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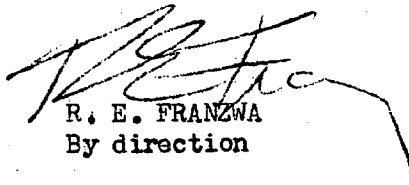
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(b) FMFPAC 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: ✓(1) January Chronology

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


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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

7th Engineer Battalion (Rein), FME

LtCol. R. FUNDERBURK

SUBORDINATE UNITS

HqCo	Capt. T.D. LEWIS	7 November 1967
ServCo	Maj. R.A. HUNTZINGER	2 September 1967
Co"A"	Capt. J.D. RIVERA	23 October 1967
Co"B"	Capt. T.R. BAISLEY	23 September 1967
Co"C"	Capt. J.D. BUCKELEW	28 May 1967
Co"D"	Capt. A.A. LOPEZ	30 October 1967

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Bridge Co	Capt. C.A. ROCCO	2 November 1967
3rd Bridge Co	Capt. R.D. SMITH	4 November 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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Office	Major J.E. HANNAN	2 September 1967
S-1	CWO E.A. HUFNAGEL	20 December 1967
S-2/3	Capt. R.E. FRANZWA	29 July 1967
S-4	Capt. A.H. MILLER	20 October 1967

Supply Officer 2nd Lt. P.J. O'CONNELL 9 July 1967
 Sgt. Major Sgt. Maj. G.E. MOYER 4 September 1967

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
49	1178	2	24

5. PERSONNEL GAINS AND LOSSES

<u>GAINS</u>				<u>LOSSES</u>			
<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
6		1		3		1	
89		6		90		0	

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 additional support in the Chu Lai, Hue/Phu Bai, and Dong Ha areas.

Company "A", 7th Engineer Battalion continues upgrading of Routes 33 and 30 for class 50 traffic.

Company "B", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading of Routes 1 and 12 for class 50 traffic in spite of intensive enemy sabotage.

Company "B", 9th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading of Route 1 from the south bank of the Song Cau Lau river to Thang Binh for class 50 traffic in spite of intensive enemy sabotage.

Company "C", 7th Engineer Battalion continues upgrading of Route 5 north for class 50 traffic in spite of increased enemy activity.

Company "D", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading of Route 5 south for class 50 traffic in spite of intensive enemy activity.

Company "B", 9th Engineer Battalion continued general support of the Army on hill 63.

1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion:

Installed a 5 float reinforced ferry at AT 923535
 Removed 120' M6 single truss bridge at BT 225347
 Installed a 21'8" M4T6 fixed span at BT 069563
 Installed a 45' M4T6 fixed span at AT 893952
 Installed a 30' M4T6 fixed span at AT 891952
 Removed a 45' M4T6 fixed span at BT 101517
 Removed a 45' M4T6 fixed span at AT 906800
 Installed a 81'4" M4T6 fixed span at AT 932895
 Installed a 28'4" M4T6 fixed span at AT 932896
 Installed a 21'8" M4T6 fixed span at ZD 811009
 Installed a 23'4" M4T6 fixed span at ZD 163001
 Installed a 30' M4T6 fixed span at ZD 811009
 Installed a 75' M4T6 fixed span at ZD 197010
 Installed a 23'4" M4T6 fixed span at AT 905952
 Installed a 68'4" M4T6 with transom at AT 913943
 Removed a 21'8" M4T6 fixed span at BT 069563
 Removed 5 float M4 shortened ferry at AT 923535
 Removed a 30' M4T6 fixed span at AT 894952
 Removed a 21'8" M4T6 fixed Span at ZD 811009
 Removed a 30' M4T6 fixed span at AT 891952
 Installed a 36'8" M4T6 fixed span at BT 961943
 Installed a 45' M4T6 fixed span at AT 982625 for use as a china boy.

