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

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1 Dec 1970

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 1 November to 30 November 1970

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

Encl: (i) November Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

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

2. COMMANDER

Major G.R. MEIBAUM: 1 November to 30 November 1970

3. LOCATION

Danang, RVN

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
8	260	0	7

5. PERSONNEL GAINS AND LOSSES

<u>GAINS</u>		<u>LOSSES</u>	
<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
OFF e	0	0	0
ENL 15	0	22	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 minesweep responsibilities of 9.3 miles of road.

Company "A" (Rein), 7th Engineer Battalion, conducted the following daily minesweeps:

Route 545 from AT942787 to AT875829

Route 1 D & LTL-4 from AT965605 to AT992578

The two (2) water points operated by Company "A" produced 1,547,000 gallons of water.

III MAF WORK ORDERS OUTSTANDING 1 NOVEMBER 1970

III MAF 1041 - Cil, grade, crown, and upgrade Route 545 to NAC from end of blacktop.

III MAF 001 - Provide equipment for drainage ditch on Hill 65 for 9th Artillery, U. S. Army.

III MAF 1059 - Install lightning arrestors on the watch towers for 2nd ROK Marine Brigade.

III MAF 1090 - Construct one (1) standard SEA-hut for 2nd Combined Action Group.

III MAF 1091 - Lay one (1) 12' x 90' concrete slab in front of CP of 2nd Combined Action Group.

III MAF 1062 - Provide engineer assistance to MACS - 4 in alleviating soil erosion problems on Monkey Mountain.

III MAF ltr 15.1/jhh over 20 October 1970 construct three (3) halo-pad surfaces for 45th Engineer Group.

III MAF 1093 - Construct four (4) SEA-huts and one (1) electronic maintenance building (38' x 50') for MASS-3 on Hill 327.

III MAF 1071 - Replace the 500 barrel water tank at Camp Haskins.

III MAF 1073 - Upgrade the electrical system at FSB Ross.

III MAF 1075 - Upgrade the electrical system at 2nd Combined Action Group Headquarters.

III MAF 1070 - Provide materials for monsoon control to 2nd Combined Action Group.

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- III MAF 1066 - Upgrade Camp Haskins water distribution system.
- III MAF 1056 - Issue materials for watch tower repairs to 2nd ROK Marine Brigade.
- III MAF 1040 - Upgrade the electrical system on the Division ridgeline (Sectors C & D).

III MAF WORK ORDERS COMPLETED DURING NOVEMBER

- III MAF 1041 - Oil, grade, and crown Route 545 from the end of blacktop to NAC.
- III MAF 1090 - Construct one (1) standard SEA-hut for 2nd Combined Action Group.
- III MAF ltr 15,1/jhh over 20 October 1970 construct three (3) helo-pad surfaces for 45th Engineer Group.
- III MAF 1093 - Construct four (4) SEA-huts and one (1) electronic maintenance building (38' x 50') for MASS-3 on Hill 327.
- III MAF 1073 - Upgrade the electrical system at FSB Ross.
- III MAF 1075 - Upgrade the electrical system at 2nd Combined Action Group Headquarters.
- III MAF 1040 - Upgrade the electrical system on the Division ridgeline (Sectors C & D).
- III MAF 1056 - Issue materials for watch tower repairs to 2nd ROK Marine Brigade.
- III MAF 1066 - Upgrade Camp Haskins water distribution system.
- III MAF 1108 - Pre-cut two (2) SEA-huts and issue to 2nd Combined Action Group.
- III MAF 1100 - Construct 300 - man bleachers, one (1) (12' x 32') stage, and one (1) lighting platform for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.
- III MAF 1103 - Repair typhoon damage to FIG Bakery roof.
- III MAF 1104 - Repair/Replace roof trusses, girders, and uprights on PP & P building.
- III MAF 1105 - Rebuild 16' x 96' building at 1st Military Police Battalion, Camp Land.

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III MAF 1106 - Repair sixteen (16) and replace one (1) covered storage ammocells at ASP-1.

III MAF 006 - Draw and issue roofing tin to Headquarters and Service Battalion, Force Logistic Command for typhoon damage.

III MAF 1107 - Draw and issue roofing tin to Force Logistic Command Supply Battalion.

III MAF 1110 - Install (1) 500 watt floodlight at 1st Radio Battalion.

