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Encl: (1) April Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 April 1969 to 30 April 1969

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

7th Engineer Battalion (Rein), FME

LtCol T.T. ANNAS

SUBORDINATE UNITS

| <u>Unit</u> | <u>Commander</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Hq Co | 1stLt D.T. DICKEN | 25 August 1969 |
| Ser Co | Maj W.W. RICH | 23 September 1969 |
| Co "A" | 1stLt H.N. KLEIS | 15 August 1969 |
| Co "B" | 1stLt E.M. MICK | 25 June 1969 |
| Co "C" | 1stLt J.A. GETTMAN | 3 June 1969 |
| Co "D" | 1stLt E. BOTELHO | 18 September 1969 |

ATTACHED UNITS

| | | |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1st Bridge Co | 1stLt R.C. LAGEMAN | 5 September 1969 |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|

2. LOCATION

| <u>Unit</u> | <u>Date Arrived in Country</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 7th Engineer Battalion | 6 August 1965 | DaNang, RVN |
| 1st Bridge Co | 8 December 1965 | DaNang, RVN |

3. STAFF OFFICERS

| <u>Section</u> | <u>Officer</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Executive Officer | Maj R.J. BORDENARO | 21 October 1969 |
| S-1 | 1stLt R.H. ALNUTT | 10 January 1970 |
| S-2/S-3 | Maj M.G. LILLEY | 7 July 1969 |
| S-4 | Maj J.T. MARSHALL | 3 October 1969 |
| Supply Officer | 1stLt L.E. KRUSHMARK | 12 October 1969 |
| Sgt Maj | SgtMaj H.E. ABBOTT | 17 March 1970 |

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
| 43 | 1158 | 2 | 20 |

5. PERSONNEL GAINS AND LOSSES

| <u>GAINS</u> | | <u>LOSSES</u> | |
|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| <u>USMC</u> | <u>USN</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>USN</u> |
| OFF 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| ENL 88 | 2 | 102 | 0 |

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The 7th Engineer Battalion continued support of the III Marine Amphibious Force within the DaNang area. The battalion continued maintenance responsibility of 70 miles of road, and conducted daily mine sweeps of 38 miles of road. The battalion maintained 8 water points in the DaNang area producing 3,760,200 gallons of water. One platoon of the 1st Bridge Company continued to furnish tactical bridge support to the 9th Engineer Battalion at Chu Lai.

Company "A", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading of Route 545 and 30 for class 50 traffic and maintenance of Route 540 from AT 899774 to AT 912743, Route 542, Route 544 and Route 10. One reinforced platoon is located at Hai Van Pass to conduct daily mine sweeps of Route QL-1N from AT 927842 to AT 886954. Company "A" also conducts daily sweeps of Route 545.

Company "B", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading Route QL-1S in preparation for paving. Company "B" is also responsible for maintenance and upgrading of Route 4 from BT 056589 to AT 968584. Due to the tactical situation portions of this road is not being used, however, an ARVN Engineer Unit has restored the road to two lane traffic between AT 968584 and AT 984584. Company "B" conducts daily mine sweeps of Route QL-1S from AT 999707 to BT 078556.

Company "C", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading of Route 540 from AT 912743 to AT 926607. Company "C" also conducts daily mine sweeps of Route 540 from AT 949707 to AT 926607.

Company "D", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading on Route 540 from AT 926607 to AT 874460 for class 50 traffic and maintenance of Route 4 from AT 968584 west as required. Portions of Route 4 east of Hill 37 and west of Hill 65 were inaccessible due to the current tactical situation. Company "D" conducts daily mine sweeps of Route 540 from AT 926607 to AT 925533.

On March's Command Chronology it was reported that the 7th Engineer Battalion received 6 - 140mm rockets inside the perimeter resulting in 1 KIA and 3 WIA (minor). The date and time group of this incident is in error. The rockets were received on 28 Feb. at 1925H instead of 01 March 1925H as reported in the March Command Chronology.

III MAF Work Orders Outstanding 1 April 1969

III MAF 6379 - Construct the following for 2nd Bn. 7th Marines; 500 man mess hall with pot shack, 72 strongbacks, 10-4 hole heads, 21 urinals, 3 shower units with 10 head lavatories, 2-4 head showers and one 500 barrel water storage tower with tank.

III MAF 6380 - Install septic tank at 5th Marines Dental Facility, An Hoa.

III MAF 6384 - Construct 26 strongbacks, 8 shower units, 24-4 hole heads, one pot shack, one GI building, and install one hot water heater for 3/1.

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III MAF 6385 - Construct 3 strongbacks, 16-4 hole heads, one 50' tower one water tower, and 2 shower units for 1/1. All is complete except for shower units, still awaiting materials.

III MAF 6387

1. Perform horizontal construction as required on cantonment roads and Motor Transport lot at 2/1.

2. Resurface 1000 linear meters of interior camp roads at 1/13.

3. Perform horizontal construction on cantonment roads at 1/1.

4. Perform horizontal construction on cantonment roads at 3/1.

III MAF 6393 - Construct 2-50' towers for 1/1.

III MAF 6394 - Rehabilitate existing buildings in new 2nd CAG compound at Hoi An.

III MAF 6395 - Construct one 60' tower and one 30' tower for 1/7.

III MAF 6396 - Construct one 50' tower for 1/1 east of Cooper Bridge.

III MAF 1028 - Construct two 30' sentry towers for 26th Marine Regimental CP.

III MAF 1037 - Construct one 30' sentry tower for 1st LAAM Battalion, Freedom Hill.

III MAF - Provide 3 Eimcos with operators to assist ARVN's in land clearing operations for DaNang Barrier.

