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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 March 1969 to 31 March 1969

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

7th Engineer Battalion (Rein), FMF

COMMANDER

LtCol T.T. ANNAS

SUBORDINATE UNITS

<u>Unit's</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>RTD</u>
Hq Co	1stLt K.M. AOYAMA	28 April 1969
Ser Co	Maj W.W. RICH	23 September 1969
Co "A"	1stLt M.H. DARITY	16 December 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
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2. LOCATION

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Data 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 G.S. HAMILTON	11 September 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 R.R. HAMBLETON	15 May 1969

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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>
47	1182	2	19

5. PERSONNEL GAINS AND LOSSES

<u>GAINS</u>		<u>LOSSES</u>	
<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
OFF 3	0	1	0
ENL 143	0	87	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 3,385,200 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 sweep of Route QL-1 from AT 927842 to AT 886954. Conducted daily sweep of Route 545.

Company "B", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading QL-1S for class 50 traffic. 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" conducted daily sweeps of Route QL-1 from AT 999707 to BT 090555.

Company "C", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading of Route 540 from AT 912743 to AT 926607. One platoon was located at An Hoa until March 16 to provide engineer support for construction of Combat Base. Conducted daily sweep 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 tactical situation. Conducted daily sweep of Route 540 from AT 926607 to AT 925533.

III MAF Work Orders Outstanding 1 March 1969

- III MAF 6377 - Construct one garbage shed and grease trap for 1/7 (Hill 37).
- III MAF 6379 - Construct 500 man messhall, (10) 4-hole heads, (35) urinals, (5) shower units, and (72) strongbacks for 2/7.
- 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, (1) pot shack, (1) GI building, and install hot water heater for 3/1.
- III MAF 6385 - Construct (3) strongbacks, (16) 4-hole heads, (1) 50' tower, (1) water tower, and (2) shower units for 1/1. (Project complete except for shower units; awaiting materials for shower units).

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

III MAF 6391 - Construct (4) 175mm gun pads at the Northern Artillery Cantonment and (2) 175mm gun pads at Hill 65.

III MAF 6392 - Construct (1) 50' tower and (2) 20' towers at An Hoa.

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

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

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

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

III MAF Work Orders Issued During March

III MAF 1028 - Construct four (4) 30' sentry towers for 26th Regiment CP.

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

III MAF - Provide three (3) Eimcos with operators to assist ARVN's in land clearing operations for DaNang Barrier near Hill 22.

III MAF - Provide two (2) Eimcos with operators to assist in land clearing operations in Go Noi Island - Phu Loc (6) area.

III MAF - Provide one (1) Eimco with operator to assist 7th Comm in laying cable.

III MAF - Provide one (1) Eimco with operator to assist in installation of intrusion devices along DaNang Barrier near Hill 41.

III MAF - Construct four (4) desks for 2nd CAG.

III MAF 1051 - Construct 250 man messhall for 1st LAAM Bn, at Hai Van Pass.

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

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

1st Mar Div request-Construct one (1) 50' sentry tower for 1/5 at Phu Loc (6)

III MAF Work Orders Completed in March

III MAF 6377-Construct one garbage shed and grease trap for 1/7 (Hill 37)

III MAF 6391-Construct (4) 175mm gun pads at the Northern Artillery Cantonment and (2) 175mm gun pads at Hill 65.

III MAF 6392-Construct (1) 50' tower and (2) 20' towers at An Hoa.

III MAF -Provide two (2) Eimco's with operators to assist inland clearing operations in Go Noi Island-Phu Loc (6) area.

III MAF -Construct four (4) desks for 2nd CAG.