III MAF 1118 - Deliver five (5) cubic yards of crushed rock to Supply Battalion, Force Logistic Command.

III MAF ORDERS ISSUED DURING NOVEMBER 1970

III MAF 1100 - Construct one (1) 800 - man bleachers, one (1) (12' x 32') stage, and (1) lighting platform for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

III MAF 1103 - Repair typhoon damage to Force Logistic Command Bakery roof.

III MAF 1104 - Repair/Replace roof trusses, girders, and uprights on PP & P building.

III MAF 1105 - Rebuild 16' x 96' building at 1st Military Police Battalion, Camp Land.

III MAF 1106 - Repair sixteen (16) and replace one (1) covered storage ammocells at ASP-1.

III MAF 006 - Draw and issue roofing tin to Headquarters and Service Battalion, Force Logistic Command for typhoon damage.

III MAF 1110 - Install one (1) 500 watt floodlight at 1st Radio Battalion.

III MAF 1118 - Deliver five (5) cubic yards of crushed rock to Supply Battalion at Force Logistic Command.

III MAF 1111 - Upgrade the electrical system at 1st Motor Transport Battalion.

III MAF 1108 - Pre-cut two (2) SEA-huts and issue to 2nd Combined Action Group.

III MAF 1112 - Upgrade of the electrical system at Hill 65.

III MAF 1091 - Lay one (1) (12' x 90') asphalt slab for 2nd Combined Action Group.

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III MAF 004 - Install one (1) 1000 meter drainage ditch at 1st Military Police Battalion.

III MAF 1113 - Construct one (1) (25' x 12' x 9') generator shed for 1st Radio Battalion.

III MAF 1115 - Upgrade the internal roads at ASP-2.

III MAF 1116 - Repair decking on the Eiffel Bridge located at Dai Loc and upgrade the road through the village.

III MAF 1117 - Repair the washout at Ha My Tay on Chung Yung Road for 2nd ROK Marine Brigade.

III MAF 1119 - Install four (4) 500 watt security lights for Supply Battalion Force Logistic Command.

III MAF 1120 - Upgrade the electrical system on Hill 37 for 1st Battalion 1st Marine Regiment.

III MAF 1121 - Upgrade the electrical system for 1st Military Police Battalion.

III MAF 1122 - Draw and issue the materials for typhoon damage repairs to 2nd ROK Marine Brigade.

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PART III

1. Sequential Listing of Significant Eventsa. Personnel and Administration: none

b. Enemy, Weather, and Terrain: The weather in the Danang area was cloudy and warm during the first part of the month, with intermittent seasonal rains. Sporadic rainfall interrupted several road jobs for a short time in the later days of the month.

c. Enemy Activities: See Tab B Enclosure (1)

d. Organization and Operations

(1) Officer Assignments - See Tab A Enclosure (1)

(2) Operations: 1 - 15 November 1970

(a) Horizontal Construction - During the first 15 days of November, the company hauled 2,698 cubic yards of earth products. MCB-3 received the following support; 1,624 cubic yards of CBR to QL 1 B to repair road shoulders. The company supported itself with the following: 161 cubic yards of CBR for emergency road repair, 868 cubic yards to QL 1 C, 280 cubic yards of CBR to HL 540, and 35 cubic yards of rock to HL 545. In addition, "A" Company hauled 5,000 gallons of oil, and 800 gallons of water in the upgrade of HL 545. HL 545 was upgraded and HL 540 was repaired as weather permitted.

(b) Vertical Construction - Emergency repairs began on the ammo bunkers and generator shack at ASP-2. The company also constructed two (2) 400 man bleachers and a (12' x 36') stage with backdrop for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball. "A" Company personnel built one (1) (75' x 75') helo-pad, and two (2) (50' x 50') helo-pads at Camp Haskins. The company prefabricated six (6) SEA-huts for MASS-3 and 2nd CAG, and worked on repairs of the ~~III MAF~~ SNCO club. The company also assisted 94th Artillery in the disassembly and assembly of SEA-huts. "A" Company personnel began construction of an electronic maintenance building (38' x 50') on Hill 327 for MASS-3. Electrical projects are underway in the following locations: 2nd CAG at Hoi An and 2nd ROK Marine Brigade, as well as at FSB Ross, and FIC Retrograde.