3rd Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion

Removed a M4 6 float raft at YD 756143
 Installed a 780' M4T6 floating bridge at XD 756143
 Removed a 23' M4T6 fixed span at AU 808009
 Installed a modified 38' M4T6 fixed span at ZD 148010
 Installed a modified 45' M4T6 fixed span at ZD 128012
 Installed a modified 45' M4T6 fixed span at ZD 152010
 Installed a 23' M4T6 fixed span at AU 808009
 Installed a modified 38' M4T6 fixed span at ZD 166010
 Installed a 23' 4" modified M4T6 fixed span at ZD 099006
 Installed six (6) transom trestles 38' high at YD 623303
 Installed a 45' fixed span at ZD 076009

Service Company, 7th Engineer Battalion provided 2,674,000 gallons of water from their nine (9) water points for use in the DaNang TAOR.

PART III

1. Topics

- a. Personnel and Administration. None
 b. Enemy, Weather and Terrain

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
021450H	7th Engr Bn S-2 reported that Vietnamese boy reported 7 VC in church.	AT 941727
040847H	C/7 reported MRS 200 pulling scraper overturned. Structural and possible mechanical damage resulted.	AT 941727
051427H	B/7 ambushed, receiving approx. 50 rounds auto/semi auto fire. 1 USMC from 1st Bridge WIA while seeking cover. Priority MedEvac called.	BT 048605
061730H	1st Bridge ambushed w/small arms and command detonated mine. 1 USMC WIA.	BT 921930
101030H	D/7 reported that D Co. M-51 hit 15 lb. mine. Received small arms fire. 5 USMC WIA.	AT 908496
101045H	D/7 reported Marine detonated AP mine while checking area of blown road. Results 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA.	AT 908498
121400H	1st Bridge ambushed w/rocket, mortars, and small arms. Results 2 USMC WIA, 3 USMC KIA.	ZD 805009
170945H	B/7 personnel were clearing a suspected mine field when small explosion occurred due to burning fuel. Results 1 USMC WIA.	BT 042621

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171405H	B/7 reported 3 USMC WIA when booby trapped grenade was detonated. Called emergency MedEvac for 2 USMC.	BT 042621
191035H	D/7 reported M-51 hit approx 20 lb. mine. 1 USMC WIA was MedEvac.	AT 927615
191615H	D/7 sweep team received sniper fire. Results 2 USMC WIA.	AT 909480
201230H	D/7 reported M-51 hit mine. 2 USMC WIA. MedEvac called in.	AT 911502
251515H	1st Bridge reported that speed boat sank carrying 7 VN civilians. All personnel and cargo recovered-no damage to boat or engine.	AT 924532
300140H	B Co./7 reported 1 KIA due to mortar round hitting defensive bunker at Bravo CP. Received approx 20 rounds incoming mortar. Unk number of VC inside perimeter.	AT 991714
300830H	C Co./7 155mm round went through roof of hut but did not detonate. EOD removed round.	AT 938712
301410H	D Co./7 M-51 hit 25 lb. rock mine. Results 1 USMC WIA MedEvac.	AT 912510

c. Organization and Operations

(1) Officer Assignments - See TAB A, Enclosure (1)

(2) Operations

(a) On 1 January 1968 completed work on GAP-6. Began site preparation for bridge at AT 900806. Constructed wingwalls on bridge at AT 945710.

(b) On 2 January 1968 began site preparation for bridge repair at AT 945710.

(c) On 3 January 1968 replaced culvert at BT 112499. Cleared 600 meters of trees at Monkey Mountain, used 250 pounds of explosives. Prepared sites at Namu Bridge for installation of three towers with bunkers.

(d) On 4 January 1968 drove piles for bridge at AT 945710. Repaired a class 60 floating bridge at AT 998707.

(e) On 5 January 1968 graded Route 130 and approaches to the Song Cau Do bridge. Completed two gun positions for Army 175mm guns. Repaired a 38'4" M4T6 fixed span at BT 048608.

(f) On 6 January 1968 installed a 48" culvert at BT 100518. Spread 500 yards of asphalt on Route 1 at BT 001699. Completed bridge at AT 945710. Repaired a 21'8" M4T6 fixed span at BT 069563. Repaired a 45' M4T6 fixed span at AT 893952.

(g) On 8 January 1968 completed work on 3/7 helo pad. Repaired a class 60 floating bridge at AT 998707. Repaired a M4T6 ferry at BT 378175.

(h) On 9 January 1968 completed work on CAP-2.

(i) On 10 January 1968 completed work on bridge at BT 113497. Started preparations to widen Route 5 north at AT 929716.

