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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: Field Historian)

Subj: Command Chronology; period 1 January to 31 January 1970

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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
(c) DivO 5750.2C

Encl: (1) January Command Chronology

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



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By direction

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

7th Engineer Battalion (Rein) FMF

LtCol W. G. BATES

SUBORDINATE UNITS

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>PERIOD INDIVIDUAL OCCUPIED BILLET</u>
HqCo	1stLt A. RANISZEWSKI	30Sep69 - 31Jan70
ServCo	1stLt R. J. BANKS Capt W. M. BRINK	9Sep69 - 13Jan70 14Jan70 - 31Jan70
Co"A"	Capt C. J. GOMEZ 1stLt M. K. NEREIM	25Jun69 - 20Jan70 21Jan70 - 31Jan70
Co"B"	Capt K. R. VANCE	12Sep69 - 31Jan70
Co"C"	Capt M. E. MUNDY	8Sep69 - 31Jan70
Co"D"	Capt J. C. SHUMAKER	24Nov69 - 31Jan70

ATTACHED UNITS

1stBrdgCo	1stLt B. E. WICKMAN	26Nov69 - 31Jan70
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2. LOCATION

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE ARRIVED IN COUNTRY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
7th Engineer Battalion	6 Aug 1965	Danang, RVN
1st Bridge Company	8 Dec 1965	Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>PERIOD INDIVIDUAL OCCUPIED BILLET</u>
Executive Officer	Maj R. GLEESON	1Nov69 - 31Jan70
Adjutant/S-1	Capt T. E. DARNER	22Nov69 - 31Jan70
S-2	2ndLt H. G. RUDGE	29Dec69 - 31Jan70
S-3	Maj N. F. MITCHELL	26Oct69 - 31Jan70

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<u>SECTION</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>PERIOD INDIVIDUAL OCCUPIED BILLET</u>
S-4	Maj F. C. PLOWMAN	23Sep69 - 31Jan70
S-5	1stLt S. M. CHASE	5Nov69 - 31Jan70
Supply Officer	1stLt S. C. CHAPPELL Capt T. A. BEWLEY	4Oct69 - 28Jan70 29Jan70 - 31Jan70
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj C. G. AWKERMANN SgtMaj J. J. FERNANE	1Sep69 - 12Jan70 13Jan70 - 31Jan70

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
49	1175	2	22

5. PERSONNEL GAINS AND LOSSES

	<u>GAINS</u>		<u>LOSSES</u>	
	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
OFF	9	0	4	0
ENL	136	2	161	2

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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 minesweeps of 25.5 miles of road. The Battalion maintained 8 water points in the Danang area producing 4,605,000 gallons of water. One platoon of the 1st Bridge Company is now in a TAD status to furnish tactical bridge support to the 9th Engineer Battalion at Chu Lai.

Company "A", 7th Engineer Battalion continued maintenance of Route 540 and Route 30 for class 50 traffic and maintenance of Route 540 from AT 899774 to AT 912743, Route 542 and Route 544. Company "A" also conducts daily minesweeps on Route 545.

Company "B", 7th Engineer Battalion continued expedient maintenance of QL-1S from the Cau Do river (QL-1B) to the Cau Lau River. Company "B" conducts minesweeps of Route QL-1S from AT 999707 to BT Q42621 and of Route 5 from AT 933714 to AT 946731.

Company "C", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading of Route 540 from AT 912743 to AT 927608. Company "C" also conducts daily minesweeps of Route 540 from AT 943663 to AT 927608 and is in the process of upgrading this section of road.

Company "D", 7th Engineer Battalion continued upgrading of Route 540 from AT 927608 to AT 874460 for class 50 traffic and maintenance of Route 4. Areas east of Hill 37 and west of Hill 65 were inaccessible due to the current tactical situation. Company "D" conducts daily minesweeps of Route 540 from AT 927608 to AT 925533. Company "D" also conducts minesweeps of Route 4 from AT 922576 to AT 968584. ←

III MAF WORK ORDERS OUTSTANDING 1 JANUARY 1970

III MAF msg - Clear a 25 foot fire break around the perimeter of ASP #2 (CG, III MAF msg 100424Z May69)

III MAF msg - Support III MAF with tactical bridge support as required. (CG, III MAF msg 281310Z May69)

III MAF msg - Provide one (1) EIMCO in support of EOD for maintenance of range disposal area.

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III MAF 1021 - Construct 2 - 250 barrel water tanks and towers at the An Hoa Combat Base.