(c) Engineer Comments

(1) 3 November 1970 - "A" Company provided equipment to remove debris from Cobb Bridge.

(2) 4 November 1970 - The electrical upgrade of FSB Ross is completed.

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(3) 4 November 1970 - The upgrade of the drainage system at FIC Retrograde is completed.

(4) 4 November 1970 - Construction of a fuel berm for Bulk Fuel Platoon, FIC is completed.

(5) 5 November 1970 - The upgrade of HL 545 is completed.

(6) 5 November 1970 - The construction of three (3) helopads at Camp Haskins is completed.

(7) 5 November 1970 - The upgrade of the Camp Haskins water system is completed.

(8) 6 November 1970 - The electrical upgrade at 2nd CAG was completed.

(9) 8 November 1970 - The company completed work on the 800 man bleachers, spotlight platform, stage, and backdrop for the Marine Corps Brithday Ball.

(10) 15 November 1970 - The company issued materials for watch tower repair for 2nd ROK Marine Brigade.

(11) 22 November 1970 - The construction of four (4) SEA-huts and one (1) 38' x 50' building for MASS-3.

(3) Operations : 16 - 30 November 1970

(a) Horizontal Construction - The company hauled a total of 2,632 cubic yards of earth products during the last half of November. MCB - 3 was supported with 1,372 cubic yards of CBR to QL-1 B. The company supported itself with 1,085 cubic yards of CBR to QL-1 C and 175 cubic yards of CBR to LTL-4 E. In addition, "A" Company graded roads in the 1st Marine Division CP area, and oiled the roads with 5000 gallons of oil. Mine craters and ruts along LTL-4E were filled, graded, and oiled. The upgrade of QL-1 C and HL 540 continues.

(b) Vertical Construction - The company provided personnel to repair typhoon damages to ASP-1. Two watch towers were repaired at 2nd CAG and repairs got underway at the FIC Bakery, the PP&P building at FIC, and the III MAF Officer's Club. A 96' x 16' building at 1st Military Police Battalion was erected and work began on the redecking of the Eiffel Bridge at Dai Loc. Three (3) SEA-huts were constructed at 2nd CAG Headquarters. One (1) 24' x 16' SEA-huts was constructed for the 51st ARVN Regiment, and a generator shed for Maintenance Battalion was completed.

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Electrical projects got underway at 1st Motor Transport Battalion, the Division Ridgeline (Sectors C & D), and 1st Radio Battalion.

(1) 16 November 1970 - Electrical upgrade of 2nd ROK Marine Brigade is completed.

(2) 17 November 1970 - The company delivered thirteen (13) air boats to 2nd ROK Marine Brigade.

(3) 18 November 1970 - The Utilities Section installed a switch box at 5th Communications Battalion and installed a gate floodlight at 1st Radio Battalion.

(4) 19 November 1970 - The SEA-huts for 2nd Combined Action Group are completed.

(5) 19 November 1970 - The watch tower repair for 2nd Combined Action Group is completed.

(6) 22 November 1970 - The repairs of typhoon damages at ASP-1 are completed.

(7) 22 November 1970 - The electrical upgrade of the Division ridgeline (Sectors C & D) is completed.

(8) 24 November 1970 - The repairs of mine craters and ruts, and potholes on LTL-4 east have been completed.

(9) 25 November 1970 - Repairs to Staff Non Commissioned Officer building are completed.

(10) 26 November 1970 - The repairs to the Force Logistics Command Bakery roof is completed.

(11) 26 November 1970 - The repairs to the Force Logistics Command PP&P roof is completed.

(12) 26 November 1970 - The construction of a generator shed at Maintenance Battalion is completed.

(13) 27 November 1970 - Company "A" graded and oiled two (2) roads in the Division CP.

(14) 29 November 1970 - The construction of the 96' x 16' building at 1st Military Police Battalion is completed.

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(1) Continue support of all units in the Danang area as assigned by III Marine Amphibious Force Headquarters.

(2) Continue maintenance of assigned roads as directed by III Marine Amphibious Force Headquarters.

(3) Continue upgrading LTL -4 West as weather permits.

(4) Continue maintenance of Route 540.

