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HEADQUARTERS

Company "A" (Rein), 7th Engineer Battalion
Maintenance Battalion, 1st FSR/FLC
FPO San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)

Via: (1) Commanding Officer, Maintenance Battalion, 1st Force Service
Regiment/Force Logistic Command
(2) Commanding General, Force Logistic Command
(3) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, Fleet Marine
Force
(4) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology , Period 21 December to 31 December 1970

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1
(b) FMF PacO 5750.8A
(c) FLC O 5750.1B

Encl: December Command Chronology

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

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By direction

Co "A", 7th Engr Bn

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
21 December to 31 December 1970

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Company "A" (Rein), 7th Engineer Battalion

2. COMMANDER

Major G. R. MEIBAUM : 21 December to 31 December 1970

3. LOCATION

Danang, RVN

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| <u>OFF</u> | <u>USMC</u> | | <u>OFF</u> | <u>USN</u> | |
|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | <u>ENL</u> | | | <u>ENL</u> |
| 8 | | 257 | 0 | | 0 |

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 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| ENL | 13 | 0 | 13 | 0 |

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Company "A" (Rein), 7th Engineer Battalion continued support of the III Marine Amphibious Force within the Danang area. The company continued maintenance responsibility of 32.2 miles of road. In addition the company carried the mine sweep responsibilities of 9.3 miles of road until 25 December 1970. Subsequent to to 25 December 1970 the mine sweep responsibility was reduced to 5.1 miles of road.

Company "A" (Rein), 7th Engineer Battalion conducted the following daily mine sweeps.

Route 545 - from AT942787 to AT875829 from 21 December to 31 December 1970
Route 1 D & LTL - 4 from AT965605 to AT992578 from 21 December to 25 December 1970.

The Route 1 D and 4 mine sweep was turned over to the Regional Forces.

The company operated one water plant and produced 205,00 gallons of water.

III MAF WORK ORDERS RECEIVED DURING THE PERIOD

- III MAF 1145 - Issue one 10 x 20 bunker to 1st Engineer Battalion.
- III MAF 1148 - Issue construction materials to MAG-16.
- III MAF 1149 - Construct one sea-hut for 1st Military Police Battalion.
- III MAF 1150 - Issue one culvert bunker to 1st Engineer Battalion.
- III MAF 010 - Repair and rebuild reofer banks for Force Logistic Command.
- III MAF 011 - Dismantling of cantonment area on Hill 327.

III MAF WORK ORDERS COMPLETED DURING THE PERIOD

- III MAF 1136 - Issue one sea-hut to 1st Engineer Battalion.
- III MAF 1139 - Issue one sea-hut to Headquarters Commandant III MAF.
- III MAF 1241 - Construct one sea-hut for 2nd Combined Action Group.
- III MAF 1143 - Issue two 10 x 24 bunkers to 1st Engineer Battalion.
- III MAF 1145 - Issue one 10 x 20 bunker to 1st Engineer Battalion.

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III MAF 1148 - Issue construction material to MAC-16.

III MAF 009 - Construct one COC bunker for 2nd Combined Action Group.

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1. Sequential Listing of Significant Events

a. Personnel and Administration: During the period the company received thirteen men through normal replacement, ten corporals and below, one Gunnery Sergeant, and one Staff Sergeant and one First Sergeant. The company lost one First Lieutenant and thirteen men through normal rotation.

b. Enemy, Weather, and Terrain: During the period the weather was warm and clear for six days and cloudy and cool with some rain on five days. The rain has not hampered road maintenance.

c. Horizontal Construction: During the period the company hauled 2000 cubic yards of fill for road upgrade on LTL-4 W, 500 cubic yards of rock in support of MCB-3 road maintenance on LTL-4 E.

d. Vertical Construction: The company continued the warehousing of TSEP materials at Camp Haskins in support of III MA F. The company completed the construction of one sea-hut and one bunker and started the dismantling of the cantonment area on Hill 327.

e. Utilities: The company continued the electrical upgrade of the cantonment on Hill 65 and Landing Zone Baldy, plus the perimeter lighting on the Division Ridgeline.

f. Miscellaneous:

(1) The company prefabricated and issued two sea-huts.

(2) The company received and issued materials for construction of huts and bunkers.

g. Logistic, Equipment, and Supply

(1) Administrative - One Grinder - Code H


(2) Company Supply has processed 282 new documents, received 19, 23 were cancelled, 240 were placed on back order. Old documents; 28 were received, 138 were cancelled. There are six priority O2 over 30 days old. Total back order is 554. Direct exchange; 17 new items exchanged with 14 being filled and 3 placed on back order; 8 of the old direct exchange have been completed leaving 23 yet to be received.