III MAF msg 171056Z - Provide one (1) cable layer tractor and 550 grader for the Danang Barrier.

III MAF 171530Z Jan 70 - Furnish five (5) tractors in support of 2nd ROK Land Clearing Operation.

III MAF 1085 - Dig one (1) water well at Company "D", 7th Engineer Battalion.

III MAF 1090 & 1095 - Construct two (2) gun pads for 3rd 8" Gun Battery and three (3) gun pads for 3rd 175mm Gun Battery at Hill 65.

III MAF 1101 & 1097 - Construct one (1) 175mm gun pad for 3rd 175 Gun Battery at An Hoa Combat Base.

III MAF 1118 - Conduct site estimation and perform necessary electrical work for 2nd CAG at Hoi An.

III MAF 1125 - Construct 1 - 30' tower for Liberty Bridge

III MAF 1140 - Construct 1 - 40' tower for 3rd MP Bn.

III MAF 1144 - Construct 1 - 16' x 32' shower for Company "D", 7th Engr Bn.

III MAF 1148 - Improve site of Logistics Support Unit #1 at An Hoa Combat Base.

III MAF 1153 - Construct 4 berms for Marble Mountain air facility.

III MAF WORK ORDERS COMPLETED DURING JANUARY 1970

III MAF 1006 - Construct 500 barrel water storage tower and tank at the 7th Engineer Battalion.

III MAF 1061 - Construct 250 barrel water tank and tower for 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

III MAF 1125 - Construct 1 - 30' tower for Northern Artillery Cantonment.

III MAF 1126 - Construct 2 - 20' towers for FLC.

III MAF 1132 - Prefabricate 2 - 8' towers for 1st Shore Party Bn.

III MAF 1135 - Construct 1 - 30' tower for 1st Tank Bn.

III MAF 1134 - Construct 1 - 20' tower for 1st Motor Transport Bn.

III MAF 1141 - Install secondary distribution system at An Hoa Combat Base for 5th Marines.

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- III MAF 1160 - Construct 1 - 10' water tower for 1st Force Recon.
- III MAF 1171 - Drill one (1) well for 1st Shore Party Bn.
- III MAF WORK ORDER ISSUED DURING JANUARY 1970
- III MAF 1157 - Construct 1 - 40' tower for 3/1.
- III MAF 1158 - Construct 1 - 50' tower for 1/26.
- III MAF 1156 - Construct 4 - 16' x 48' SEA huts for 2nd CAG.
- III MAF 1160 - Construct 1 - 10' water tower for 1st Force Recon Bn.
- III MAF 1162 - Construct 1 - 10' x 25' tower for MACS - 18.
- III MAF 1151 - Install 2 - 130 GPH hot water heaters for 1st Force Recon.
- III MAF 1171 - Drill one (1) well for 1st Shore Party Bn.
- III MAF 1174 - Relocate and rebuild Company "C", 7th Engr Bn cantonment.
- III MAF 1176 - Construct 1 - 10' x 24' bunker for MACV Press Center.
- III MAF 1179 - Construct RPG barrier at FSB Los Banos.
- III MAF 1185 - Construct 15 "See Mor" light for 1/26.

PART III1. Sequential Listing of Significant Events

- a. Personnel and Administration. None
- b. Enemy, Weather and Terrain. A total of 11.64 inches of rain was recorded for the month of January.
- c. Enemy Activity

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
030910H	Vietnamese children turned into Company "B" sweep team two (2) M-26 Grenades. Blown in place.	BT 035629
040910H	Company "B" sweep team found one (1) 60mm round. Blown in place.	BT 031635
040945H	Seabee informed Company "B" that the bridge was blown during the night. Investigation showed that approximately 15 lbs of TNT was used on west flange cap on south side. Suggest using 30' fixed span as replacement	BT 047605