PART III

1. Sequential Listing of Significant Events

a. Personnel and Administration. None

b. Enemy, weather, and terrain - A total of 0.16 inches of rain was recorded during the Month of March.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
010935H	Company "B" sweep team found 2 unknown types of booby traps on east side of Route QL-1S. Blown in place	BT 066567
011000H	Company "B" found one M-26 grenade booby trapped on Route QL-1S. VC paper flag covered grenade and propaganda was scattered near the area. Further search revealed another M-26 booby trapped. Both blown in place.	BT 068562
011925H	7th Engineer Bn. received 6-140mm rockets inside Battalion perimeter. 1 KIA, 3 WIA (minor).	AT 944782
040640H	The 7th Engineer Bn. OP #6 observed 4 probable 140mm rockets impact.	AT 930774
071715H	Company "D" reported that 1st Engineers blew a 30lb. box mine on Route 4. Road is passable.	AT 943585
120910H	Company "B" sweep team received three small arms sniper rounds on Route QL-1S. Negative casualties. Continued sweep.	BT 035627

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152050H	7th Engineer Bn road post #3 received approximately 10 to 15 small arm rounds from unknown source. Negative casualties.	AT 943785
160810H	Company "A" sweep team on Route QL-1N, received CS gas from unknown source. Continued sweep.	AT 940865 & AT 940875
170715H	Company "B" sweep team received one M-79 round from unknown source. Negative casualties. Continued sweep.	BT 004697
172055H	OP #6, 7th Engineer Bn. received one incoming round, probable rocket. Negative casualties. No further activity.	AT 930766
190200H	1st Bridge Company personnel located at the Song Thu Bon Ferry, received (8) B-40 rockets and 10 rounds of small arms fire from unknown size enemy force. Defensive perimeters were manned. Negative casualties.	AT 923539
190220H	Company "D" and 1/7 personnel on Hill 37 received 10 incoming mortar rounds and several RPG and small arms fire. Defensive positions manned. Negative casualties.	AT 916581
191310H	Company "D" and 1/7 personnel on Hill 37 received 3 incoming 122mm rockets. Defensive positions manned. 1 Company "D" WIA (minor)	AT 915581
200850H	Company "B" sweep team found (1) 105mm round booby trapped and (1) 10 lb box mine on Route QL-1S; both set for command detonation. Enemy blew one mine at the same location the night before which destroyed wires leading to the mine that was found. Blown in place.	BT 040625
201130H	Company "B" sweep team found blown culvert on Route QL-1S. Road passable to one lane traffic.	BT 047605
210810H	Company "A" sweep team received 4 sniper rounds while sweeping Route QL-1N at Hai Van Pass. Negative casualties.	AT 939884
210900H	Company "B" sweep team found blown culvert on Route QL-1S. Road impassable.	BT 047605

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210930H Company "B" sweep team found barrier across Route QL-1S. Barrier was removed without incident. BT038629

211230H Company "B" sweep team found culvert blown on Route QL-1S. Road open to one lane traffic. BT 055594

220950H Company "B" sweep team received small arms fire from west side of Route QL-1S, from unknown size enemy force. Returned fire and called in artillery fire mission. Results unknown. Negative casualties. BT053598

231115H Company "B" sweep team received enemy sniper rounds on Route QL-1S. Returned fire and continued sweep. Negative casualties. BT 065570

231115H Company "B" sweep team found blown culvert on Route QL-1S. Road open to one lane traffic. BT 073557

232130H Units at Hill 37 including Company "D" received 82mm mortar rounds, RPG rounds, and small arms fire. Village to the south set on fire. Manned perimeter and returned fire. Negative casualties. AT 916581

240815H Company "B" found one rock mine with pressure type firing device, approximately 20 lbs, on Route QL-1S. Removed from road and blown in rice paddies. BT 045595

240900H Heavy equipment operators in support of ARVN's to assist in land clearing for DaNang Wire Barrier near Hill 22, received (4) B40 rockets. 1 Einco damaged, 1 ARVN KIA. AT 893716

260930H Company "B" sweep team found 3 VC propaganda posters placed in the middle of route QL-1S. Forwarded to G-2. BT 040625

261115H Company "D" admin vehicle received approximately 30 small arms rounds on Route 540. Negative casualties. AT 927609

261130H Company "D" admin vehicle received approximately 80 small arms rounds and 3 M-79 rounds on Route 540. Negative casualties. AT 943673

261715H 7th Engineer Bn. tower #2 received 2 small arms sniper rounds. Negative casualties. AT 916581

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270655H Company "A" sweep team on Route QL-1N AT 937924
found one US type M-1 8A1 claymore mine
with back and C-4 removed. Mine was
returned to CP.