(j) On 11 January 1968 repaired a class 60 superstructure bridge at BT 042621. Completed headwalls and installation of a 48" culvert at BT 123483 and BT 111499.

(k) On 12 January 1968 repaired a class 60 floating bridge at AT 998707. Repaired a M4T6 fixed span at BT 055592. Installed one 60" culvert and headwalls at BT 069563.

(l) On 13 January 1968 widened Route 5 at AT 915733 to AT 916738. Hauled and filled lacing in road from ZD 170010 to ZD 188010.

(m) On 14 January 1968 repaired a 45' fixed span at ZD 197010.

(n) On 16 January 1968 hauled and placed 30 yds. of fill to repair blown bridge at ZD 128012. Replaced a 36" culvert and filled at BT 093548.

(o) On 18 January 1968 hauled and placed 5 loads of fill at bridge at ZD 086007. Hauled and placed 10 yds. of fill at bridge at ZD 128012.

(p) On 20 January 1968 repaired a 23'4" M4T6 fixed span at AT 905952.

(q) On 21 January 1968 repaired road at ZD 205010 hauled and filled lacing.

(r) On 23 January 1968 graded all of Route 14 west. Assisted ARVN Engineers in removal of old Song Thanh Q. t. Bridge.

(s) On 24 January 1968 completed installation of timber trestle bridge on Route 33 at AT 900805.

(t) On 25 January 1968 used 500 cubic yards of asphalt to patch and repair Route 1. Completed towers at Namu Bridge.

(u) On 26 January 1968 repaired wingwalls and installed end dam on bridge at AT 895730.

(v) On 29 January 1968 repaired culverts at AT 943682. Repaired a M4T6 fixed span at BT 185405.

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d. Plans

- (1) Continue general support of all units within the 1st Marine Division TACR, or as assigned by III MAF Headquarters.
- (2) Continue support of CAG units within 1st Marine Division TACR.
- (3) Continue removal of minefield at ASP-1.
- (4) Continue maintenance of Bridges within 1st Marine Division TACR.
- (5) Continue upgrading of Route 1.
- (6) Continue upgrading of Route 13c.
- (7) Continue upgrading of Route 33.
- (8) Continue upgrading of Route 30.
- (9) Continue upgrading of Route 5.
- (10) Continue upgrading of Route 12.

e. Training

- (1) Command indoctrination and information for newly arrived personnel and debriefing for those departing.
- (2) 29 personnel attended the 1st Engineer Battalion "Land Mine Warfare School". (DaNang)
- (3) 4 personnel attended "Special Weapons Training Course". (Okinawa)
- (4) 2 personnel attended Vietnamese Language School. (1 Okinawa 1 DaNang)
- (5) 1 Marine attended Embarkation School. (Okinawa)
- (6) 2 personnel attended NCO Leadership School. (Okinawa)
- (7) 2 personnel attended Motor Transport Maintenance Course. (DaNang)
- (8) 4 personnel attended the Division Leadership Course, 1 Officer, 1 Staff NCO, and 2 NCO's.

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f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply(1) AdministrationJanuary

- 1-6 Conducted Staff Material Management Inspection of Headquarters Company, Service Company, "A" Company, 1st Bridge Company, 3rd Bridge Company in preparation for the Division inspection.
- 3 III MAF directed transfer of 3 M52 trucks to 11th Engineers on a temporary loan.
- 4 Moved 84 bundles of M8A1 matting to 2d Battalion 7th Marines for construction of a helipad.
- 8 Transferred 3 M52 trucks to 11th Engineer Battalion by ICU. Moved 200 feet of M4T6 bridging to Phu Loc. Received 3 bridge sets (fixed-floating) under MAF T/E 4960 and assigned them to 1st Bridge Company. (CME usg 121235 Oct 67)
- 9 Financial Management Inspection Team arrived from 1st Marine Division Comptrollers office.
- 11 CMC msg 092204Z Jan 68 authorized additional allowance of five M64 Eimco tractors directly MARCOR SUPACTY, Philadelphia to ship direct.
- 14 Received four Bailey Bridge sets from U.S. Army, Saigon. Bridges held under temporary loan to III MAF. Assigned to 1st Bridge Company.
- 15 Command Material Management Inspection of 1st Bridge Company was conducted by a team from 1st Marine Division.
- 17 Command Material Management Inspection of 3rd Bridge Company was conducted by a team from 1st Marine Division.
- 18 CMC ltr AOLS-tmp-6 4015 of 21 Dec 67 authorized T/E allowance change to M4343-FMF Bridge Company:
- T/A #31050 from 0 to 12 - 55 GPM Pump
T/A #None from 0 to 2 - Self Priming Pump
- 19 Command Material Management Inspection of 7th Engineer Battalion conducted by a team from 1st Marine Division.
- 23 Received 250 KW generator from NSA for camp power. Generator to be operated and maintained by NSA with Korean technicians.
- 24 Received 4 D-6 tractors from FLC. Authorized under MAF T/E 4960. Issued to Headquarters Company Heavy Equipment.
- 27 A team from FSAO-3 arrived to conduct a three day inspection of 7th Engineer Battalion Supply.
- 31 Directed by III MAF to transfer one water purification unit to 1st Engineer Battalion on temporary loan.