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
	for damaged part of the bridge.	
041230H	Company "D" Grader hit approximately 40 lb Rock mine. Mine was possibly command detonated. Three (3) medevacs called in. Swept area with negative findings.	AT 922543
051000H	Company "B" found a shoe steel (formed and molded) pressure type firing device. No mine was with it. Blown in place.	BT 043618
052115H	Company "C" received approximately 30 rounds of inaccurate small arms fire. Area in vicinity of AT 947711 received approximately 100 rounds small arms fire and either mortar or LAW fire. Company "C" fell out on line.	AT 950712
060930H	Company "D" sweep team found one (1) M-79 dud round. Blown in place.	AT 922540
071100H	Service Company dump truck hit approximately 60 lb mine. Mine was possibly command detonated. Driver received burns to upper part of body. Dump truck first set of duals on left side was blown off. Gas tank was blown apart. Reswept with negative findings. Mine left crater 7' in diameter and 6' deep. Army Advisors took 3 VC suspects to Dai Loc. Priority medevac was called.	AT 922545
071400H	11th Motors 6 by hit approximately 60 to 80 lb Box mine. Right side and front end of cab blown to pieces. One (1) KIA and four (4) WIA were medevacs.	AT 922545
090845H	Company "B" sweep team found a pressure release type firing device, connected to two (2) pieces of bamboo lying on east side of road. Device contained approximately 10 lbs of TNT. Blown in place.	BT 037635
091045	Company "D" sweep team found one (1) 60mm illumination round on left side of road. Blown in place.	AT 922551.
092340H	Company "C" CP heard movement on both sides and saw four (4) silhouettes. Fired 20 rounds small arms fire at movement. One suspected VC was killed. Will sweep area in morning.	AT 953710
100826H	Company "B" sweep team found two (2) pieces of bamboo connected to possible pressure-release type firing device. Blown in place.	BT 036634

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
101215H	Company "D" MRS - 200 with pan hit approximately 20 lb box mine. Possibly command detonated. Left rear wheel and drum blown off and hole was blown in pan. Crater was 5' wide and 4' deep. Swept area with Negative findings.	AT 922553
110945H	Company "D" sweep team found 25 lb Box mine with metallic firing device-inserted M-16 round. Blown in place.	AT 922552
120845H	Company "B" sweep team found three (3) M-26 grenades in grave yard. Blown in place.	BT 034634
121100H	Land clearing operation from Headquarters Company found one 60mm and one (1) 105 round that was booby trapped. It was tripped by a civilian. Killed were two (2) civilians and other round was blown in place.	BT 184553
151700H	One (1) MRS-200 w/16 cubic yard pan stuck in mud last night. Security never showed up. It was booby trapped and shot up this morning. Because of this vehicle has security tonite from 2/5 and will be cleared and moved to Co "D" CP tomorrow.	AT 910487
151910H	7th Engr Bn Land Clearing Element in support of ARVN on Thuan Tinh Island found a booby trapped 155mm round it was blown in place	BT 183552
160900H	Company "B" M-51 hauling rock to Thanh Quit Bridge hit a Vietnamese PC. Co "B" M-51 was hauled back to Co "B" CP. Bilingual forms were filled out.	BT 019669
161730H	One (1) 7thEngrBn PC lost steering and injured two (2) Vietnamese citizens.	BT 133572
170730H	Company "B" sweep team on QL-1S found cylindrical metal object on culvert. Negative booby traps. Blown in place with negative secondary explosions	BT 003698
170830H	Company "B" sweep team on QL-1S found one (1) M-26 Grenade. Negative booby traps. Blown in place.	BT 034634
170855H	Company "D" personnel found a tunnel on the east shoulder of Route 540 south. Detectors gave strong reading. Tunnel was blown with negative secondary explosion.	AT 922577
171600H	Company "D" personnel found one (1) 105mm round and one (1) M-26 grenade. M-26 was booby-trapped, 105 round was not. Grenade was lying next to 105 round approximately 6-8 meters on west side of road. A tripwire ran from the grenade to shoulder of road. Ordnance was given to 1st	BT 921538

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
171600H	Engineer Battalion personnel	
172400H	Company "C" LP sighted approximately two (2) unidentified persons crossing road. LP fired on persons. Negative fire return. Company "C" CAP and PF investigation resulted in negative findings.	AT 946707
180050H	A sniper fired eight (8) rounds at OP 6. Fire was returned with three (3) rounds of M-79 fire and a burst of M-60 fire. Negative results.	AT 937776
180930H	Company "B" sweep team rear security received approximately 25-30 rounds of suspected AK-47 fire. Cover was taken and fire was returned. Enemy fire ceased.	AT 952716
181935H	Company "D" personnel received four (4) sniper rounds at Co "D" stockpile while working. Personnel secured from work.	AT 921579
182230H	Company "C" CAG Unit made contact with 8 VC. Contact was held for approximately 10-15 minutes. VC reported heading east. Co "C" supported the CAG Unit with 81mm illumination. CAG Unit pursuing VC into treeline.	AT 961702
201400H	Company "D" was fired upon with an automatic burst. Personnel took cover. PF's reacted toward area where fire came from.	BT 090569
201815H	Company "D" took 8 sniper rounds in vicinity of guard bunkers 14 & 15. Guard personnel took cover.	AT 890569
202300	Rifle patrol observed 3 or 4 personnel moving 75-100 meters east of their ambush site at OP #6. Patrol took movement under fire with small arms and received 4-5 rounds. Enemy withdrew to the west.	AT 935797
211300H	1stEngrBn M-51 hit approximately 10 lb rock mine on right shoulder of road on the north side. Two (2) personnel from 1stEngrBn were WIA. Co "D" will resweep the area.	AT 929619
211445H	Co "D" sweep team reswept the area where 1stEngrBn M-51 hit rock mine. They received a 60mm dud round from 7th Engr Roadmaster who said that the round was given to him by a Vietnamese child. Blown in place.	AT 929619
222230H	Co "D" took three (3) 82mm mortar rounds in the vicinity of their stockpile. Personnel fell out on lines and secured at 2305.	AT 921579

