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Encl: (1) 1st Engineer Battalion Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c) enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. **Designation**

	Commander	
1st Engineer Battalion	Major W. M. WINOSKI	17Nov69-Present

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company (-)	1stLt. W. H. BARNETSON	24Oct69-Present
Engineer Support Company (-)	Maj F. J. COX JR.	21Jul69-10Jan70
	Maj F. BUTSKO	10Jan70-Present
Company "A" (Rein)	Capt. B. C. S. WORLEY	3Sept69-Present
Company "B" (Rein)	Capt. E. C. HEIN JR.	5Mar 69-Present
Company "C" (Rein)	Capt. R. J. GADWILL	7Sept69-Present
Company "A" (-), 5th EngrBn	Capt. J. L. REDIFER	28Oct69-14Jan70
	1stLt. H. T. UNDERHILL	14Jan70-31Jan70

2. **Location**

1st Engineer Battalion	21Aug67-Present	Danang, RVN
Engineer Support Company (-)	21Apr67-Present	Danang, RVN
Company "A" (Rein)	23Aug67-Present	Danang, RVN
Company "B" (Rein)	6Aug 68-Present	An Hoa, RVN
Company "C" (Rein)	26Aug69-Present	Dong Trau, RVN
Company "A" (-), 5th EngrBn	28Oct69-31Jan70	Danang, RVN

3. **Staff Officers**

Executive Officer	Major W. M. WINOSKI	5Oct69 -Present
Sergeant Major	Sgt. Maj. J. M. WISE	15Jun69-Present
S-1/Adjutant	Capt. J. M. STOOPS	20Nov69-Present
S-2	1stLt. T. W. HAYES	10Dec69-Present
S-3	Maj. H. S. BALL	9Dec 69-Present
S-4	Maj. F. BUTSKO	1Aug 69-10Jan70
	Maj. F. J. COX JR.	10Jan70-Present
S-5	1stLt. T. W. HAYES	10Dec69-19Jan70
	2ndLt. D. B. STONER	19Jan70-Present
Supply Officer	2ndLt. G. F. MEDRANO	11Nov69-Present
Communications Officer	2ndLt. H. G. WATKINS	21Oct69-Present
Chaplain	Lt. I. H. THOMSON	18Oct69-Present
Medical Officer	Lt. R. S. HAXTON	4Aug 69-15Jan70
Engineer Equipment Officer	1stLt. R. S. McLAUGHLIN	20ct 69-Present
Utilities Officer	CWO-2 P. W. LINTS	13Oct69-Present
Construction Officer	CWO-2 L. B. BOTTS	23Oct69-Present

4. **Average Monthly Strength**

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
33	825	1	16

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The month of January 1970 found the 1st Engineer Battalion engaged in support of the Division with mine clearance teams, construction of combat defensive fortifications and fire base improvements. During the month of January, 64 Division Work Orders and 14 Battalion Work Orders were completed.

On 31 January, a Change of Command Ceremony took place in which Lieutenant Colonel Walter F. GLOWICKI assumed command of the 1st Engineer Battalion relieving Major Walter M. WINOSKI. Major WINOSKI was then assigned the billet of Battalion Executive Officer as his primary duty.

Mine clearance teams were responsible for the destruction of 152 hostile explosive devices and dud ordnance. A total of 2,895,000 meters of road were swept. The Voluntary Informant Program was highly effective during January. Vietnamese civilians turned in a total of 106 pieces of ordnance representing 70% of the Battalion total.

No major operations were supported by demolitions teams. However, continuous engineer support was provided to the infantry regiments on daily patrols and company size operations. An average of 90 combat engineers provided close support continuously to these operations throughout the month. Thirteen water points were operated and maintained by this Battalion. A total of 8,417,900 gallons of potable water were produced in support of the Division. On 6 January, water point number mine in support of the 7th Marines at Ross was attacked with small arms fire, chicom hand grenades, and 1 RPG round. Engineers and infantry returned fire. Results of the engagement were one Marine KIA, two Marines WIA, and three NVA confirmed killed, and there was evidence of more enemy casualties.

1st Engineers continued to teach two-three day courses per week at the Division Land Mine Warfare School. A total of 502 students received instruction during the month.