III MAF - Provide one Eimco with operator to assist 7th Comm Bn. in laying cable.

III MAF - Provide one Eimco with operator to assist in installation of intrusion devices along the DaNang Barrier near Hill 41.

III MAF 1051 - Construct one 250 man mess hall for 1st LAAM Bn. Hai Van Pass.

III MAF 1056 - Construct one 250 man mess hall with garbage shed and grease trap for 5th Marines at Liberty Bridge.

III MAF - Provide mine sweep team to support 2nd CAG at Hoi An.

III MAF - Construct one 50' sentry tower for 1st Bn. 5th Marines at Phu Loc (6).

III MAF Work Orders Completed During April 1969

III MAF 6393 - Construct 2-50' towers for 1/1.

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- III MAF 6394 - Rehabilitate existing buildings in new 2nd CAG compound at Hoi An. (cancelled by III MAF).
- III MAF 6395 - Construct one 60' tower and one 30' tower for 1/7.
- III MAF 6396 - Construct one 50' tower for 1/1 east of Cooper Bridge.
- III MAF 1028 - Construct two 30' sentry towers for 26th Marine Regt. CP.
- III MAF 1037 - Construct one 30' sentry tower for 1st LAAM Bn. Freedom Hill.
- III MAF - Furnish one D-6 tractor to the ROKMC for land clearing operation.
- III MAF - Provide mine sweep team to support 2nd CAG at Hoi An.
- III MAF - Construct one 50' sentry tower for 1st Bn. 5th Marines at Phu Loc (6).
- III MAF - Construct one modified tower for 1st LAAM Bn. DaNang Air Base.
- III MAF - Install secondary lighting system at Cobb Bridge.
- III MAF - Dispose of Rock Crusher at An Hoa.

III MAF Work Orders Issued During April 1969

- III MAF - Construct 250 barrel water tank and tower for 2/1.
- III MAF - Construct one modified tower for 1st LAAM Bn. DaNang Air Base.
- III MAF - Construct 250 man mess hall at Liberty Bridge.
- III MAF 1069 - Construct six SEA huts for 175mm Gun Battery at Hill 34.
- III MAF 1067 - Construct two 20' towers for Headquarters Bn. 1st Mar Div.
- III MAF - Install secondary lighting system at Cobb Bridge.
- III MAF - Construct 300 foot floating bridge to handle traffic for Cooper Bridge which was partially destroyed.
- III MAF 1076 - Construct one 50' tower for 1st Bn. 1st Marines.
- III MAF - Furnish one D-6 tractor to the ROKMC for land clearing operation.
- III MAF - Furnish four Eimcos to the ROKMC for land clearing operations.
- III MAF - Clear minefield at Army Salvage lot near Camp Falkner.
- III MAF - Construct the following for 5th/7th Comm Bns.; 5 SEA huts, 11-4 hole heads, 2- 16' X 32' - (20) head showers, one (6) head shower, one 20' X 48' rigid frame building, and one 40' X 100' rigid frame building.
- III MAF - Dispose of the Rock Crusher at An Hoa.

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PART III

1. Sequential Listing of Significant

a. Personnel and Administration. None

b. Enemy, weather and terrain. A total of 4.5 inches of rain was recorded during the month of April.

| <u>TIME</u> | <u>INCIDENT</u> | <u>COORDINATES</u> |
|-------------|--|--------------------|
| 010825H | Company "D" sweep team found a crater 3' in diameter 1' deep on the south bound lane of Route 540 apparently caused by Sima mortar round. Road open to two way traffic. | AT 922568 |
| 011545H | Hq Co, M-64 Mineco operator with tractor in convoy on LTL 4 supporting 1st Engr. Bn. attempted to push a truck in the convoy which hit a 150 lb. booby mine. M-64 hit a 300 lb. box mine apparently command detonated on LTL 4. One 7th Engr. Bn. WIA (Medevac). It was also reported that 6 emergency and one routine Medevacs were completed from other units. | AT 834560 |
| 041815H | Company "B" M-54 while traveling on Route 6 received one sniper round through the left front window. Negative casualties were incurred and the driver proceeded to Company "B" CP. | AT 956717 |
| 091110H | Company "C" M-51 detonated an M16A1 (Bouncing Betty) anti-personnel mine on Rt. 10. Shrapnel from mine caused flat tires on M-51 and TL-16. The driver of the M-51 received minor shrapnel wounds to his left arm was treated and returned to duty. | AT 973621 |
| 091530H | Three Company "B" M-51 trucks received automatic weapons fire from the east side of the road while traveling south on Route 540. No injuries to personnel or damage to vehicles were sustained by this fire. | AT 943668 |
| 100820H | Company "B's" mine sweep on Route QL-16 stopped to assist Vietnamese casualties. One ARVN was killed and 3 ARVN's and 1 Vietnamese civilian were injured when they detonated a claymore mine from a friendly minefield. Sweep personnel called a Medevac which was cancelled when an ARVN vehicle took the injured personnel to an ARVN hospital. | BT 036637 |
| 121520H | Company "D" admin. vehicle received an estimated 15 to 20 small arm rounds on Rt. 540. Personnel returned M-16 fire. Negative casualties were incurred. | AT 925538 |
| | On the morning of 15 April 1969 it was reported to this Bn. that Cooper Bridge had been blown. A reconnaissance of the bridge revealed that approximately a 40' section of the span was destroyed. | BT 031649 |
| 162335H | Company "D" received (3) 82mm mortar rounds in their CP at Hill 37. No casualties were sustained. | AT 916582 |

