305/0805 Imeco	Nov67	Pers Aff; Postal; Rpts & Direct Conto; Voting; Ins; Savings Bonds; Ration Card Conto; Cust Registered Pubs; Cust Class Mat; Witnessing O for Dest of Class Mat; TS Conto; Mbr Bn Awards Brd; TISOO; Bn Claims O; Mbr Bn Awards Brd; Alter Cust Class Mat; Alter Cust Reg Pubs; Witnessing O for Dest of Class Mat
MANNING J R	097296	27 May 66	Lt	0130	S-1/Adjutant	Sep67	
FROST V P	093372	1903R	Lt	1301	Pers O/Bn Legal O	Sep67	
SMITH R D	092641	1970L	2nd Lt	1302	Bn Civil Affairs O	Sep67	
RAMSEY L E	068998	21 Jun 66	Major	1302	S-2/S-3	Dec67	
WEISER M	090428	2 Mar 67R	Capt	1302	Asst S-2/Mil Geol	Jul67	
DOUGHERTY J W	077648	2517	Capt	1302	Asst S-3/ABC Defo	Jul67	Nuclear Wpns Safety O; NBCC
SHEA W S	068321	1 Jul 66	Major	1302	Asst S-3	Jan68	Police O; Embarkation O; Bn Safety O; Fire Marshall; Fire Security O; Bn Clubs O
CASSTEN T R	090812	1 Apr 67	Capt	1302	Asst S-3/Consto	Jun67	
BROUILLET R J	090797	1624R	Lt	2502	Plt Cndr Comm Plt/Comm O	Nov67	Tech Pubs Conto; Witnessing O for Dest of Class Mat; Crypto Security O
HARMAN J W	09878-	30 Jun 66	WO-1	1360	Plt Cndr Const Plt	Oct67	
TAYLOR S F	098039	15 Jul 66	Capt	1310	Plt Cndr Engr Equip Plt	Nov67	
WEISER M	090428	2 Mar 67R	Capt	1302	Hq Co Cndr	Jul67	Bn Security O; Bn HdO; Career Adv O
MARBEIS P F	092425	1499R	1st Lt	1302	Asst S-4	Jun67	Bn Exchange O; Bn IRO
ServCo							
CAMPBELL H L	084595	20 Jan 66R	Major	1302	Serv Co Cndr	Sep67	Bn Mess O; Bn O Club Manager
WRUBLEWSKI E A	085396	20 Jan 66	Capt	1310	Plt Cndr Maint Plt	Nov67	
HAYEK T S	099613	4 Nov 66	Capt	3510	Plt Cndr Motor Trans Flt/Bn MTO	Feb68	
WILSON J W	084373	1 Jul 66	Capt	3002	Plt Cndr Supply Flt/Supo	Jul67	Bn Ord O; Bn Fiscal O

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NAME	SERVNO	DATE	OF RANK	LINEAL # OR BILLET ACT BILLET		ACT MOS	T/O TITLE/PRIMARY DU	RTD	ADD DU
				RANK	RANK				
1st Brgd Co (Cont'd)									
KIBBLE R M	090920	1 May 66	Lt	Capt	1302	1302	Plt Cntr Bridge Plt	Dec 67	
			Lt		1302		Plt Cntr Bridge Plt		
KADLECIC J JR	097088	27 May 66	Lt	2nd Lt	1302	1302	Plt Cntr Bridge Plt	Nov 67	
3rd Bridge Co									
HULTMAN B A	089328	3 Aug 66	Capt	Capt	1302	1302/1310	3rd Bridge Co Cntr Executive	Apr 68	
			Lt		1302				
			Lt		1302		Plt Cntr Bridge Plt		
SCHIGG F R	093420	19 Apr 66	Lt	2nd Lt	1302	1302	Plt Cntr Bridge Plt	Sep 67	
SUTTON G F L	094012	15 Jul 66	Lt	2nd Lt	1302	1302	Plt Cntr Bridge Plt	Nov 67	
HAGGERTY J J	094112	8 Jun 66	WO	2nd Lt	1310	1301	Plt Cntr Bridge Plt	Apr 68	
HARBIN J G	098778	30 Jun 66	WO	WO	3010	3010	Plt Cntr Serv Plt	Nov 67	Bn Special Serv
JOHN P W	094216	8 Jun 66	Lt	2nd Lt	3002	3002	Plt Cntr Hq Plt/Sup	Apr 68	
Co "A" 9th Engr									
MIMS G W JR	083529	20 Jan 66	Capt	Capt	1302	1302/1320	"A" Co Cntr	Jun 67	
VANLANDINGHAM T G	098113	27 May 66	Lt	2nd Lt	1310	1310/1302	Plt Cntr Equip Plt	Jun 67	
PLATZ W E	092647	189 Apr 65	Lt	2nd Lt	1301	1302	Plt Cntr Engr Plt	Sep 67	
ROBST R D	093371	1 Nov 65	Lt	2nd Lt	1302	1302	Plt Cntr Engr Plt	Sep 67	
USN									
WOODBURN R W	709739			Lt			Dental Off	Dec 67	
BRUNER W D	650582			Lt Cntr			Bn Chaplain	Sep 67	
HEMPHILL J L	700604			Lt			Bn Surgeon	Aug 67	

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