(5) Assume responsibilities of handling TSFC materials and the allocation of rock for all units under III Marine Amphibious Force.

f. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply

(1) Administration

1 Nov (4) 55 GPM Pump Code H

20 Nov (1) Scraper 8 cubic yards Code H

25 Nov (1) Water Purification W U F 1157 Code H

26 Nov (1) Eimco M-64 Tractor Code H Mine Damage

27 Nov (1) Scraper 8 cubic yards Received from H & S Battalion FLC

30 Nov (1) Refrigeration Unit ME10 Code H

(2) Company Supply processed 283 documents of which 77 were completed. 57 items were turned into direct exchange with 42 items being received. There were 63 back order documents completed and 5 back order direct exchange items completed.

(2) Motor Transport: A total of 67,000 miles were logged in by the company motor transport vehicles. There were 8,256.1 tons of earth products, 21,510 tons of equipment and general cargo, and 2,350 passengers transported during the month of November.

(3) Maintenance. The company maintenance platoon received 107 work orders, of which 42 were completed. Of the 65 pending work orders 42 are waiting parts of which 6 are combat deadline for these parts. 11 work orders have been passed to higher echelon and 38 are awaiting parts which do not deadline the vehicles.

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PART IV

1. The following are the supporting documents for the November 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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<u>NAME</u>	<u>SER. NO./NOS</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PRIMARY DUTY</u>	<u>RTD</u>
MEIERMAN, G.R.	077573/1302/1320	MAJOR	CO. CMDR	710726
MEREDITH, J.P.	089501/1302	CAPT	CO. EXEC O	710620
MCDONAVITT, R.L.	091418/1310	CWO -2	HE/MT MAINT O	710607
COLCLASURE, R.E.	0109804/1302/1320	1st Lt.	CO.OPER.O	710115
LAMPICH, J.P.	0109228/1302	1st Lt.	HE/MT OPER.O	710226
NARVAEZ, H.F.	0109475/1302/1320	1st Lt.	PLT CMDR	710104
CARBONE, R.J.	0110210/1301	1st Lt.	PLT CMDR	710528
DOURY, J.E.	0109611/1301/1390	1st Lt.	PLT CMDR	710519

TAB A
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<u>DTG</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
020900 H	M/S team found (1) M-14 toe popper on westside of road. Blown in place.	AT967596
081440 H	"A" Company personnel on Hill 55 received two (2) incoming rockets. Negative casualties. Unit on hill fired counterbattery fire.	AT962629
081610 H	Received two (2) more incoming rockets. Negative casualties. Unit on hill fired counterbattery fire.	
091015 H	M/S team found one (1) 3 to 4 pound homemade anti-personnel mine, one (1) M-26 grenade with unidentified secondary charge placed on a 60mm HE round. Ordnance blown in place.	AT975589
091400 H	Received three (3) more incoming rockets. Negative casualties.	AT962629
091445 H	Received two (2) more incoming rockets inside perimeter. One (1) USMC E-4 J.A.R. wounded. Medevaced to U.S.S. Sanctuary with shrapnel wounds.	AT962629
091610 H	Received three (3) more incoming rockets. One (1) USMC injured. While running for cover E-3 C.L.A. ran through concertina wire, and received several cuts.	AT962629
100930 H	M/S team found one (1) booby trapped 60 mm HE round under bridge with trip wire firing device. Blown in place.	AT984584
131030 H	M/S team found one (1) 10 pound rock mine on the south side of road. Blown in place.	AT975584
170945 H	M/S team found one (1) 15 pound V. C. mine on west side of road. Blown in place.	AT975587
191050 H	M/S team found (1) 5 pound homemade anti-personnel mine. Blown in place.	

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241035 H	While traveling south on Route 1 a collision occurred between an "A" Company M-51 truck and an FLC truck (M-54). One (1) USMC seriously hurt from FLC and one (1) VN civilian sustained light injuries. Emergency medevac called for injured personnel.	BT030605
261145 H	M/S team found one (1) M-16 anti-personnel mine on east side of road. Blown in place	AT074583
261150 H	M/S team found one (1) M-14 anti-personnel mine west side of road. Blown in place.	AT969589
270740 H	M/S team found one (1) 81 mm mortar round on west side of road. Blown in place.	AT889826
291110 H	M/S team found one (1) M-26 grenade booby trapped with trip wire. Blown in place.	AT983583

TAB B
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