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- 180800H Company "C" mine sweep team found and blew in place one booby trapped M-26 grenade on the side of Route 540. No casualties were sustained. AT 943672
- 190830H Company "B" mine sweep team found a barbed wire barricade across Route QL-1S. The wire was booby trapped with a grenade and the grenade was detonated while removing the barricade. One man received minor shrapnel wounds to his chest, no medevac was required. Approximately ten meters south of this barricade 4 booby trapped M-26 grenades were found packed in mud on the road. These booby traps were blown in place with no further casualties sustained. BT 039628
- 200815H An unknown type charge was detonated approximately 2 meters off the west side of Route QL-1S as Company "B" mine sweep team was passing. A search of the village on the west side of the road revealed batteries, one ammo pouch and one grenade pouch. No casualties were sustained. BT 034634
- 202300H Company "D" received what is believed to be 6-105mm HE rounds in their Company CP. 4 rounds hit in a nearby village causing fires, 1 round hit at the gate of the CP and 1 dud round landed in the "D" Co Heavy Equipment lot. The dud round was turned over to 3/11. No casualties were taken. AT 916581
- 210955H Company "B" mine sweep team found a strand of 8 grenades across Route QL-1S. An unknown type of anti-personnel mine was found on the west shoulder of the road at the same coordinates. All items were blown in place with negative casualties. BT 037631
- 230730H Company "A" sweep team found nine VC type claymore mines on Route QL-1N. All mines were set up to be command detonated and were placed within 25 meter of the road. One RPG round was also found with the claymores. Six claymore mines were disarmed and returned to "A" Co. CP. All other items were blown in place. Negative casualties were sustained. BT 054594
- 240001H Company "D" CP at Hill 37 received enemy small arms fire. Fire was not returned and Negative casualties were sustained. AT 916582

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- 240806H Company "B" sweep team on Route QL-1S found a VC BT-037628 road block consisting of brush, barbed wire, engineer stakes, and tin cans. 20 meters south of this barricade one booby trapped M-26 grenade was found on the west side of the road. 40 meters south of this barricade 9 mounds of dirt, two of which contained M-26 grenades were found in the road. All items were blown in place with negative casualties. A Vietnamese boy showed the sweep team where the booby traps were located.
- 241150H Company "A" sweep team on Route QL-1S found 3 VC AT 914942 claymore mines approximately 10 meters off the side of the road. One mine had been detonated prior to the sweep team's arrival. All 3 mines were set for command detonation with wires running 60-75 meters uphill. Negative casualties were sustained.
- 24 Headquarters Company Heavy Equipment Operators, BT-0369 attached to the ROKMC for a land clearing operation destroyed 140 bunkers, 10 buildings, 18 fortified bunkers and 8 concrete bunkers. 1/2 tons of rice, 6 AK-47 rifles, 1 M-16 rifle, 1 SMG, machine gun, 1 B-40 rocket, 1 M-1 rifle and assorted uniforms were also unearthed.
- 250144H Company "D" received 6 incoming mortar rounds and small arms fire in their CP at Hill 37. Negative casualties were sustained.
- 250730H Company "C" sweep team on Route 540 found NVA propaganda leaflets. The leaflets were turned into the 7th Engr. Bn. S-2.
- 250750H Company "B" sweep team on Route QL-1S found one booby trapped M-26 grenade. The grenade was blown in place with negative casualties.
- 250750H Company "D" sweep team on Route 540 discovered a 36" culvert blown by the enemy during the night. The road was impassable at the time but hasty repairs were made to open the road to one lane traffic.
- 250800H A command detonated anti-personnel mine was detonated as Company "B" sweep team was approaching it on Route QL-1S. Negative casualties were sustained and one VC suspect was apprehended and turned over to Combined Action Company 2-3.

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- 250805H Company "D" sweep team on Route 540 found one anti-vehicle box mine with approximately a 25 lb. charge. The mine was removed and blown on the side of the road with negative casualties. LT 921555
- 25 Headquarters Company Equipment Operators attached to the ROKMC for a land clearing operation destroyed 75 enemy bunkers, 1 1/2 miles of tunnel and 18 structures; 4 AK-47 rifles, 4 B-40 chargers, 20 CHICOM grenades, 12 M-26 grenades and 750 lbs. of rice were unearthed. BT 0360
- 270810H Company "B" mine sweep team found one 105mm HE round and one 60mm illumination round on Route QL-1S. Neither round was booby trapped and both were blown in place with negative casualties. BT 036634
- 290855H Company "B" sweep team found one LAAW on Route QL-1S. All safety pins removed and the tube was partly open when it was found. The LAAW was blown in place with negative casualties. BT 036630
- 291545H A Headquarters Company Heavy Equipment Einco tractor attached to the ROKMC for a land clearing operation detonated a 3-5 lb. booby trap after hitting a trip wire. The blast caused a hole through one inspection plate and one fuel can on the tractor but the tractor was still operable and the operator was uninjured. BT 0360
- 29 Headquarters Company Equipment Operators attached to the ROKMC for a land clearing operation destroyed 25 bunkers and 12 buildings and constructed 500 meters of road for operational purposes. 1 home-made 60mm round, 1 US M3A1 submachine gun, 1 AK-47 and 1000 AK-47 rounds were unearthed. BT 0360
- 30 Apr Headquarters Company Equipment Operators attached to the ROKMC for a land clearing operation destroyed 5 bunkers, cleared 100 yds. of bamboo thickets and built one road for operational purposes. A cache containing 100 lbs. of rice and two ammo cans filled with various types of anti-personnel mines and firing devices were also uncovered. BT 0360

c. Organization and Operations

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

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(2) Operations 1 April - 4 April

(a) Horizontal Construction - Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 583.8 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock on Route QL-18 in the vicinity of Zapper's Gulch, BT 045614. Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 314 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock on Route 540. Spread 2000 gallons of oil on Route 540 to aid in dust suppression and mine detection. Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 432 cu.yds. of fill, 55 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock and 10 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock on Route 4 to repair approaches to the Straight Bridge located at AT 868573.