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
230740H	Co "D" sweep team leader received from Vietnamese child one (1) M-26 dud grenade. No booby trap and the grenade was taken to field pit to be blow.	AT 911582
251545H	Vietnamese children turned in two (2) 60mm duds and one (1) 7.62mm round to Co "C" personnel. Rounds taken to Co "D".	AT 929619
260730H	Co "C" sweep team personnel on Route 540 found an 81mm illumination canister in the road. Canister blown in place with no after effects.	AT 948706
260910H	Co "D" sweep team personnel on Route 540 received an 82mm round from Vietnamese child. The round blown in place.	AT 922540
261030H	7thEngrBn Land Clearing found one (1) 105mm round that was booby trapped, and one (1) 90mm dud round that wasn't. Both were blown in place.	AT 924514 AT 925517
261600H	Land Clearing Element found one (1) booby-trapped 81mm illumination round with a trip round. The round was filled with ammonium nitrate. Blown in place.	AT 924514
261930H	Two (2) five man PF patrols from the PF Plt came into contact while enroute to their ambush sites. In the ensuing fight 4 PF's were seriously wounded. FLC LP 3A2 conducted a vehicle and helicopter medevac.	AT 938822
270740H	Co "D" sweep team found a M-79 dud round in the road. Blown in place.	AT 922553
270810H	Co "D" personnel found a 105mm illumination round in a culvert. Blown in rice paddy.	AT 922553
271640H	Land Clearing Element on An Hoa road received one (1) sniper round followed by garbled language over a loudspeaker. Returned three (3) rounds with unknown results.	AT 919512
281400H	Vietnamese children turned in 7 dud 105mm rounds to 7thEngr Bn Com personnel. Blown in place.	AT 927615
281515H	Land Clearing Element personnel stepped on a booby trapped M-26 grenade. Person received shrapnel wounds in both legs.	AT 914514
291630H	Co "B" patrol found enemy trailmakers, tunnels, broken wire, trails with camouflaged tops (inside and outside wire) and an apparent rallying point. Co "B" personnel blew one tunnel, smored one tunnel and destroyed markers.	AT 986715

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
30800H	Co "C" personnel found one (1) 81mm mortar round on left side of road in ditch. Negative booby-traps. Blown in place.	AT 942648
300815H	Co "B" sweep team found two (2) M-79 rounds about 30 meters off west flank of road. Negative booby-traps. Blown in place.	BT 026655
300930H	Co "C" sweep team found three (3) 105mm rounds on right side of road. Negative booby-traps. Blown in place.	AT 937633
301850H	Land Clearing Unit found one (1) M-79 round and four (4) bouncing Bettys with standard pressure type detonator. Negative booby-traps. Blown in place.	AT 917509
310805H	Co "D" personnel found one (1) 105mm illumination round and core frame on Route 540S on west side of road. Co "D" personnel blew it in place with negative secondary explosion.	AT 922563
310910H	Co "D" personnel found one (1) 82mm round on west side of Route 540S. Round was not booby-trapped and was blown in place with negative secondary explosion.	BT 021539
311130H	Male Vietnamese child turned into Land Clearing Element one (1) 20mm shell. Golf found 100 ft. of det cord and pressure type booby-trap originated from pop-up illumination round with ammonium nitrate in it. All 3 were blown in place.	AT 916506

d. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATORS

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

(2) Operations 1 - 2 January 1970

(a) Horizontal Construction - Upgrading and drainage construction at the An Hoa Landing Supporting Activity showed the 7th Engineer Battalion hauling 280 cubic yards of 6" (-) rock in an attempt to eliminate the muddy conditions. The final portions of the An Hoa road (Route 540) are also receiving rock from the 7th Engineer Battalion equipment. 45 cubic yards of 6" and 98 cubic yards of 3" rock was spread in an effort to complete the upgrading of this section of road. In continuation of the LOC construction, the 30' steel stringer bridge at the Little Thanh Quit had 105 cubic yards of 3" rock dropped behind the north abutment while at the same time the deadman and rods were being emplaced on the south abutment. On Route 540, the Battalion constructed a 30' steel stringer bridge at AT 927718 and almost completely rebuilt the superstructure of another bridge at AT 945711. Major maintenance was

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accomplished on Route 544 as 401 cubic yards of 3" and 70 cubic yards of 6" rock were spread to improve the surface condition of the road.

(b) **Vertical Construction** - During this holiday period, the Battalion continued work on a 40' observation tower for the 3rd MP Bn and began construction of seven bunkers for 2nd CAG at Hoi An.

(c) **Engineer Comments**

(1) 1 January 1970 - A joyous and happy New Year is wished to all.

(2) 1000 cubic yards of rock was hauled to the Battalion's lines of communication.

(3) **Operations 3 - 9 January 1970**

(a) **Horizontal Construction** - With the holiday season being over, the battalion once again put forth an increasing effort in upgrade/maintenance of its lines of communications. Once again the highlight of hauling, the An Hoa LSA received 1673 cubic yards of 6" rock in an attempt to alleviate the extremely muddy conditions. The resurfacing of Route 544 continued with 690 cubic yards of 3" and 350 cubic yards of 6" being spread. 462 cubic yards of sand, 801 cubic yards of 3" and 403 cubic yards of 6" rock was hauled and spread in the vicinity of An Hoa to effect completion of the upgrading of this road. On QL-1S at the site of the Little Thanh Quit Bridge, stringers are being emplaced and 511 cubic yards of rock was dumped for abutment fill. Bridge Company installed an expedient 30' tactical bridge on Route QL-1S at BT 047614 when the enemy dropped a section of the existing bridge. On 540, the battalion completed installation of a timber trestle bridge which required driving five (5) piles and major superstructures repairs at AT 943683.

(b) **Vertical Construction** - The battalion is currently in the process of constructing 3 - 30' towers for various units along with two (2) grease racks, one for 1st Motor Transport Bn and one for its own Service Company. The long awaited water tanks have arrived and construction has resumed on the 250 BBL tank for 2/1. Construction efforts continued on the CCN camp at Marble Mountain with the installation of a shower and septic tank. Also, the bunkers for 2nd CAG were begun. The Utilities section of our Service Co is currently providing a secondary wiring system for 2/11 at An Hoa. In addition, we are currently constructing four (4) fuel berms at the MAG-16 Marble Mountain Air Facility. After a long awaited decision on placement, the five (5) gun pads at Hill 65 have been taken under the construction phase.

(c) **Engineer Comments - Significant Events**

(1) 6 January 1970 - Emplacement of a 30' tactical bridge at BT 047614 to replace a bridge blown the previous evening.

(2) 6 January 1970 - Completion of major repairs on timber trestle bridge on Route 540 at AT 943683.

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- (3) 4486 cubic yards of rock were hauled during this period.
- (4) 9 January 1970 - Completion of 101' water tower for 1st Force Recon Co.
- (5) 5 January 1970 - Completion of 30' tower for 1st Tank Battalion.
- (6) 6 January 1970 - Completion of 30' tower for 11th Marines.

(4) Operation 10 - 16 January 1970

(a) Horizontal Construction - A fine effort by the battalion showed 4987 cubic yards of rock being hauled during the period. The break down is as follows: 1328 cubic yards of 6" (-) rock and 130 cubic yards of sand to the An Hoa LSA; 56 cubic yards of 3" (-) and 168 cubic yards of 6" (-) rock along with 1000 gallons of road oil to the bypass located at BT 006695; the An Hoa road received the majority of rock with 586 cubic yards of 3" (-) and 1432 cubic yards of 6" (-) rock along with 77 cubic yards of sand were hauled and compacted in the completion effort; in maintenance work on our LOC's, 77 cubic yards of 6" (-) rock went to Route 542, 533 cubic yards of 3" (-) went to 544 and 48 cubic yards of 3" went to 545. 402 cubic yards of 3" (-) and 365 cubic yards of 6" (-) rock went to the north and south abutments of the Little Thanh Quit Bridge.