(3) Motor Transport: A total of 34,870 miles were logged in by the company motor transport vehicles. There were 4,910 tons of earth products, 1174 tons of general cargo and equipment hauled, and 1,525 passengers transported, 64,000 gallons of potable water, 12,000 gallons of nonpotable water, 12,000 gallons of oil for road construction, 14,400 gallons of fuel for generators, trucks and equipment use.

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h. General Engineer Comments

- (1) 21 December 1970 - Completed the Goi Noi resettlement access road.
- (2) 21 December 1970 - Provided personnel for Battlefield Clean-up Operation.
- (3) 21 December 1970 - One M-51 Dump truck involved in accident with RVN vehicle.
- (4) 22 December 1970 - Dismantling of Hill 327 commenced.
- (5) 25 December 1970 - Assisted Camp Butler Liaison in shipment of material.
- (6) 27 December 1970 - Turn over of Route 1 D and 4 East minesweep to Regional Forces
- (7) 26 December 1970 - Commenced the road upgrade of LTL-4 East.
- (8) 28 December 1970 - Commenced the electrical upgrade of Division Ridgeline perimeter lighting.

i. Plans

- (1) Continue support of all units in the Danang area as assigned by III Marine Amphibious Force Headquarters.
- (2) Continued maintenance of assigned roads as directed by III Marine Amphibious Force Headquarters.
- (3) Continue upgrading of LTL - 4 West as weather permits.
- (4) Continue the responsibilities of handling TFC materials and the allocation of rock for all units under III Marine Amphibious Force.

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PART IV

1. The following are the supporting documents for the December Command Chronology of Company "A" (Rein), 7th Engineer Battalion.

- a. Officer Assignments - See Tab A Enclosure (1)
- b. Incident Journal - See Tab B Enclosure (1)

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INCIDENT

COORDINATES

311000 H Mine sweep team found one (1) booby
trapped smoke grenade, with trip wire
type booby trap. Blown in place.

BT010567

TAB B
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INCIDENT JOURNAL

| <u>DTG</u> | <u>INCIDENT</u> | <u>COORDINATES</u> |
|------------|---|--------------------|
| 210815 H | While passing an ARVN vehicle an "A" Company M-51 dump truck was hit by a VN bus causing negative injuries, and minor damages to both vehicles. | BT061818 |
| 250820 H | Mine sweeping team on Hill 55 found one (1), two (2) pound anti-personnel mine, five feet off west side of road. Blown in place. | AT968593 |
| 261130 H | Mine sweeping team found several propaganda type document. The area swept with negative findings. | BT003567 |
| 270940 H | Mine sweep team found one (1) M-14 Toe Popper on the top of a 4.2 mm Mortar round, negative booby traps, blown in place. | BT045578 |
| 271025 H | Mine sweep team found one (1) cake can with metal for shrapnel and some type of explosive with a pressure firing device. Blown in place. | BT043577 |
| 271115 H | Mine sweep team found 20 82mm illumination mortar rounds on left side of road. Blown in place. | BT020572 |
| 291045 H | One (1) CB 5 ton dump truck hit an approximately 20 to 30 pound mine while heading west on Route 4 E. Mine was in culvert under the road and was probably command detonated. Mine sweep team checked culvert with negative findings. One (1) CB was routine medevaced with broken leg and minor injuries. | BT003577 |
| 291230 H | Mine sweep team found one (1) 30 pound charge on left edge of road on Route 4 E. Negative Booby traps, blown in place. | BT005567 |
| 300935 H | While on the mine sweep the mine sweep team received four to five rounds of sniper fire from the north west side of the road. The sweep team was pinned down for approximately five minutes. | BT012567 |

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| <u>NAME</u> | <u>SER NO./MOS</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>PRIMARY DUTY</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------|
| MEIBAUM, G.R. | 077573/1302/1320 | MAJOR | CO. CMDR | 710726 |
| MEREDITH, J.P. | 089501/1302 | CAPT | CO. EXEC O | 710620 |
| McDEAVITT, R.L. | 091418/1310 | CWO-2 | HE/MT MAINT O | 710607 |
| COLCLASURE, R.E. | 0109804/1302/1320 | 1st Lt. | CO. OPER O | 710115 |
| LANTICH, J.P. | 0109228/1302 | 1st Lt. | HE/MT OPER O | 710226 |
| * MARVAEZ, H.F. | 0109475/1302/1320 | 1st Lt. | PLT CMDR | 710104 |
| CARBONE, R.J. | 0110210/1302 | 1st Lt. | PLT CMDR | 710528 |
| DRURY, J.E. | 0109611/1301/1390 | 1st Lt. | PLT CMDR | 710519 |
| @ WALKER, R.A. | 0111337/1301/1390 | 1st Lt. | PLT CMDR | 710524 |

@ 1st Lt. WALKER, R.A. joined as of 31 December 1970.

* 1st Lt. MARVAEZ, H.F. was transferred as of 30 December 1970.

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