(b) Vertical Construction - Completed two (2) replacement towers on 4 April for the DaNang Wire Barrier Project. Tower that was originally constructed for the Barrier has been transported to An Hoa Combat Base. A second tower that was originally constructed for the Barrier was transported to "C" Battery 1st LAAM Bn., on 4 April 1969. Assisted in pouring 2 cu.yds. of concrete at the III MAF Brig self help program. Completed construction of Straight Bridge on 3 April 1969, located on Route 4 at AT 868573. Completed wingwalls, endwalls and the welding of all steel members on deck of the Bailey Bridge under construction on Route 545 at AT 898313. Continued to provide engineer support to "C" Battery, 1st LAAM Bn., Hai Van Pass by assisting in improving perimeter defensive positions. Completed construction of guard bunker at 7th Engr. Bn. road post #3 on 3 April 1969. Started construction of 60' steel tower at the 7th Engr. Bn. CP. Prefabricated material and graded job site for bunker under construction at OP #6, Engineer Pass at AT 937773. 1st Bridge Company continued to support the SeaBees with a 4 float reinforced raft at Lang Co. Two towers for 1st Bn. 1st Marines have been prepared for helo lift. Installed seat backs, roof purlins, and roofs on 9-4 hole heads, completed forms for 2-20' X 20' shower units, poured one 20' X 20' shower unit concrete deck and constructed forms for 15' X 15' loading platform for mess hall at 1st Bn. 1st Marines CP. Completed construction of 30' tower on 4 April 1969 for 1st Bn. 7th Marines at their CP. At the 2nd Bn. 7th Marines cantonment the 7th Engr. Bn. continued construction of strongback with 35 complete as of 4 April. Mess hall at 2/7 is 45% complete with roof trusses presently awaiting installation. The following heavy Equipment is in support of units within the 1st Marine Division:

One Eimco at Hill 41 for assistance in installation of intrusion devices for DaNang Wire Barrier. One Eimco with cable layer at 7th Comm for assistance in cable laying. Two Eimcos at Hill 22 to assist ARVN's in land clearing operation. One Eimco for land clearing purposes to 1st Mar. Div.

(c) Ferry Operations

1. Since the opening of the Liberty Bridge at AT-925534, on 29 March 1969 the ferry remains in a stand-by status.

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(d) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

3 April - Completed construction of straight Bridge on Route 4 at AT 868573, and posted it as class 60.

4 April - Completed two replacement towers for the Daffang Wire Barrier Project

(3) Operations 5 April to 11 April

(a) Horizontal Construction - Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 614.2 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock on Route QL-1S to upgrade and widen portions of the route south of Zapper's Gulch, BT 045614. Hauled, spread, graded, and rolled 364.4 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock and 39.2 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock south of Dien Ban on QL-1S from BT 070560 to BT 062579 to widen road surface in preparation for paving. Began installation of one culvert at BT 053594 in preparation for widening QL-1S. Installed culvert extensions on existing culverts on QL-1S at BT 053595. Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 161 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock on Route 540 at AT 922577 to repair and improve road surface. 16 cu.yds. of fill was hauled, graded and spread on the bypass to the new Liberty Bridge on Route 540 at AT 925534. Hauled, spread and graded 96 cu.yds. of fill and spread 2000 gallons of water on Route 4 from AT 910578 to AT 903523 to improve road surface and aid in road compaction. Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 1475 cu.yds. of fill to the approaches of the Bailey Bridge located on Route 545 at AT 898813.

(b) Vertical Construction - Completed construction of the deck type Bailey Bridge on 10 April located on Route 545 at AT 898813. Began preparing work site for construction of a 250 man mess hall for "C" Battery 1st LA/M Bn. at the Hai Van Pass. Cut and leveled work site and constructed the foundations for bunkers at 7th Engr. Bn. road post #3 and road post #1. Completed construction of bunker at 7th Engr. Bn. OP #6, Engineer Pass at AT 937777 on 6 April. Completed superstructure for 60' steel tower under construction at 7th Engr. Bn. CP. Began construction of replacement water towers at the Song Cau Do water point on 9 April 1969. 1st Bridge Co continued to support the SeaBees with a 4 float reinforced raft at Lang Co. 1st Bridge Company made repairs to a 90' fixed span bridge on Route 545 at AT 898812 on 10 April. Completed construction of 23 heads, installed interior walls on 16' X 32' shower unit, installed forms for curbing on garbage shed, and hauled, spread, graded and rolled 217 cu.yds. of fill on in-camp cantonment roads at 1st Bn. 1st Marines job site. Entire project is 80% complete to date. Installed cap, leveled and braced 30' tower at 7th Engr. Bn. CP for helolift to 3rd Bn. 1st Marines. Continued construction of 60' tower at 1st Bn. 7th Marines. Continued construction of strongbacks at 2/7 cantonment construction site. 39 strongbacks are complete to date. Completed constructing and installing forms for footings of water tower at 2/7.

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Entire 2/7 cantonment is 40% complete to date. Started construction of 2-30' towers at 26th Marine Regt. CP on 10 April 1969. Hauled, spread and graded 50 cu.yds. of rock to level ground around 175mm gun pads already complete at the Northern Artillery Cantonment. 7th Engr. Bn. completed disposition of rock crusher at An Hoa. Rock crusher has been Code H. The following is a list of heavy equipment in support of units within the 1st Marine Division TAOR. One Eimco at Hill 41 for assistance in installing intrusion devices for the DaNang Wire Barrier. One Eimco with cable layers at 7th Comm for assistance in cable laying. Two Eimcos at Hill 22 to assist ARVN personnel in land clearing operations. One Eimco for land clearing purposes to the 1st Mar Div.