The Battalion completed numerous construction and repair projects throughout the TAOR on defenses, roads, bridges, and cantonments. There were projects of significance that will be mentioned. A combat outpost was pioneered and completed on Hill 270. Hill top vegetation was removed and excavation completed with Case 450 tractor (Mini-dozer). 8,400 pounds of explosives were used to clear brush on the steep slopes. Fire Support Base Six Shooter was dismantled and salvageable materials were transported and stored on Hill 10. Improvement of defenses at An Hoa was begun with the raising of a five foot berm, construction of fighting holes, assistance in placing of defensive wire and the erection of rocket protective chain link fences. There were two special experimental projects commenced by the Battalion. In collaboration with the Naval Weapons Center an experiment with a vehicle-mounted Counter Land Mine device, designed to detect electric wires in the road, was begun. The MK 115 (Helicopter Trap Weapon), designed to clear brush from helicopter landing zones, was initially tested by hand emplacement. Further experiments with both devices were continued through to February.

In accordance with Phase III reduction plans Company "A", 5th Engineers was detached on 31 January. Company "A", 1st Engineers was then organized to support two regiments.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel

a. Gains and Losses:

	USMC OFF	USMC ENL	USN OFF	USN ENL
Dropped:	0	54	1	2
Joined:	6	85	0	2

b. KIA: OFF 0, ENL 1 WIA: OFF 0, ENL 11

2. Intelligence

a. Road and Bridge Reconnaissance: Daily road sweep reports continue to include condition of bridge, road, and culvert conditions on a daily basis. The roads were in considerably better condition because of the decrease in rainfall. Bridge reconnaissances are currently being conducted of all bridges within the Regimental TAORS.

b. Weather. The weather continued cool and damp during the reporting period. The total amount of rain dropped from 4.39 inches in December to 2.80 in January. The average temperature remained about the same increasing from 72° to 72.8°.

c. Terrain. Several days of sunshine helped to dry out the soil and improve trafficability of the roads. Wet terrain continued to be a problem, however, in low areas such as An Hoa.

3. Mine Warfare:

a. A total of 8,200 $VN was paid for the following ordnance collected under the VIP rewards program. All informants were Vietnamese children.

ITEM	QUANTITY	BOOBYTRAPPED
M79round	5	
M26grenade	6	2
81HE	1	
81Illumination	5	
175mm HE round	1	
Rock Mine	1	
60mm HE round	11	1
Aircraft Illumination	1	
RPG	1	
chicom grenade	8	
105mm HE round	13	1
105mm WP round	1	
Box Mine	1	
COERAM	37	
CS grenade	1	
8" detonator	1	
105mm illumination round, dud	1	
B40 rocket	1	
Chicom Concussion	1	
Claymore	1	1
155mm HE round	1	
LAAW	1	
Boobytrapped Tank Wheel	1	1

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b. The following ordnance was located and destroyed in place by road sweep teams of this Battalion:

ITEM	QUANTITY	BOOBYTRAPPED
M79round	10	
M26grenade	5	4
81mm HE round	7	2
M72 round	1	
Rock Mine	2	
60mm round, HE	3	1
60mm illumination round	3	
175mm cannister	1	
105mm HE round	3	3
Box mine	4	
Claymore	1	
106mm round	1	
CS grenade	2	
105mm illumination dud	1	
155mm HE round	1	

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4. Training: During the month of January a total of 502 students attended the three day course of instruction in Land Mine Warfare and Boobytraps conducted by the 1st Engineer Battalion. Unit attendance was as follows:

UNIT	ATTENDANCE
1st Battalion, 1st Marines	54
2nd Battalion, 1st Marines	38
3rd Battalion, 1st Marines	43
1st Battalion, 5th Marines	30
2nd Battalion, 5th Marines	40
3rd Battalion, 5th Marines	35
1st Battalion, 7th Marines	39
2nd Battalion, 7th Marines	39
3rd Battalion, 7th Marines	39
1st Battalion, 26th Marines	17
2nd Battalion, 26th Marines	23
3rd Battalion, 26th Marines	12
1st Engineer Battalion	37
5th Engineer Battalion	13
7th Engineer Battalion	18
9th Engineer Battalion	10
1st Motor Transport Battalion	1
3rd Battalion, 11th Marines	12
1st Recon Battalion	22

b. Mobile Instruction Team Attendance: ($\frac{1}{2}$ day course)

UNIT	ATTENDANCE
2nd Battalion, 26th Marines	158
1st Battalion, 1st Marines	239
Division Schools	90
3rd Battalion, 7th Marines	63

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5. Construction:

a. The following 64 Division Work Orders were completed during the reporting period:

D692-69. Completed 3 January 1970. Issue (27) 8x8x8 bunkers & tech. assist.