270845H Company "B" sweep team on Route QL-1S BT 053598
found one rock mine, approximately 20 lbs.
Mine was extracted and the ROK Marines
security took it back to their compound.

300001H Company "D" reported that the London AT 913588
Bridge came under enemy small arms fire and
mortar fire. Company "D" manned defensive
positions. Negative casualties or damage.

300740H Company "C" sweep team while checking a AT 942664
culvert on Route 540 was hit by one command
detonated claymore mine. One sweep team
member received shrapnel wounds and was
taken to Hill 41 for Med-evac.

302245H Company "D" reported that they received AT 917580
three enemy 106mm rounds and several mortars.
Personnel manned perimeter. Negative
casualties.

311335H Company "C" sweep team in support of CACO BT 169588
2-8 in the Hoi An area detonated one 105mm
round with tripwire and surprise firing
device. 105mm round was point aimed approx-
imately six feet off the trail with a long
trip wire extending across the trail. Lead
man on sweep triggered trip wire resulting
in 2 KIA, 2 WIA (Evac), and 1 WIA (minor).

c. Organization and Operations

- (1) Officer Assignments - See TAB A, Enclosure (1)
- (2) Operations 1 Mar - 7 Mar 1969

(a) Horizontal Construction - Hauled and spread 50 cu.yds. of 6" (-) rock at culvert site on Route QL-1S at BT 069561. Hauled, spread, and graded 573 cu.yds. of 3" (-) rock, 10 cu.yds. of 6" (-) rock and 57 cu.yds. of shot rock to upgrade and widen portions of Route QL-1S in the vicinity of Zapper's Gulch BT 045614. Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 389 cu.yds. of crushed rock, 319 cu.yds. of fill and spread 23,000 gallons of oil on Route 540. Hauled and spread 22,000 gallons of oil on the An Hoa road. Graded Route 545 to maintain crown and improve road surface. Hauled and spread 12,000 gallons of oil on Route 4 west of Hill 37.

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Company "D" stockpiled 50 cu.yds. of crushed rock. Company "C" stockpiled 20 cu.yds. of crushed rock. Received 949 tons of crushed rock from RMK. Spread 3,600 gallons of oil on roads within 1/26 compound at Hill 190 and 1,200 gallons of oil on roads within ASP #2. Hauled and spread 445 cu.yds. of fill to cover trash dump on Route 545.

(b) Vertical Construction - Prefabricated legs for towers #14 and #15 and installed decking on tower #14. Towers are under construction for the DaNang Barrier. Continued to provide technical assistance in pouring concrete for the III MAF Brig self-help program. Completed driving 4 piles and installed 11 stringers on second span of Straight Bridge under construction on Route 4 at AT 868573. Sunk deadman and prepared to pour concrete abutments at Bailey Bridge under Construction on Route 545 at AT 898813. Completed installation of 60" culvert on Route QL-1S at BT 069561. Continued to lend engineer support for improving defensive positions of LAAM Bn located at Hai Van Pass at AT 946923. Poured concrete slab deck for 7th Engr. Bn M.T. tool room. Completed 20' sentry tower at Company "C" CP. Continued to repair 55' tower and completed prefabricating 8 tower poles for additional towers under construction at An Hoa Combat Base. Completed 3 strongbacks and continued screening and framing on an additional 12 strongbacks at 2/7. Poured 12 cu.yds. of concrete for 100' X 40' mess deck of 500 man messhall at 2/7. Installed culvert at 2/7 cantonment to improve and control drainage. Poured 23 cu.yds. of concrete for fourth 175mm gun pad under construction at the Northern Artillery Cantonment. Completed forming of first 175mm gun pad under construction on Hill 65. Completed garbage shed and continued to install grease trap at 1/7. Completed one 50' tower to be helolifted to 1/1.