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(2) Supply7th Engineer Battalion FMF (AC 21300)

During the month of January the Battalion Supply Section processed 99 priority 02 and 506 priority 05 requisitions and 1071 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 599 receipts from due, 427 issues from due and 67 issues from warehouse.

1st Bridge Company FMF (AC 21325)

During the month of January 1st Bridge Company Supply Section processed 960 requisitions. Also processed were 100 receipts from due, 50 issues from due and 40 issues from warehouse.

3rd Bridge Company (AC 21335)

During the month of January 3rd Bridge Company Supply Section processed 344 requisitions. Also processed were 75 receipts from due, 68 issues from due, and 22 issues from warehouse.

Motor Transport

Approximately 125,439 miles were logged on the Battalion's Motor Transport Vehicles during January.

Maintenance

The Battalion Maintenance Platoon completed 18 Motor Transport work orders during the month of January. A total of 26 work orders were submitted, 6 were sent to Maintenance Battalion. Total work orders for Engineer Equipment numbered 117 with 108 completed and 14 were sent to FSR.

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.

Medical

The Battalion Aid Station treated 570 Military and 131 Vietnamese. During the month of January the Dental Clinic treated 150 Military and 5 Vietnamese.

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

- (1) The civic action programs continues on a daily basis.
- (2) Activities were as follows:
 - (a) MED CAP program provided treatment to one hundred seventy four (174) persons.
 - (b) The battalion sponsored, Vietnamese brickyard produced a total of twenty nine thousand four hundred eighty five (29,485) soil bricks.

(c) A total of ten thousand (10,000) bricks were released from the 7th Engineer Battalion Brick Factory during the month of January for various projects.

(d) Ten (10) scholarships were given to Vietnamese children who showed good academic ability.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ 1. Officer Assignments. See TAB A of Enclosure (1)

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DESTROY REGISTER DATED 31 JANUARY 1968