D535-69. Completed 3 January 1970. Construct (34) two man fighting bunkers.

D698-69. Completed 3 January 1970. Issue (1) 20x32x8 bunker w/light & deck.

D748-69. Completed 3 January 1970. Construct (6) 10x24x8 bunkers at Liberty Bridge.

D780-69. Completed 3 January 1970. Issue (1) 10x24x8 bunker w/tech. assist.

D834-69. Completed 3 January 1970. Construct (6) 4 hole heads for Cau Ha 2/1.

D686-69. Completed 4 January 1970. Construct drainage pit & extend pipes for 1/1.

D793-69. Completed 4 January 1970. Issue (1) 8x8x12 w/light & deck & (3) 8x8x8.

D838-69. Completed 4 January 1970. Inspect road at 3rd AmTracks, advise DEO.

D829-69. Completed 5 January 1970. Inspect E. M. Club & submit Bill of Materials

D843-69. Completed 6 January 1970. Construct two (1) hole heads, burn out type.

D760-69. Completed 6 January 1970. Rehab mess on Hill 190.

D810-69. Completed 6 January 1970. Issue one 20x32x8 bunker w/light & deck.

D809-69. Completed 6 January 1970. Provide tech. assist. to const. (1) bunker.

D802-69. Completed 7 January 1970. Draw & issue (2) 20x32 & (1) 10x24 bunkers.

D5-70. Completed 11 January 1970. Construct (2) 4 hole heads.

D7-70. Completed 11 January 1970. Inspect Sea Huts at Hill 10.

D17-70. Completed 14 January 1970. Construct gate house.

D44-70. Completed 19 January 1970. Provide tech. assist. for chapel repairs.

D70-70. Completed 19 January 1970. Inspect 60' tower at Cobb Bridge.

D18-70. Completed 18 January 1970. Construct temporary Div Comm. Center.

D24-70. Completed 16 January 1970. Install water heater at Stack Arms.

D38-70. Completed 13 January 1970. Install (2) 3000 gallon water tanks.

D769-69. Completed 16 January 1970. Construct defense structures.

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D822-69. Completed 19 January 1970. Inspect bunkers at 1st Tanks.

D688-69. Completed 11 January 1970. Provide backhoe & operator to upgrade.

D705-69. Completed 11 January 1970. Issue (1) 20x32 bunker w/light & deck.

D770-69. Completed 11 January 1970. Determine man hours for bunker repairs.

D777-69. Completed 11 January 1970. Construct (2) 4 hole heads.

D785-69. Completed 11 January 1970. Rescreen Regimental mess hall.

D792-69. Completed 12 January 1970. Issue (1) 8x12x8 bunker w/deck & light.

D807-69. Completed 12 January 1970. Issue (1) 20x32 bunker w/deck & light.

D96-70. Completed 28 January 1970. Cut lanes in wire for routes to LPs.

D801-69. Completed 12 January 1970. Install grease trap at 3/11 mess hall.

D704-69. Completed 12 January 1970. Issue (2) 20x32 & (1) 8x12 bunker.

D694-69. Issue (23) 2 man fighting holes. Completed 12 January 1970.

D697-69. Completed 12 January 1970. Issue (2) 20x32, (3) 8x12 (2) 10x24 bunkers.

D721-69. Completed 15 January 1970. Construct (1) Sea Hut w/electrical fixtures.

D774-69. Completed 12 January 1970. Install lights in Fox Company C. P. area.

D787-69. Completed 11 January 1970. Install grease trap.

D21-70. Completed 12 January 1970. Construct (1) 8x8 bunker & Redifer House.

D37-70. Completed 12 January 1970. Construct (1) 4 hole head.

D51-70. Completed 21 January 1970. Construct mount out boxes.

D56-70. Construct mount out boxes. Completed 19 January 1970.

D844-69. Completed 14 January 1970. Prefab materials for mess hall tables.

D830-69. Completed 23 January 1970. Provide 12 sheets of plywood.

D796-69. Completed 24 January 1970. Issue (1) 10x24 bunker w/deck & light.

D819-69. Completed 26 January 1970. Inspect grease trap at Hill 55.

D95-70. Completed 27 January 1970. Issue one 10x24 and four 8x12 bunkers.

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D733-69. Completed 27 January 1970. Provide (1) Case tractor for defensive position improvement.

D828-69. Completed 28 January 1970. Provide drainage for shower and wash stand.