(c) Ferry Operations

SONG THU BON

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Round Trips</u>
1 Mar	149	27
2 Mar	142	38
3 Mar	139	33
4 Mar	135	38
5 Mar	147	37
6 Mar	133	32
7 Mar	106	26

(d) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

1 Mar - 7th Engineer Battalion received 6-140mm rockets inside the battalion perimeter, 1 KIA, 3 WIA (minor).

2 Mar - Company "C" began construction of 3 sentry towers for 1/1.

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(3) Operations 8 Mar - 14 Mar 1969

(a) Horizontal Construction - Hauled, spread and graded 655 cu.yds. of 3" (-) rock, 332 cu.yds. of shot rock and 275 cu.yds. of 6" (-) rock on Route QL-1S. Hauled, spread, graded, and rolled 1000 cu.yds. of 3" (-) rock, 160 cu.yds. of fill and spread 14,200 gallons of oil on Route 540. Spread 16,000 gallons of oil on the An Hoa road. Spread 4000 gallons of oil on Route 4 from Hill 37 to Hill 65. Hauled and spread 15 cu.yds. of 3" (-) rock on the North approach of the Song Thu Bon Ferry. Spread 2000 gallons of oil on access road leading to Hill 65, 2,200 gallons of oil on tower site at 1/1, and 1,200 gallons of oil on Hill 190. Received 6302.35 tons of crushed rock from RMK.

(b) Vertical Construction - Poured cement abutments, set anchor bolts and installed three trusses (18 panels) on the deck type Bailey Bridge under construction on Route 545 at AT 898813. Continued to lend Engineer support to "C" Battery, 1st LAAM Bn at Hai Van Pass. Prefabricated walls and endwalls, erected all studs and installed seven rafters for the 7th Engr. Bn. M.T. tool room under construction at Bn. CP. Started assembly of 60" culvert at Bn CP for future use as required. Continued construction of 20' tower and completed construction of 50' tower at An Hoa Combat Base. Completed installing lateral bracing on towers #13, #14 and #15. Towers are under construction for DaNang Barrier. Continued to provide technical assistance to the III MAF Brig self-help program. Drove 3 piles, trimmed pile bent and completed 3rd span of Straight Bridge under construction on Route 4 at AT 868573. Completed eight strongbacks for a total of 20 to date at 3/1 cantonment. Completed 12 strongbacks for a total of 20 to date at 2/7 cantonment. Completed pouring entire concrete deck for 500-man messhall under construction at 2/7. Completed construction of four (4), 175mm gun pads at Northern Artillery Cantonment. Completed construction of two (2) 175mm gun pads at Hill 65. Completed construction of garbage shed and grease trap at 1/7 cantonment.

(c) Ferry Operations

SONG THU BON

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Round Trip</u>
8 Mar	120	33
9 Mar	124	27
10 Mar	133	33
11 Mar	160	34
12 Mar	127	34
13 Mar	134	42
14 Mar	151	40

(d) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

13 March - Company "C" completed construction of four 175mm gun pads at the Northern Artillery Cantonment.

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14 March - Company "D" completed construction of two 175mm gun pads at Hill 65.

11 March - Company "D" completed construction of garbage shed and grease trap at 1/7 cantonment project.

(4) Operations 15 Mar to 21 Mar 1969

(a) Horizontal Construction - Hauled, spread, graded, and rolled 195 cu.yds. of fill and 120 cu.yds. of crushed rock to access road to OP#6, Engineer Pass. Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 165 cu.yds. of 3" (-) rock, 124 cu.yds. of shot rock and 144 cu.yds. of 6" (-) rock on Route QL-1S to upgrade and widen portions of the road south of Zapper's Gulch, BT 045614. Spread 500 gallons of oil on same. Hauled and spread 34 cu.yds. of 3" (-) rock to repair blown culverts at BT 047605 and BT 055594. Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 595 cu.yds. of 3" (-) rock, 90 cu.yds. of fill and spread 11,000 gallons on Route 540. Spread 10,000 gallons of oil on the An Hoa road, and 4000 gallons of oil on Route 4 from Hill 37 to Hill 65. Company "B" stockpiled 100 cu.yds. of 6" (-) rock. Company "C" stockpiled 20 cu.yds. of 3" (-) rock for use on Route 540 as required. Received 4011.20 tons of crushed rock from RMK.