(c) Ferry Operations

At present the Song Thu Bon Ferry remains in a stand-by status until directed otherwise.

(d) Engineer Comments - Significant Events.

6 April - Completed Construction of Bunker at 7th Engr. Bn. OP #6 Engineer Pass at AT 937713.

10 April - Completed construction of the deck type Bailey Bridge on Route 545 at AT 898813.

10 April - Disposal of the An Hoa Rock crusher has been completed.

(4) Operations 12 April to 18 April

(a) Horizontal Construction - Began replacement of blown culverts on Route QL-1S at BT 070562 and BT 067569 on 17 April 1969. Completed installing culvert on QL-1S at BT 055594 on 12 April 1969. Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 1105.8 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock on Route QL-1S from BT 075560 to BT 062579, this section of Route QL-1S is now ready for paving. Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 442.8 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock and spread 15000 gallons of oil on QL-1S in the vicinity of Zapper's Gulch at BT 045614, to widen road in preparation for paving. Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 172 cu.yds. of fill and 10 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock on Route 540 to repair and improve road surface. Hauled and spread 6000 gallons of oil and 10,000 gallons of water on Route 540 to aid in dust suppression and road surface compaction. Graded Route 4 from AT 922577 to AT 969584 to maintain crown, repair and improve road surface. Graded Route 545 from AT 945787 to AT 918783 to maintain crown and improve road surface. Hauled and spread 1200 gallons of oil on Route 545 to aid in dust suppression. Hauled and spread 2400 gallons of oil on Route 542 from AT 943754 to AT 912742 to aid in dust suppression.

(b) Vertical Construction - Continued to level work site in preparation for constructing a 250 man mess hall for "C" Brty. 1st LAAM Bn. Hai Van Pass. Completed construction of bunker at 7th Engr Bn. road post #3. Construction of bunker at 7th Engr Bn. road post #1 is 85% complete to date. Continued to work on improving 7th Engr Bn. perimeter wire. Completed installation of steel plates and metal roof for 60' steel tower under construction at 7th Engr. Bn. CP. This tower is 95% complete.

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Completed construction of two sides of 30' tower for 1st Bn. DaNang Air Base. Completed construction of replacement water towers at the Song Cau Bo water point on 16 April 1969. 1st Bridge Company began installation of an M-4 floating bridge with a class 60 superstructure at the Copper Bridge site BT 031649 on 15 April 1969. Completed repairs to gun pads at the Northern Artillery Cantonment on 14 April 1969. Completed construction of 24-4 hole heads at 1st Bn. 1st Marines cantonment on 12 April 1969. Continued construction of the 16' X 32' and 20' X 20' shower units at 1st Bn. 1st Marines cantonment. Hauled, spread and graded 942 cu.yds. of fill and 95 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock on in camp cantonment roads at 1/1. This entire project as of 18 April 1969, is 88% complete. Completed 30' tower at 7th Engr. Bn. CP for helilift to 3rd Bn. 1st Marines. Continued construction of 60' tower for 1st Bn. 7th Marines. Continued construction of strongbacks at 2nd Bn. 7th Marines cantonment site; 43 strongbacks are completed to date. Began prefabrication of materials for water tower at 2/7. Erected wall frames and began mounting trusses for 500 man mess hall at 2/7. Entire 2/7 cantonment construction project is 47% complete to date. Continued construction of two (2) 30' towers for 26th Marines Regt. CP. This project is 35% complete to date. The following is a list of Heavy Equipment in support of units within the 1st Marine Division TACR. One Eimco at Hill 41 for assistance in installation of intrusion devices on DaNang Barracks. One Eimco with cable layer at 7th Comm Bn. for assistance in cable laying. Two Eimco's at Hill 22 to assist ARVN personnel in land clearing operations. One Eimco for land clearing purposes to 1st Marine Division. One D-6 tractor to EDNCC at Hill An for land clearing.

(c) The ferry remains in a stand-by status until directed otherwise.

(d) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

- 14 April - Completed repairs to the 170mm gun pads at the Northern Artillery Cantonment.
- 16 April - Completed construction of replacement water towers at the Song Cau Bo water point.
- 16 April - Completed construction of 30' tower for 3/1.

(A) Operation 19 April - 25 April

(a) Horizontal Construction - Continued to replace blown culvert on Route QL-1S at BT 070560. 39.2 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock has been hauled and spread on culvert job site. Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 1545.8 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock and 44.8 cu.yds. of 3"(-) on Route QL-1S from BT 045614 to BT 053598 to widen road surface in preparation for paving. Spread 6000 gallons of oil on Route QL-1S to aid in dust suppression and mine detection.

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ARVN Engineers installed a 40' steel stringer bridge on QL-1S at BT 048604 that was previously destroyed by the enemy on 25 Feb 1969. Hauled, and spread 11,300 gallons of oil on Route 540 to aid in dust suppression and mine detection. Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 280 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock on Route 540 from AT 945707 to AT 942700. Hauled, spread and graded 204 cu.yds. of fill on Route 540 at AT 918585 and 40 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock to AT 921555 to repair and improve road surface. Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 320 cu.yds. of fill on Route 540 at AT 918585, and 10 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock to AT 922578 to repair and improve road surface. Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 400 cu.yds. of fill on Route 540 from AT 913588 to AT 911578 to widen this portion of the road. Graded Route 4 from AT 922577 to AT 969584 to maintain crown and improve road surface. Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 265 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock and 155 cu. yds. of fill to the approaches of the deck type Bailey Bridge on Route 545 at AT 898813. Hauled and spread 6000 gallons of oil on Route 545 to aid in dust suppression and mine detection. Hauled and spread 2400 gallons of oil on Route 542 to aid in dust suppression. Hauled and spread 2400 gallons of oil on Route 544 to aid in dust suppression.