A 292' foot bridge was emplaced along side the Golden Gate bridge on Route 1 Delta to enable traffic to pass until the bridge is repaired.

A 101' 5 float MAT6 was emplaced on 12 east over the Vinh Dien River until the moveable span is operational.

(b) Vertical Construction - Continued building the water tower and installing a head and shower unit for the CCN camp at Marble Mountain. While effort was being put forth on battalion projects such as the secondary distribution system for 2/11 at An Hoa, five (5) gun pads at Hill 65 and bunkers for 2nd CAG, the effort during this period was the preparation of Camp LOVE perimeter defense for the TET Season.

(c) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

- (1) 10 January 1970 - Completed 250 bbl water tank for 2/1.
- (2) 15 January 1970 - Completed 30' tower for 3/1.
- (3) 16 January 1970 - Completed messhall extension at 3/26.
- (4) 16 January 1970 - Completed the 30' steel stringer bridge at Little Thanh Quit.

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(5) 6 January 1970 - Land Clearing has begun on Thuan Tinh Island for MACV at Hoi An, at Dong Thoi for 2nd ROK's and on Route 540 for 1st Marine Division.

(5) Operations 17 - 23 January 1970

(a) Horizontal Construction - A total of 3,118 cubic yards of rock was hauled by this battalion's equipment during this period. In the soil stabilization and drainage effort, the battalion hauled 280 cubic yards of rock to 2nd CAG at Hoi An and 1318 cubic yards of rock to the An Hoa LSA. 77 cubic yards was hauled to the Little Thanh Quit bridge for a abutment fill. On the battalion lines of communication, 470 cubic yards of rock was hauled in the completion effort of the An Hoa road. 790 cubic yards of rock were hauled in the resurfacing of Route 544 and 128 cubic yards of rock hauled in the maintenance of Route 545.

(b) Vertical Construction - The battalion continued its construction efforts on the bunkers at 2nd CAG, the 500 bbl water tank for 5th Marines at An Hoa and the ever existing construction on the CCN camp at Marble Mountain. A 10' tower is being constructed for MACS - 18 at An Hoa and a well for 1st Shore Party. Also, the construction of a concertina fence at ASP #1 has been undertaken.

(c) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

(1) 21 January 1970 - Completed land clearing on Thuan Tinh Island, 225 acres cleared with 39 bunkers destroyed.

(6) Operations 24 - 31 January 1970

(a) Horizontal Construction - A total of 3183 cubic yards of rock were hauled by the battalion during this period. The breakdown is as follows: An Hoa LSA showed 133 cubic yards of 3" (-) and 1049 cubic yards of 6" (-) hauled for drainage improvements; 46 cubic yards of 3" (-) and 1634 cubic yards of 6" (-) rock was hauled and compacted on the An Hoa project; and in the resurfacing of Route 544, 174 cubic yards of 3" (-) rock and 112 cubic yards of 6" (-) rock. Also, 21 cubic yards of 3" rock was hauled to the ferry approaches on Route 12 East.

(b) Vertical Construction - Construction was continued on the five gun pads at Hill 65, four are completed and we are awaiting a decision as to the placement of the fifth. 1075' of triple concertina has been laid around ASP #1 as of this date. The well for 1st Shore Party to provide them with an embarkation wash-down point is well on its way as is the bunker for the MACV Press Center.

(c) Engineer Comments - Significant Events

(1) 29 January 1970 - Complete a 40' tower for 3rd MP Bn.

(2) 30 January 1970 - Completed secondary wiring for 2/11 at An Hoa.

(3) 30 January 1970 - Complete 500 bbl water tank for 5th Marines.

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e. Plans

- (1) Continue 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 as directed by III MAF Headquarters.
- (3) Continue expedient maintenance and upgrading of Route QL#15.
- (4) Start upgrading of Route LTL 4.
- (5) Continued maintenance of Route 545.
- (6) Continued upgrading Route 540 to An Hoa.
- (7) Continued upgrading of Route 30.
- (8) Continued maintenance of Route 544.
- (9) Continued maintenance of Route 542.
- (10) Continued maintenance of Route 10.

