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Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
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**To:** Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)

**Via:** (1) Commanding General, Third Marine Division  
(2) Commanding General, Third Marine Amphibious Force  
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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**Encl:** ✓(1) 11th Engineer Battalion Command Chronology

1. Pursuant to reference (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. Regrade unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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*11th Engr Bn  
Cmd Chron*

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Eleventh Engineer Battalion

COMMANDER

LtCol. R. L. MULFORD, USMC

16Aug66-10Jul67

LtCol. W. N. CHRISTOPHER, USMC

11Jul67-Current

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters

1stLt. D. D. HURLBURT, USMC

6Jun67-Current

Service Company

Maj. R. F. EASTIN, USMC

6Apr67-Current

"A" Company

Capt. T. C. POPE Jr., USMC

1Apr67-Current

"B" Company

Capt. P. L. BARTH, USMC

1Feb67-Current

"C" Company

Capt. W. S. MARSHALL III, USMC

30Aug66-Current

"D" Company

Capt. W. D. CORNELIUSON, USMC

19May67-17Jul67

Capt. C. J. RAMSAY, USMC

18Jul67-Current

2. LOCATION

1 July 1967 - 31 July 1967: Dong Ha RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj. H. R. SHORTT, USMC

29Mar67-Current

S-1/Adjutant

2ndLt. K. W. CZAPOR, USMC

1Jul67-Current

S-2/3

Capt. W. R. AGREE, USMC

29May67-Current

S-4

Maj. J. T. SCHULTZ, USMC

25Jul66-Current

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Supply Officer

2ndLt. F. V. RHYDER, USMC  
17Sep66-Current

Communication Officer

2ndLt. G. E. ANDREWS, USMC  
3May67-Current

Medical Officer

Lt. T. C. KEESE, USNR (MO)  
7May67-Current

Chaplain

LCDR. P. P. KEELEY, USN (CMC)  
15Jun67-Current4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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## PART II

During the month of July 1967, the 11th Engineer Battalion continued to provide Engineer support to the 3rd Marine Division (Northern AOR) and other Units located in the Dong Ha Combat Base, Camps J. J. Carroll, Gio Linh and Khe Sanh. "C" Company, reinforced of this Battalion, headquartered at Phu Bai, RVN under the operational control of the Third Marine Amphibious Force, continued to provide Engineer support to the 3rd Marine Division Units located in the Hue, Phu Bai area. Road maintenance and road improvement projects continued in order to maintain and improve adequate routes of communications commensurate with the tactical situation. Road maintenance and road improvements to the 18.6 miles of road net in the Dong Ha Combat Base; 4.20 miles of road net at Camp Carroll and 1.25 miles of road net at Gio Linh consisted of ditching, grading, installing culverts for drainage and applying gravel to earth surface roads. On 15 July 1967, CEMJ-301 took the responsibility of maintaining the road net in the Dong Ha Combat Base. Road maintenance and road improvements to the 19 miles of Route 9 from Ca Lu to Khe Sanh consisted of installation of bypasses at YD 002453, XD 965429, XD 959428, XD 919416 and the construction of abutments for a new class 60, steel stringer bridge at XD 913403. Road maintenance and road improvements to the 27 miles of macadam surface road on Route Nine from Dong Ha to Ca Lu, consisted primarily of repairing culverts, maintaining bridge bypasses, and repairing existing macadam road surface with a mixture of crushed aggregate and bituminous asphalt. This task is being increased daily due to rapid deterioration of the existing surface caused by age, weather conditions and increased traffic.

A limited all-weather, class 60, two lane road is being constructed. 4.6 miles from YD 150606 to YD 130658 consists of upgrading existing route 561 by clearing, grading and widening from a single lane road; 2.9 miles from YD 130658 to Con Thien (YD114701) consists of building a new road. A 200 meter strip on both sides of this road is being cleared of all vegetation and obstacles. This road is being upgraded for use as the main supply route to Con Thien.