(b) Vertical Construction - Installed purlings on 20' X 20' shower unit, constructed forms for footings for water tower and continued construction of garbage shed and walls for mess hall at 1st Bn. 1st Marines. Completed construction of 16' X 32' shower unit at 1/1 on 22 April 1969. Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 418 cu.yds. of fill, 170 cu.yds. of crushed rock and 2500 gallons of oil on in-camp cantonment roads at 1/1. Continued to erect tent decks and mount trusses for 500 man mess hall at 2nd Bn. 7th Marines construction cantonment. This project is 49% complete. Lightened 60' tower for 1/7 in preparation for helolift. Tower was later "walked" to site by the use of a crane. Continued construction of 2-30' towers at 26th Marine Regt. CP. These towers are 60% complete to date. Started prefabricating material and erecting legs and caps for two towers under construction at Hq. Bn. 1st Mar. Div CP. Awaiting materials for showers at 3/1 construction cantonment. All towers for 3/1 have been flown in place. Completed construction of 30' tower for 1st LAAM Bn. at DaNang Air Base on 24 April 1969. 1st Bridge Completed installation of one M-4 floating Bridge at BT 031649 on 19 April 1969. Completed leveling work site and started to construct forms for concrete deck for 250 man messhall at "C" Battery 1st LAAM Bn., Hai Van Pass at AT 946923. Completed construction of 60' steel tower at 7th Engr. Bn. CP on 22 April 1969. 7th Engr. Bn. has the following equipment in support of units in the 1st Marine Division MAOR. One Eimco at Hill 41 for assistance in installing intrusion devices on DaNang Barrier. One Eimco with cable layer at 7th Comm Bn. for assistance in cable laying. Two Eimcos at Hill 22 to assist ARVN land clearing operations. One Eimco for land clearing purposes to the 1st Mar Div and four Eimco (tractors) in support of the ROKMC.

(c) Ferry Operations

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Vehicles</u> | <u>Round Trips</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 25 April | 58 | 46 |

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The ferry was operating due to bridges pouring concrete on bridge abutments which limited traffic to small vehicles only.

(d) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

- 19 April - 1st Bridge Company completed installing an M-4 floating bridge at BT 031649, Cooper's Bridge.
- 20 April - All towers for 3rd Bn, 1st Marines have been flown in place.
- 22 April - Completed construction of 60' steel tower at 7th Engr. Bn. CP.
- 24 April - Completed construction of 30' tower for 1st LAAM Bn. DaNang Air Base.

(5) Operations 26 April - 30 April

(a) Horizontal Construction - Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 594.2 cu.yds. of 6"(-) rock on Route QL-1S in the vicinity of BT 053598 to widen road in preparation for paving. Hauled, and spread 255 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock on Route 540 from AT 941700 to AT 945659 to repair and improve road surface. Hauled and spread 2500 gallons of oil on Route 540 from AT 941700 to AT 945695 to aid in dust suppression. Hauled and spread 66 cu.yds. of 5"(-) rock on Route 540 from AT 919579 to AT 922577 to repair and improve road surface. Hauled and spread 515 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock on Route 540 from AT 945695 to AT 945687; Spread 2500 gallons of oil on same to aid in dust suppression. Hauled and spread 260 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock on Route 540 from AT 922588 to AT 922578 to repair and improve road surface. Hauled and spread 235 cu.yds. of 3"(-) rock on Route 540 from AT 942681 to AT 942670; spread 2500 gallons of oil on same to aid in dust suppression. Spread 2000 gallons of oil on Route 540 from AT 914587 to AT 940584. Hauled and spread 5000 gallons on Route 540 from AT 942670 to AT 942662. Hauled and spread 8000 gallons of oil on the An Hoa Road to aid in dust suppression. Installed one 60" culvert on Route 540 at AT 919599 on 30 April 1969.

(b) Vertical Construction - Completed construction of 2-30' towers for 26th Marine Regt. CP. Continued preparing forms and installing rebar for 250 man mess hall for "C" Battery. 1st LAAM Bn. Began constructing two - 20' towers for Hq. Bn. 1st Mar Div CP. Continued prefabricating walls for water storage tower at 2/7. Continued to mount roof trusses, install purlins, light runners and prefabricate roof canopy for 500 man mess hall at 2/7. The entire 2/7 cantonment construction project is 51% complete as of 30 April 1969. Continued construction of water storage tower at 2/1. Footings have been poured and this project is presently 10% complete.

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Company "B" continued to repair their company equipment and huts damaged on 27 April 1969 by the ASP #1 fire. As of 30 April, repairs were 95% complete. Continued construction of 50' sentry tower for 3/1. Side bents have been erected and crossbracing is being installed. This tower is 20% complete as of 30 April 1969. Continued construction of 60' tower at 1/7. This tower is 95% complete. Began prefabricating roof truss for 250 man mess hall under construction at Liberty Bridge. Continued installing tin on roof of 20' x 20' shower unit at 1/1. The 1/1 cantonment project is 95% complete. 1st Bridge Company began extracting M-4 floating bridge at BT 031649. The removal project is 45% complete as of 30 April 1969. Provided Engineer assistance to III MAF Brig to repair damage caused by ASP #1 fire. Service Co. 7th Engineer Bn. Complete installing secondary lighting system at Cobb Bridge at AT 945707 on 28 April 1969. The following list of equipment from 7th Engr. Bn. was in direct support of units in the 1st Marine Division TAOR from 25 April to 30 April. One Eimco tractor at Hill 190 for assistance in installing intrusion devices on the DaNang Wire Barrier. One Eimco with cable layer at Hill 190 for assistance in cable laying. Two Eimcos to Hill 22 to assist ARVN land clearing operation. One Eimco for land clearing purposes. Four Eimcos in support of ROKMC. One motor grader and one Eimco to clear debris from roads at Camp Monahan caused by fire at ASP #1.