(b) Vertical Construction - Completed construction of DaNang Barrier towers #11, #12, #13; towers #14 and #15 are complete except for minor construction. Assisted in pouring 17 cu.yds. of concrete for the III MAF Brig self-help program. Completed driving all piles, installed decking and treadway on 4 spans, Completed 5th Bent and layed 11 stringers on the Straight Bridge under construction on Route 4 at AT 868573. Aligned truss panels and attached bearing plates to abutments of deck type Bailey Bridge under construction on Route 545 at AT 898813. Constructed 130 meters of triple concertina wire at "C" Battery, LAAM Bn., at Hai Van Pass AT 946923. Completed screening and louver siding and began installing tin roofing for the Bn. M.T. tool room. Assembled and installed 56'-4 float reinforced raft at AT 887956. Completed construction of 20' sentry tower at An Hoa Combat Base. Transported, via helicopter, one (1) 30' sentry tower from 7th Engr. Bn. to An Hoa Combat Base. Completed all strongback construction at 3/1 for a total of 26. Began pre-cutting materials for 12 - 4 hole heads at 3/1. Completed three strongbacks at 2/7 for a total of 23 completed to date. Completed construction of 10-4 hole heads at 2/7. Continued to prefabricate trusses and pour concrete curb for 500 man messhall at 2/7. Constructed one (1) 50' sentry tower, less bunker, and helolifted it to Phu Loc (6) for emplacement. Continued construction of 30' sentry tower for 1/7. Leveled area for construction of 60' tower at 2/7. Continued construction of second 50' tower at 7th Engr. Bn. to be flown to 1/1.

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(c) Ferry Operations

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Round Trips</u>
15 Mar	127	25
16 Mar	105	28
17 Mar	112	29
18 Mar	101	25
19 Mar	105	31
20 Mar	151	38
21 Mar	147	36

(d) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

- 15 Mar-21 Mar - The 7th Engineer Battalion committed the following heavy equipment in support of units in the DaNang area, One Eimco with Rome plow OpCon to the 1st Marine Division for use on the DaNang Wire Barrier during this period, One Eimco with cable layer to 7th Communication Battalion was committed on 22 February and is still being used by 7th Communication Bn, two Eimcos OpCon to 1st Engineer Battalion for land clearing on 22 February, returned 28 March, three Eimcos OpCon to ARVN Engineer for use on the DaNang Barrier during this period
- 16 Mar - Company "C" completed sentry tower construction at An Hoa Combat Base.
- 18 Mar - Company "A" completed construction of towers #11, #12, and #13 for the DaNang Wire Barrier. Minor construction remains on the last two towers.

(5) Operations 22 Mar to 28 March 1969

(a) Horizontal Construction-Hauled, spread, graded, and rolled 110 cu.yds. of crushed rock and 55 cu.yds. of fill on access road to OP#6 Engineer Pass and constructed three head walls on two 60" culverts installed on access road. Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 304 cu.yds. of 6" (-) rock to upgrade and widen portions of Route QL-1S south of Zapper's Gulch BT 045614. Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 668 cu.yds. of 3" (-) rock, 35 cu.yds. of crushed rock, 720 cu.yds. of fill and spread 13,000 gallons of oil on Route 540, spread 12,000 gallons of oil on the An Hoa road. Company "B" stockpiled 45 cu.yds. of 3" (-) rock. Received 1811.90 tons of crushed rock from RMK.