f. Training

- (1) Command Indoctrination and information for newly arrived personnel was conducted with 85 personnel attending.
- (2) 10 personnel attended Chain Saw School (7thEngrBn)
- (3) 1 Officer attended Officer Leadership School (1stMarDiv)
- (4) 2 NCOs attended NCO Leadership School (1stMarDiv)
- (5) 2 Officers attended Embarkation School (Okinawa)
- (6) 3 personnel attended Special Weapons Course (Okinawa)
- (7) 3 personnel attended 16mm projectionist School (III MAF)
- (8) 1 person attending Career Planning Course (1stMarDiv)
- (9) 5 personnel attended 5 ton driver school (7thEngrBn)
- (10) 1 person attended Basic Ammo Tech Course (Okinawa)
- (11) 1 person attending Infantry Weapons Course (Okinawa)
- (12) 20 personnel attended Landmine Warfare Course (1stEngrBn)

g. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply

- (1) Administration

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(a) 6 January - Received two (2) Water Purification Units and three (3) M-151 Jeeps.

(b) 7 January - Invoiced two (2) M-60 machine guns to the 11th Marines.

(c) 13 January - Received one (1) M-151 Jeep from 1st Tank Battalion.

(d) 23 January - Received two (2) M-37 trucks from Maintenance Battalion and two (2) M-172A1 trailers from Barstow.

(e) 22 January - 1st Bridge Company prepared one complete set of M4T6 bridging, two sets of M6 bridging and two footbridges for embarkation to the United States.

(f) 27 January - Completed embarkation of the above mentioned bridging.

7th Engineer Battalion (AC 21300)

During the month of January, Battalion Supply processed 230 priority 02, 355 priority 05, and 960 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 950 receipts from due, 850 issues from due and 200 issues from stock.

1st Bridge Company (AC 21325)

During the month of January, 1st Bridge Supply processed 72 priority 02, 100 priority 05 and 163 priority 12 and 17 requisitions. Also processed were 209 receipts from due, 178 issues from due, and 25 issues from stock.

Medical

The Battalion Aid Station treated 1341 Military, 15 Vietnamese and 35 Civilian workers. The Dental Clinic treated 215 Military, 3 Vietnamese and 4 Civilian workers.

Motor Transport

7th Engineer Battalion (AC 21300)

Approximately 152,269 miles were logged in on the Battalion Motor Transport Vehicles during the month of January. There were 27,005 tons of earth products hauled and 5,418 tons of general cargo hauled during the month of January.

Maintenance

The Battalion Motor Transport Maintenance received 110 work orders, completed 75 work orders, and 25 work orders to FSR during the month of January. The Battalion Heavy Equipment Maintenance received 50

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engineer work orders, completed 34 and sent 8 to FSR during January. Six items returned from FSR and 15 were code H during January.

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 holiday a brunch is served replacing breakfast and dinner.

h. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

(1) Civil Affairs

- (a) The medcaps provided treatment for 140 people.
- (b) 10 lbs. of clothing and miscellaneous items were received from donators through Operation "Handclasp".
- (c) Gave out 20 Battalion Scholarships and 10 General WALT Scholarships in our CAAOR.
- (d) Carried three loads of gravel to An Ngai Tay Hamlet to fill in landscape for Medcap building. Painted Medcap building also.
- (e) Held tour of all hamlets and villages for Congressman and Colonel BATES.
- (f) Attended monthly meeting at Hieu Duc District.
- (g) Began construction on market place in Tung Son Hamlet.
- (h) Held meeting with Village Chief and Hamlet Chiefs of Hoa Thanh Village concerning the appropriation of Village Redevelopment Funds coming from Quang Nam Province.
- (i) Repaired road in Tung Son Hamlet.

(2) Personal Response

- (a) Four tours were conducted in Hoa Thanh Village with approximately 100 Marines participating.

(3) PSYOPS

- (a) One PSYOPS movie was held in An Ngai Tay Hamlet with approximately 250 people attending.
- (b) One PSYOPS movie was held in Tung Son/Hoa Ninh for approximately 200 people.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PRIMARY DUTY</u>	<u>RTD</u>
BATES, W. G.	051526/1302/5702/ 0406	LtCol	BnCmdr	12Aug70
GLEESON, R.	080815/1302/1310/ 5715	Maj	BnExecO	20Oct70
ALEXANDER, R. R.	0109270/2501	2ndLt	CommO	9Sep70
DARNER, T. E.	089174/0130	Capt	Adj/S-1	16Nov70
CAROWAY, D. L.	0110799/1310	WO	HvyEquipPltCmdr	21Sep70
CHASE, S. M.	0105390/1302/9940	1stLt	S-5	28Oct70
LYONS, A. E.	0106846/1302/1390	1stLt	Asst S-4	17May70
MCPHERSON, D. H.	0104278/1302	1stLt	Asst S-3	20Mar70
MITCHELL, N. F.	083531/1302/2502/ 5715	Maj	S-3	17Oct70
PERRIN, W. R.	0108421/1302	1stLt	Asst S-3	22May70
PLOWMAN, F. C. Jr.	082334/1302/1310	Maj	S-4	3Sep70
RANISZEWSKI, A. Jr.	0106863/1302/1390	1stLt	HqCoCmdr	17May70
RUDGE, H. G.	0108774/1302	2ndLt	S-2/Asst S-3	4Jul70
SCULLY, T. J.	099328/1360	CWO-2	ConstO	26Nov70