(c) Ferry Operations

| Date | Vehicles | Round Trips |
|----------|----------|-------------|
| 27 April | 9 | 9 |
| 28 April | 7 | 4 |
| 29 April | 19 | 5 |

(d) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

28 April - Completed installing secondary lighting system at Cobb Bridge (AT 945707).

30 April - 7th Engr. Bn. completed construction of 2-30' sentry towers at 25th Marine Regt. CP.

d. Plans

(1) Continued general support of all units within the 1st Marine Division TAOR, or as assigned by III MAF Headquarters.

(2) Continue maintenance of assigned roads within the 1st Marine Division TAOR, and as directed by III MAF Headquarters.

(3) Continue upgrading of Route QL-1S

(4) Continue upgrading of Route LTL 4

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- (5) Continue upgrading of Route 52
- (6) Continue maintenance of Route 10 to An Hoa
- (7) Continue upgrading of Route 10
- (8) Continue maintenance of Route 104
- (9) Continue maintenance of Route 542
- (10) Continue maintenance of Route 10

e. Training

- (1) Command indoctrination and information for newly arrived personnel was conducted (7th Engineer Battalion).
- (2) 40 enlisted personnel attended Landmine warfare school (1st Engr. Bn)
- (3) 1 enlisted personnel attended Vietnamese language school (III MAF)
- (4) 1 Staff NCO attended Career Planning Course (Division)
- (5) 1 enlisted personnel attended Basic Ammo Tech Course (Okinawa)
- (6) 1 enlisted personnel attended Scuba School (Philippines)
- (7) 1 Officer attended ADM School (Okinawa)
- (8) 2 enlisted personnel attended JMW School (Okinawa)
- (9) 2 enlisted personnel attended Generator School (China Beach)
- (10) 4 enlisted personnel attended Warden Instruction and Training Course (Okinawa)
- (11) 1 enlisted personnel attended Projectionist School (III MAF)

f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply

(1) Administration

- (a) 1 Apr. - Received from III MAF \$1,350,000 VN AIC funds.
- (b) 2 Apr. - One (1) Eimco M64 Tractor combat loss.
- (c) 7 Apr. - Received one (1) M52 Tractor
- (d) 7 Apr. - Turned in one (1) M54 and received one (1) M54 under R&E Program.

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- (v) 9 Apr.- 1st Bridge received one (1) M199.
- (f) 10 Apr.- 11th Engineers returned our 16S-2A cement mixer from temporary loan.
- (g) 15 Apr.- 1st Bridge received one (1) M150T46.
- (h) 15 Apr.- Received one (1) M51, three (3) 550 graders, three (3) Eimco tractors.
- (i) 15 Apr.- Turned in two (2) M52 tractors to FSR.
- (j) 16 Apr.- Turned in Two (2) M52 tractors to FSR.
- (k) 16 Apr.- "G" Company, 9th Engineers vacated Camp Love.
- (l) 22 Apr.- Received one (1) BKF 000 forklift.
- (m) 23 Apr.- Turned in three (3) M51 and received three (3) M51 under R&E program.
- (n) 27 Apr.- Received one (1) LSS5 Scraper.
- (o) 27 Apr.- Received one (1) MRS-200.
- (p) 27 Apr.- Received one (1) Mixer Rotary Tiller.
- (q) 27 Apr.- Received two (2) 150T46.

(2) Supply

7th Engineer Battalion FSE (AG 21300)

During the month of April, Battalion Supply processed 132 priority 02, 686 priority 05 and 437 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 1602 receipts from due, 1602 issues from due and 749 issues from stock.

1st Bridge Company (AG 21325)

During the month of April, 1st Bridge Supply processed 53 priority 02, 118 priority 05 and 155 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 75 receipts from due, 69 issues from due and 25 issues from stock.

Motor Transport

Approximately 126,188 miles were logged in on the Battalion Motor Transport Vehicles during the month of April.

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The Battalion Motor Transport Maintenance received 111 work orders of which 102 were completed. 17 out of 22 work orders for FSR were completed in the month of April. The Battalion Heavy Equipment Maintenance received 87 engineer work orders completed 58 and sent 7 work orders to FSR during April, 0 items returned from FSR and 1 was Code H during April.

Messing

The Battalion Messhall continues to provide four (4) meals daily except Sunday. The fourth meal being mid-rations for duty personnel. On Sundays and holidays a brunch is served replacing breakfast and dinner.

Medical

The Battalion Aid Station treated 1748 military, 1091 Vietnamese and 18 civilian workers. The Dental Clinic treated 302 Military, 61 Vietnamese and 0 civilian workers.

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

(1) The civic Action Program continues on a daily basis.

(2) Activities were as follows:

(a) The MedCap Program provided treatment for four hundred and twenty-five persons.

(b) A four room school at An Nagi Tay is 90% complete.

(c) A generator shed has been completed at An Nagi Tay.

(d) A well is being built at An Nagi Tay, it is 25% complete.

(e) A total of 11,225 bricks were issued for various Civic Action projects throughout Quang Nam Province.

PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Officer Assignments, See TAB A of enclosure (1).

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| <u>NAME</u> | <u>SERV. NO. AND</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>PRIMARY DUTY</u> | <u>RED.</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| ANNAS, T. T. | 053496/1302/0430 | 1stCol | EnCdr | 30Aug69 |
| BORDENARO, R. J. | 064504/1302/2502/1802 | Maj | ExecO | 21Oct69 |
| ALWITT, R. E. | 095314/0130/0102 | 1stLt | S-1/Adj | 10Jan69 |
| BRANNON, D. E. | 0105032/2502 | 1stLt | CommO | 1Dec69 |
| BRISSON, J. J. | 0105725/1310 | WO | EqyEquipPltCdr | 1Aug69 |
| DICKEN, D. W. | 0103470/1302 | 1stLt | EqCndt | 25Aug69 |
| ERIKSSON, E. L. | 0105063/1302 | 1stLt | Asst S-3/Adm/Const | 28Sep69 |
| GARRIDO, D. D. | 0101061/1302 | 1stLt | Asst S-4 | 29Jun69 |
| GOSLIN, G. J. | 0106906/1301 | 2ndLt | AsstPersO | 25Mar70 |
| JONES, J. C. | 0105555/1302 | 1stLt | S-2 | 23Oct69 |
| LILLEY, M. G. | 078896/1302/5702/0240 | Maj | S-3 | 7Jul69 |
| MARSHALL, J. E. | 030929/1302/1310 | Maj | S-4 | 30Oct69 |
| MCALLISTER, G. D. | 039031/1360 | WO-2 | ConstPltCdr | 31Dec69 |
| SHUMAKER, J. C. | 090562/1302 | Capt | Asst S-2 | 29Jun70 |
| WHITE, E. G. | 0105701/1302 | 1stLt | S-5 | 17Oct69 |
| <u>SERVICE COMPANY</u> | | | | |
| RICH, W. W. | 071206/1302/0302 | Maj | CO | 23Sep69 |
| DEBUSSEY, R. C. | 0104910/1302 | 1stLt | UtilitiesO | 23Nov69 |
| HAMMACK, J. A. | 0104222/2502 | 1stLt | Radio | 13Sep69 |
| JACKSON, J. M. | 093854/1310 | WO-2 | MaintPltCdr | 20Aug69 |
| KRUSEMARK, L. E. | 0104657/3002 | 1stLt | EnSupO | 11Oct69 |
| <u>"A" COMPANY</u> | | | | |
| KIBBS, R. M. | 0104652/1302 | 1stLt | CO | 15Aug69 |
| CARLSON, F. G. | 0105884/1302 | 1stLt | PltCdr | 23Nov69 |
| FLAMMING, J. F. | 0105512/1302 | 1stLt | PltCdr | 17Oct69 |
| RINEHART, C. S. | 0105243/1302 | 2ndLt | PltCdr | 28Sep69 |
| <u>"B" COMPANY</u> | | | | |
| MICK, E. W. | 0100510/1302 | 1stLt | CO | 25Jun69 |
| ADAMS, R. E. | 0105441/1302 | 1stLt | PltCdr | 23Oct69 |
| BANKS, R. J. | 0100833/1301 | 1stLt | PltCdr | 14 Mar 70 |
| WISE, R. A. JR. | 0104959/1302 | 1stLt | PltCdr | 11Dec69 |
| <u>"C" COMPANY</u> | | | | |
| GETTMAN, J. A. | 0102619/1302 | 1stLt | CO | 1Jun69 |
| MGLARTY, R. A. | 0106310/1301 | 2ndLt | PltCdr | 17Mar70 |
| SOKOLOWSKI, T. E. | 0104773/1302 | 1stLt | PltCdr | 13Aug69 |
| LINDSEY, E. E. | 0105859/1302 | 1stLt | PltCdr | 23Nov69 |
| <u>"D" COMPANY</u> | | | | |
| BOTELHO, E. | 096213/1302 | 1stLt | CO | 18Sep69 |
| LEONARD, R. L. | 0105165/1302 | 1stLt | PltCdr | 29Sep69 |
| MANGNALL, B. G. JR. | 0103650/1302 | 1stLt | PltCdr | 3Jan70 |
| WILLS, H. J. | 0106074/1302 | 1stLt | PltCdr | 23Nov69 |
| WILSON, T. J. | 0107962/1301 | 2ndLt | PltCdr | 6Jun70 |

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| NAME | SEPIAL/AGE | RANK | PRIMARY DUTY | RTD |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------|--------------|---------|
| <u>1ST BRIDGE COMPANY</u> | | | | |
| LACEMANN, R. G. | 0101216/1302 | 1stLt | CO | 55Sep69 |
| GORDON, T. E. | 0105702/1302 | 1stLt | PltCdr | 24Oct69 |
| OSBECK, D. G. | 0106007/1302/0430 | 1stLt | PltCdr | 22Nov69 |
| PASCARELLA, R. A. JR. | 0103721/1302 | 1stLt | PltCdr | 3Jan70 |
| FRICKE, K. D. | 0104937/1302 | 1stLt | PltCdr | 6Dec69 |
| TORBET, F. A. | 0104365/3602 | 1stLt | SupO | 16Sep69 |
| <u>USN</u> | | | | |
| ANDREWS, S. S. | 728168/2105 | Lt | AsSurgeon | 27Jul69 |
| ROBERTS, M. H. | 650365/1100 | 1stLt | EnChaplain | 27Jul69 |
| ROUNDS, C. E. | 722642/2205 | Lt | EnDentist | 15Jun69 |

Enclosure (1)