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(b) Vertical Construction - Completed construction of wing walls for deck type Bailey Bridge under construction on Route 545 AT 898813. Continued to lend engineer support to "C" Battery LAAM Bn. at Hai Van Pass. Installed knee braces and box ends to rafters and installed 25 pieces of tin roofing for 7th Engr Bn Motor T. tool room. Prefabricated materials for bunker under construction at OP #6, Engineer Pass (AT 937773). Began extension of battalion perimeter near road post #3, and continued construction of bunker at road post #2. Completed installation of rebar and forms for concrete base slab for 50' steel tower under construction at Bn. CP. Installed 12" X 12" caps, 3" X 12" floor joists, horizontal and diagonal bracing and precut bunker material for 30' tower under construction at 1/7. Prepared holes for 60' tower at 1/7. Installed front and rear siding for 9-4 hole heads, completed setting forms for 16' X 32' shower unit, and installed drainage system for one 20' X 20' shower unit at 3/1. Erected six tent decks and prefabricated wall frames for strongbacks at 2/7. Completed prefabricating trusses for 500 man messhall at 2/7. Continued to dig holes for 21 urinals under construction at 2/7. Completed installing 50' sentry tower at Phu Loc (6). Continued construction of second 50' tower at this Bn. for helolift to 1/1

(c) Ferry Operations

Song Thu Bon Ferry

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Round Trips</u>
22 Mar	121	32
23 Mar	163	33
24 Mar	127	36
25 Mar	142	32
26 Mar	145	30

(d) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

27 Mar - Construction of the Liberty Bridge was completed and opened to traffic. The Song Thu Bon Ferry was no longer required to transport traffic but remains in a standby status until further notice.

26 Mar. - Company "C" completed installation of 50' tower at Phu Loc (6).

(6) Operations 29 Mar - 31 Mar 1969

(a) Horizontal Construction - Spread 6000 gallons of oil on Route 545 to aid in mine detection and road stability. Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 100 cu.yds. of 6" (-) rock on Route QL-1S in the vicinity of Zapper's Gulch at BT 045614. Spread 11,000 gallons of oil on the An Hoa road. Hauled, spread, graded and rolled 428 cu.yds. of 3" (-) rock on Route 540 from AT 915594 to AT 914593 to repair and improve road surface.

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Graded the An Hoa road from AT 922565 to AT 922540 to maintain crown and improve road surface. Spread 1200 gallons of oil on 2/26 LZ to aid in dust suppression. Received 499.85 tons of crushed rock from RMK.

(b) Vertical Construction - Continued engineer support to "C" Battery 1st LAAM Bn. at Hai Van Pass. Completed construction of bunker at 7th Engr. Bn. road post #2. Completed construction of 7th Engr. Bn. M.T. tool room. Continued construction of deck-type Bailey Bridge on Route 545. Continued expansion of 7th Engr. Bn. perimeter near road post #3. Continued construction of bunker at OP #6 Engineer Pass. Erected 1½ tent decks at 2/7. All tent decks in area 3 of 2/7 are complete. Continued prefabricating walls for strongbacks at 2/7. Completed digging 21 holes for urinals to be installed at 2/7. Installed two 24" culverts and assembled two additional 20' sections of 24" culvert at 3/1. Continued construction of replacement towers for DaNang Wire Barrier project. One tower has been helolifted to An Hoa Combat Base and a second tower has been prepared for transportation to LAAM Bn. Assisted in pouring 2 cu.yds. of concrete for the III MAF Brig self-help program. Continued to install rebar for 50' steel tower under construction at 7th Engineer Battalion CP. Continued laying treadway and constructing handrail posts for Straight Bridge under construction on Route 4, at AT 868573. Continued construction of heads at 3/1. Installed decking and completed bolting braces on 30' tower under construction at 1/7.

(c) Ferry Operations - Song Thu Bon Ferry - Remains in a standby status.

(d) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

30 Mar - Completed construction of 7th Engr. Bn. M.T. tool room under construction at this CP.

31 Mar - Completed construction of bunker at 7th Engr. Bn. road post #2.

d. Plans

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

(2) Continue support of CAG units within 1st Marine Division TAOR, or as assigned by III MAF Headquarters.