NAME	SERVNO	LINEAL # OR DATE OF RANK	RANK	MOS	PRIMARY DU	RTD
<u>Headquarters Co</u>						
FUNDERBURK RAY	045512	1Mar63	LtCol	1302/0302/1305	Bn Cmdr	Aug68
HANNAN J E	049923	1Feb63	Majr	1302/0402	Exec Off	Sep68
BARBER J S	096092	27Aug67	1stLt	3010	Asst S-4	Dec68
ESPOSITO M J	093085	1Nov67	Capt	1302/1320	Asst S-3	Feb69
FELTY D W	098649	30Jun66	WO	1310	HqHEO	Dec68
FRANTWA R E	083290	22Sep65	Capt	1302/0430/5715	S-3	Aug68
HUFNAGEL E A	079266	9Apr63	CWO	0130	S-1/Adjutant	Jan69
IVEY B D	076764	1Jan66	CWO	1360/0210/1320	ConstPltCmdr	Oct68
KRUCER L W	0102065	1Jan67	2ndLt	1301	Asst S-3/PiastO	Dec68
LEWIS T D	093253	1Nov67	Capt	2502	HqCoCmdr/CommO	Nov68
LONG R L	0102094	1Jan67	2ndLt	1301	S-2	Dec68
MILLER A H	079553	1May65	Capt	1302	S-4	Mar68
SCHAEFFER K S	095049	1Jul67	1stLt	1302	LegO/CivAff/ISO	Nov68
SOMA J J	099389	30Jun66	WO	1360	Asst S-3	Sep68
<u>ServCo</u>						
HUNTZINGER R A	059050	1Jul64	Major	1302	ServCoCmdr	Aug68
CARVER R E	093575	26Aug67	1stLt	1320/0430	MaintO/Utilities	Jul68
CROSS C F	093588	26Aug67	1stLt	1320/1310	PltCmdr	Apr68
DICKERSON C R	096541	3Sep67	1stLt	1320	MaintO/Utilities	Oct68
HAYEK T J	099613	4Nov66	2ndLt	3510	BnMFO	Feb68
O'CONNELL P J	0100566	1Sep66	2ndLt	3002	BnSupO	Aug68
<u>"A"Co</u>						
RIVERA J D	092528	1Oct67	Capt	1302	"A"CoCmdr	Aug68
DOWNNEY J	096544	15Oct67	1stLt	1320/0430	PltCmdr	Aug68
STOWMAN D L	092742	1Apr67	1stLt	1302	PltCmdr	Dec68
TURSE E J	095347	11Sep67	1stLt	1302	PltCmdr	Feb69
WARDLAW C M	0100102	1Nov66	2ndLt	1302	PltCmdr	Aug68
<u>"B"Co</u>						
BAISLEY T R	080663	10Aug65	Capt	1302	"B"CoCmdr	Oct68
HAGGERTY J J	094412	8Sep67	1stLt	1302	PltCmdr	Apr68
NAST R G	095698	1Jan67	2ndLt	1301	PltCmdr	Dec68
SAWYER B B	0102263	1Jan67	2ndLt	1301	PltCmdr	Dec68
<u>"C"Co</u>						
BUCKELEW J E	089393	1Jul67	Capt	1302	"C"CoCmdr	Jun68
DENIKER J E	0100995	1Nov66	2ndLt	1302	PltCmdr	Sep68
MANGE G B	0100458	1Sep66	2ndLt	1302	PltCmdr	Jul68
MORRISON A E	097465	15Oct67	1stLt	1302	PltCmdr	Dec68
REID G H	095009	1Jul67	1stLt	1302	PltCmdr	Feb69
<u>"D"Co</u>						
LOPEZ A A	093261	1Nov67	Capt	1302/1305	"D"CoCmdr	Nov68
HILLIARD A S	094276	8Sep67	1stLt	1302	PltCmdr	Feb69
KEPFORD C E	095518	1Dec67	1stLt	1305	PltCmdr	May68
PEASENBELL D A	094979	1Jul67	1stLt	1302	PltCmdr	Dec68
PERKINS W N	097607	27Aug67	1stLt	1310	PltCmdr	Nov68

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<u>1stBrdgCo</u>						
ROCCO C A	093399	1Jan68	Capt	1302	1stBrdgCoCmdr	Nov68
LAMAS P P	0100393	1Sep66	2ndLt	1302	ExecO	Jul68
NICOL R A JR	0101343	1Nov66	2ndLt	3002	PltCmdr	Oct68
UNGHEM R F N	0102352	1Jan67	2ndLt	1302	PltCmdr	Dec68
VIRDEN J E	099488	30Jun66	WO	1310	PltCmdr	Jul68
<u>3rdBrdgCo</u>						
SMITH R D	092641	1Jan68	Capt	1302	3rdBrdgCoCmdr	Apr68
DEARBORN R C	0100988	1Nov66	2ndLt	1302	PltCmdr	Sep68
JOHNSON J P	0101180	1Nov66	2ndLt	1302	PltCmdr	Sep68
PEASE W T	0102199	1Jan67	2ndLt	1301	PltCmdr	Dec68
SULLIVAN M J	0101525	1Nov66	2ndLt	3002	PltCmdr	Oct68
<u>USN</u>						
CARLSON P E	715724		Lt	2105	Bn Surgeon	Aug68
HARYASZ	712088		Lt		Bn Chaplain	Dec68
WELLS T W	723525		Lt		Dental Off	Jan68