D772-69. Repair or replace floor in HQ Company Office & Regimental S-1 Bunker. Completed 28 January 1970.

D63-70. Completed 29 January 1970. Construct (1) 4 hole head.

D813-69. Completed 29 January 1970. Construct 16x16 addition to CO office.

D808-69. Completed 29 January 1970. Construct (4) Sea Huts with lights.

D32-70. Completed 29 January 1970. Construct one Sea Hut.

D16-70. Completed 29 January 1970. Construct one prefab (3) hole head.

D50-70. Completed 28 January 1970. Construct mount out boxes.

D52-70. Completed 31 January 1970. Construct mount out boxes.

D53-70. Completed 31 January 1970. Construct mount out boxes.

D89-70. Completed 31 January 1970. Construct mount out boxes.

D689-70. Completed 31 January 1970. Install grease trap and inspect another.

D15-70. Completed 31 January 1970. Construct (8) Sea Huts.

b. Personnel and materials used for the foregoing Division Work Orders:

Man Hours - 39,987	Sand - 3yd^3
Equipment Hours - 788	Sand bags - 1 box
Lumber - 82,119 BF	culvert - 510 pieces
Nails - 2,914 lbs.	ridge cap - 3
Plywood - 389 sheets	grease traps - 2
Cement - 22 bags	plex-i-glass - 1 sheet
Tin - 173 pieces	door w/hinges - 1
Screen - 14.5 rolls	$\frac{1}{4}$ round - 480 LF
Plumbing fixtures - 83	Caulking Compound - 1 gallon
Electrical fixtures - 98	J Cord - 70'
Electrical Kits - 3	3,000 gallon water tank - 2
Staples - 9 boxes	55 GPM Pump - 2
Tape - 5 rolls	Bunkers: 8x8x8 - 41, 8x12 - 25, 10x24 - 5
Pipe - 455 ft.	20x32 - 11
Wire - 2,624 Ft.	deck and lighting kits - 12
4 hole heads - 7	Redifer House - 1
matting M8A1 - 1 bundle	2man fighting holes - 23
bolts - 25	Sea huts - 1
paneling - 10 sheets	Drift pins - 160
roofing felt - 65 rolls	C-4 Explosive - 1 case
rock - 3 yd^3	Charges - 6

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c. The following 14 Battalion Work Orders were completed during the reporting period:

B374-69. Completed 3 January 1970. Direct performance of minor camp maintenance.

B378-69. Completed 5 January 1970. Renovate LZ at Camp Faulkner.

B389-69. Completed 17 January 1970. Repair Weight Room improve ventilation.

B3-70. Completed 15 January 1970. Extend roof on Officers Club.

B8-70. Completed 16 January 1970. Construct mount out boxes.

B7-70. Completed 17 January 1970. Provide 3 light poles for Division.

B6-70. Completed 15 January 1970. Provide technical asst. to prepare bunker materials.

B2-70. Completed 24 January 1970. Draw & construct tank rack for M. T.

B10-70. Completed 24 January 1970. Issue 4 urinals, one four hole head, and 20 pieces of 3x12x16'.

B12-70. Completed 28 January 1970. Construct (10) machine gun emplacements.

B385-69. Completed 29 January 1970. Rewire and install lights M.T. Shop.

B11-70. Completed 31 January 1970. Construct embarkation boxes.

d. Personnel and materials utilized for the foregoing work orders are as follows:

Man hours - 4,560	Tin - 26 pieces
Equipment hours - 1,467	Electrical fixtures - 319
Lumber - 9,568 BF	Wire - 2450 Ft.
Latterite - 424 loads	M8A1 matting - 650 pieces
Nails - 166 lbs.	Tar - 3 gallons
Screws - 48	Paint - 1 pint
J Cord - 375'	Lampholders & Bulbs - 14
Tape - roll (1)	Flood lights - 3
Staples - 500	Electrical asst. - 15
Plywood - 33 pieces	

7. Civil Affairs:

a. Twenty-eight hundred board-feet of scrap lumber was donated to the village of Son Thuy I.

b. Leaflets were passed out on four occasions.

c. Eighteen med-caps were performed and over 200 patients treated.

d. A young 14 year old village boy, Nguyen Voung Mai, is becoming proficient as a corpsman. 1st Engineer Battalion medical personnel report that this young man is intelligent, speaks good English, and shows aptitude in medical matters. This boy is receiving continuing training from medical personnel.

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