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

(4) Continue upgrading of Route QL-1S

(5) Continue upgrading of Route LTL 4

(6) Continue upgrading of Route 545

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- (7) Continue upgrading of Route 30
- (8) Continue maintenance of Route 540 to An Hoa
- (9) Continue maintenance of Route 544
- (10) Continue maintenance of Route 542
- (11) Continue maintenance of Route 10

e. Training

- (1) Command indoctrination and information for newly arrived personnel was conducted (7th Engineer Battalion).
- (2) 1 enlisted personnel attended Embarkation School (Okinawa).
- (3) 1 Staff NCO personnel attended Career Planning Course (Okinawa).
- (4) 1 enlisted personnel attended Fixed Plant Teletype Repair Course (Philippines).
- (5) 1 enlisted personnel attended Cable Splicer Course (Long Binh)
- (6) 1 enlisted personnel attended KY 28/38 Maintenance Course (FLC).
- (7) 1 enlisted personnel attended Basic Ammo Tech Course (Okinawa).
- (8) 40 enlisted personnel attended Landmine Warfare School (1st Engr Bn)
- (9) 1 NCO attended NCO Leadership Course (Division).
- (10) 1 officer attended Officer Leadership Course (Division).
- (11) 7 enlisted personnel attended one day school on Operation of Fork Lift (1st Shore Party).
- (12) All companies within the 7th Engr. Bn. were given NBC classes by the Bn. NBC NCO.
- (13) 7th Engr. Bn Motor Transport held course of instruction on the M123 10 ton tractor.
- (14) Company "B" personnel were given class on techniques of fire and terrain appreciation by Division Mobile Training Team.
- (15) One Company "D" personnel held class on Mine Warfare for Amtrac personnel.

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f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply

(1) Administration

- (a) 3 Mar - Received contact from NSA Contracting Officer for Vietnamese trucks to haul rock.
- (b) 3 Mar - Received one (1) M51 dump truck and one (1) M52 tractor from Maintenance Float.
- (c) 3 Mar - Sent CMC UER on the lunette of the 75TPH Rock Crusher.
- (d) 4 Mar - Turned in secondary unit of 75TPH Rock Crusher to FLC Salvage.
- (e) 9 Mar - Received one (1) M79 Grenade Launcher from 11th Motors.
- (f) 10 Mar - Turned in one (1) M54 cargo truck R&E program.
- (g) 11 Mar - Received new Ambulance M718.
- (h) 12 Mar - Received one (1) Einco M64 from Maintenance Float.
- (i) 12 Mar - Turned in two (2) M54 cargo trucks R&E program.
- (j) 13 Mar - Received two (2) M51 dumps (new).
- (k) 17 Mar - Received two (2) B170A Scrapers.
- (l) 20 Mar - Received one (1) M60 Anthony Crane.
- (m) 20 Mar - Vietnamese truck contract terminated.
- (n) 21 Mar - Received three (3) arc welders LM-62.
- (o) 22 Mar - Sent second UER on the lunette of the 75tph rock crusher to CMC.
- (p) 25 Mar - Received one (1) M51 dump.
- (q) 26 Mar - Received two (2) M51 dumps.
- (r) 26 Mar - Received one (1) M105 compressor.
- (s) 30 Mar - Received one (1) TD-18.

(2) Supply

7th Engineer Battalion FMF (AC 21300)

During the month of March, Battalion Supply processed 78 Priority 02, 412 priority 05, and 689 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 1487 receipts from due, 1487 issues from due, and 647 issues from stock.

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57501st Bridge Company (AC 21325)

During the month of March, 1st Bridge Supply processed 26 priority 02, 6 priority 05, and 50 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 82 receipts from due, 82 issues from due, and 0 issues from stock.

Motor Transport

Approximately 96,757 miles were logged in on the Battalion Motor Transport Vehicles during the month of March.

Maintenance

The Battalion Motor Transport Maintenance received 85 work orders, completed 50 work orders and sent 10 work order to FSR during March. The Battalion Heavy Equipment Maintenance received 50 Engineer Work orders, completed 42 and sent 3 work orders to FSR during March. 0 items returned from FSR and 2 were Code H during March.

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 1949 military, 398 Vietnamese and 8 civilian workers. The Dental Clinic treated 212 military, 15 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 nineteen persons.
 - (b) A 2-room school in Tung Son Hamlet is now complete.
 - (c) A generator shed being built at An Ngai Tay School is 70% complete.
 - (d) House at An Ngai Dong has just been completed.
 - (e) The 7th Engineer Battalion Brickyard has just been reopened to provide bricks for various Civic Action projects throughout Quang Nam Province.