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During the reporting period a total of 2299 mandays, 7,395 Engineer Equipment hours, 4370 cubic yards of material, 103,510 gallons of asphalt and 300 feet of nestable culvert were expended on road maintenance and road construction. During the reporting period, one 83 feet fixed span, class 50, with transom trestle as intermediate support and one 45 feet fixed span, class 60, a total of 128 feet of MAT6 balk bridge was erected. 38 feet was retracted.

During the reporting period, the Battalion continued to operate and maintain the water supply point for the Dong Ha Complex and a total of 3,244,880 gallons of potable water was produced. Personnel, equipment and materials were provided to maintain and repair the existing structures, facilities and equipment at the Dong Ha Combat Base, 36 projects for repairs to existing facilities and/or cantonment type construction were completed. On 15 July 1967, CEMM-301 took the responsibility for maintaining the facilities in the Dong Ha Combat Base. This Battalion continues to furnish all electrical power.

During the reporting period the Engineer support provided the 3rd Marine Division units in the Phu Bai area by "C" Company, 11th Engineer Battalion consisted of operating and maintaining a water point at the ARVN Boot Camp until 27 July producing 10,000 to 12,000 gallons of potable water per day. The terminal building at Phu Bai was completed on 19 July 1967. This building was used as a conference room by Secretary of Defense McNamara on 9 July and 10 July.

Operation Cumberland continued as the main project for "C" Company. Work on the fire support base had progressed so that on 30 July 1967, the first Battery of 175mm guns moved in.

On 15 July 1967, III MAF OP Plan 11-67 and ADMIN Plan 11-67 were received. These plans give initial information on Operation Dye Marker.

Currently the 11th Engineer Battalion cantonment is 98 percent complete. Personnel protective defense in the living and working areas continued during July and are currently 90 percent complete.

The Battalion Chapel is under construction and is presently 10 percent complete.

During the month of July, three grid rollers were received as a special allowance. One tandem roller was received bringing the Battalion to T/E on this type of equipment.

One Butler building 40'x96' in size is under construction for a maintenance storeroom with sufficient space allotted for a utility work shop.

During the month of July 1967 this Battalion suffered one enlisted Marine non-hostile injury, eighteen enlisted hostile WIA's and two USN Corpsman hostile WIA's.

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## PART III

Sequential listing of Significant Events

- 7 July 1967: Operation Cumberland was suspended because all but one Company of infantry was committed on other operations.
- 9 July 1967: Air Terminal building in Phu Bai used by Secretary of Defense, as a conference room.
- 10 July 1967: On 10 July 1967, this Battalion held a change of Command. LtCol. CHRISTOPHER 031639/1302 USMC relieved LtCol. MILFORD 050767/1302 USMC.
- 11 July 1967: At 0610, 30 82MM mortars were received on the Base Camp. At YD 710107, one WIA and several pieces of equipment were damaged.
- 12 July 1967: All major equipment and personnel were returned to Gia Le Combat Base. 40 men were left for security.
- 15 July 1967: Received III MAF OP Plan 11-67 and ADMIN Plan 11-67.
- 17 July 1967: The Infantry security from 1/4 returned to Operation Cumberland.
- 19 July 1967: A convoy coming from the fire support Base on Operation Cumberland was hit by RPG Rockets. The Air Terminal at the 15th Aerial Port in Phu Bai completed.
- 22 July 1967: The ADM teams from this Battalion left for 10 days training in Okinawa.
- 27 July 1967: The Jackson Lumber Harvester was moved to Operation Cumberland. The class 60, 800 ft. floating bridge in the Huong River, YD 755144 was completed. Water Point at ARVN Boot Camp terminated.
- 29 July 1967: M-54 cargo truck received direct hit from artillery shell at YD 213731, Gio Linh. Blew right door and gas tank off. No casualties.

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30 July 1967:

The first Battery of 175MM self propelled  
guns moved to the fire support Base on  
Operation Cumberland.

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