SERVICE COMPANY

BRINK, W. M.	088615/1302/0202	Capt	CoCmdr	7Jun70
BENLEY, T. A.	096169/3010	Capt	SupplyO	19Jan71
LAWRENCE, D. W.	0105955/3502	1stLt	BnMTO	27Aug70
KRESGE, F. E.	098930/1310	CWO-2	MaintPltCmdr	24Aug70
NARVAEZ, H. F.	0109475/1301/1320	2ndLt	UtilPltCmdr	3Jan71

"A" COMPANY

NEREIM, M. K.	0104989/1302	1stLt	CoCmdr	23Jun70
CARTER, L. N.	0108554/1302	2ndLt	PltCmdr	14Sep70
DRINAN, R. T.	0109344/1301/1320	2ndLt	PltCmdr	1Jan71
ROSS, C. P.	0110334/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	25Oct70
COLCLASURE, R. E.	0109804/1301/1320	2ndLt	PltCmdr	15Jan71

"B" COMPANY

VANCE, K. R.	081562/1310	Capt	CoCmdr	16Jul70
ALLEN, T. J.	0109272/1301/1320	2ndLt	PltCmdr	1Jan71
BASHAM, G. W.	0105865/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	17May70
URBANIAK, J. J.	0108824/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	14Sep70
WRIGHT, J. D.	0109238/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	25Oct70
YAKAMAVAGE, P. J.	0109579/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	26Oct70

"C" COMPANY

MUNDY, M. E.	097485/1302/0430	Capt	CoCmdr	26Aug70
ACORD, R. E.	0109267/1301/1320	2ndLt	PltCmdr	3Jan71
HANDEL, W. M.	0108214/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	25Sep70
KNUTSON, K. P.	0111182/1301	2ndLt	PltCmdr	26Dec70
MCLARTY, R. A.	0106319/1302	1stLt	PltCmdr	17Feb70
SASSANO, R. J.	0108645/1301/1310	2ndLt	PltCmdr	14Sep70

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MCS</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PRIMARY DUTY</u>	<u>RTD</u>
<u>"D" COMPANY</u>				
SHUMAKER, J. C.	090562/1302/5715	Capt	CoCmndr	9May70
BARR, R. A.	0108878/1301/1390	2ndLt	PltCmndr	19Oct70
GARLISCH, G. R.	0110606/1301	2ndLt	PltCmndr	3Dec70
PHILLIPS, W. H.	0111186/1301	2ndLt	PltCmndr	26Dec70
SHIRE, J. W.	0108790/1301/1310	2ndLt	PltCmndr	19Sep70
WILSON, T. J.	0107962/1302	1stLt	PltCmndr	3May70
<u>1ST BRIDGE COMPANY</u>				
WICKMAN, B. E.	0106423/1302/1390	1stLt	CoCmndr	22May70
BELL, D. C.	0108235/1302	1stLt	PltCmndr	22May70
CHEEVER, R. A.	0108272/1302	1stLt	PltCmndr	22May70
DEMARCO, M. J.	0108585/1301	2ndLt	PltCmndr	14Sep70
HOSUTLER, C. R.	0108340/1302	1stLt	PltCmndr	22May70
KINGSBURY, D. J.	0107427/3002	1stLt	SupO	20Aug70
NICOLOSI, D. Jr.	0107965/1302	1stLt	PltCmndr	9Jul70
<u>USN</u>				
WINTHERSER, G. N.	698559/2205	Lt	BnDentist	1Jun70
KROPSKY, B. A.	729804/2105	Lt	BnSurgeon	24Feb70
ATWOOD, T. O. Jr.	651243/4105	LtCmndr	BnChaplain	9Jul70