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(f) School being constructed at An Ngai Tay, will soon be in progress.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERV. NO./MOS</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PRIMARY DUTY</u>	<u>RTD</u>
ANNAS, T. T.	053496/1302/0430	LtCol	BnCmdr	30Aug69
BORDEMARO, R. J.	064504/1302/2502/1802	Maj	ExecO	21Oct69
ALMUTT, R. H.	095814/0130/0102	1stLt	S-1/Adj	10Jan70
BRISSON, J. J.	0105725/1310	WO	HvyEquipPltCmdr	1Aug69
DICKEN, D. T.	0104170/1302	1stLt	HqComdt	25Aug69
BRANSON, D. R.	0105032/2502	1stLt	CommO	1Dec69
ERICKSON, R. L.	0105083/1302	1stLt	Asst S-3	23Sep69
GARRIDO, D. D.	0101081/1302	1stLt	Asst S-4	29Jun69
JONES, J. C.	0105555/1302	1stLt	S-2	23Oct69
LILLEY, M. G.	078896/1302/5702/0240	Maj	S-3	7Jul69
MARSHALL, J. T.	080929/1302/1310	Maj	S-4	30Oct69
MCALLISTER, G. D.	099031/1360	CWO-2	ConstPltCmdr	21Dec69
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.	0104222/3502	1stLt	BnMTO	13Sep69
JACKSON, J. M.	098854/1310	CWO-2	MaintPltCmdr	20Aug69
KRUSEMARK, L. E.	0104657/3002	1stLt	BnSupO	11Oct69
<u>"A" COMPANY</u>				
KLEIS, H. N.	0104652/1302	1stLt	CO	15Aug69
CARLSON, F. G.	0105884/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	23Nov69
FLAMMING, J. F.	0105512/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	17Oct69
GEERS, M. J.	0105916/1302	2ndLt	PltCmdr	28Nov69
REINHART, U. S.	0105243/1302	2ndLt	PltCmdr	28Sep69
<u>"B" COMPANY</u>				
MICK, E. W.	0100510/1302	1stLt	CO	25Jun69
ADAMS, R. E.	0105441/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	23Oct69
BANKS, R. J.	0100833/1301	1stLt	PltCmdr	14Mar70
WISE, R. A. JR.	0104959/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	11Dec69
<u>"C" COMPANY</u>				
GETTMAN, J. A.	0102613/1302	1stLt	CO	1Jun69
GOSLIN, G. J.	0106906/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	25Mar70
MCLARTY, R. A.	0106319/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	17Mar70
SOKOLOWSKI, T. E.	0104779/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	18Aug69
WILLS, H. J.	0106074/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	23Nov69
<u>"D" COMPANY</u>				
BOTELEHO, E.	096213/1302	1stLt	CO	18Sep69
LEONARD, R. L.	0105165/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	29Sep69
LINDSEY, E. E.	0105959/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	23Nov69
MANGMALL, B. C. JR.	0103650/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	3Jan70
<u>1ST BRIDGE COMPANY</u>				
LACEMANN, R. G.	0101216/1302	1stLt	CO	5Sep69
PASCARELLA, R. A. JR.	0103721/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	3Jan70

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<u>1ST BRIDGE COMPANY (Cont'd)</u>				
GORDON, T. E.	0105524/1302	1stLt	FltCmdr	24Oct69
OSEBCK, D. G.	0106007/1302/0430	1stLt	FltCmdr	22Nov69
PRICER, K. D.	0104937/1302	1stLt	FltCmdr	6Dec69
TORBET, P. A.	0104365/3002	1stLt	SupO	16Sep69
<u>USN</u>				
ANDREWS, S. S.	728168/2105	Lt	BnSurgeon	27Jul69
ROBERTS, M. H.	650865/4100	LCdr	BnChaplain	27Jul69
ROUNDS, C. E.	722642/2205	Lt	BnDentist	15Jun69