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11th Engineer Battalion  
3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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Encl: (1) 11th Engineer Battalion Command Chronology

1. Pursuant to references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

ELEVENTH ENGINEER BATTALION

COMMANDER

LtCol. W. N. CHRISTOPHER, USMC  
 11 July 67 - 4 Nov 67  
 LtCol. V. A. PERRY, USMC  
 5 Nov 67 - Current

SUBORDINATE UNITS

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

1stLt. D. W. HOFFMAN, USMC  
 24 Sept. 67 - 8 Nov 67  
 1stLt L. L. LISZEWSKI, USMC  
 8 Nov 67 - Current

SERVICE COMPANY

Capt. W. T. EVANS, USMC  
 24 Sept. 67 - Current

"A" COMPANY

Capt. R. E. REAGAN, USMC  
 24 Sept. - Current

"B" COMPANY

Capt. P. L. BARTH, USMC  
 1 Feb 67 - 21 Nov 67  
 1stLt. R. F. BAILES, USMC  
 22 Nov 67 - Current

"C" COMPANY

Capt. J. R. PLEIER, USMC  
 23 Sept. 67 - Current

"D" COMPANY

Capt C. E. BURGE, USMC  
 3 Sept. 67 - 24 Nov 67  
 1stLt. R. H. BRINKLEY, USMC  
 25 Nov 67 - Current

2. LOCATION

1 November 1967 - 30 November 1967 - Dong Ha, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Maj, H. R. SHORTT, USMC  
 29 Mar 67 - 25 Nov 67  
 Maj. W. J. P. MANNIX, USMC  
 26 Nov 67- Current

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1stLt. K. W. CZAPOR, USMC  
 1 July 67 - Current

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Capt. W. R. AGREE, USMC  
24 Oct 67 - 23 Nov 67  
Maj. J. C. THORP, USMC  
24 Nov 67 - Current

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Maj. W. J. P. MANNIX, USMC  
7 Aug 67 - 25 Nov 67  
Maj. C. J. WOLK JR., USMC  
26 Nov 67 - Current

SUPPLY OFFICER

1stLt. R. V. ~~WHYDER~~, USMC  
17 Sept. 66 - 19 Nov 67  
2ndLt. H. RIJFKOGLE, USMC  
20 Nov 67 - Current

COMMUNICATION OFFICER

2ndLt. C. E. ANDREWS, USMC  
3 May 67 - 27 Nov 67  
2ndLt. R. W. O'CONNOR, USMC  
28 Nov 67 - Current

MEDICAL OFFICER

Lt. F. C. SANFORD, USNR (MC)  
1 Aug 67 - Current

CHAPLAIN

LCDR P. D. KEELEY, USN (CHC)  
15 Jun 67 - Current

4. 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>
50	1002	2	19	0	0

PART II

Operation Dye Marker continued as the main project for this battalion with A-2, A-3, A-4, C-2, C-3, C-4 and CaLu under construction during this reporting period. During the month of November construction of 22 bunkers, laying 5150 meters of double apron barbed wire, laying 2475 meters of German Steel Tape, emplacing 26075 mines and digging 3000 meters of trenches was completed in these positions.

In addition to Dye Marker the battalion continued to provide support to the 3rd Marine Division and other units located in the Dong Ha Combat Base, Camp J. J. Carroll, Camp Hill and ConThien.

An all-weather, class 60, one lane road is being constructed, 4.6 miles from YD 131590 to YD 130658 consists of upgrading existing communal route 561 by clearing, grading, resurfacing, another 2.9 miles YD 130658 to YD 114701 consists of building a limited, all-weather, class 60, one lane road.

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This road is being upgraded for use as the main supply route to Con Thien, and is in support of Dye Marker. A maximum effort to upgrade this route continues as weather and tactical situation permit. The M-6 bridge at YD 129674 was extended to 135 feet.

A new section of limited all-weather, class 60, two lane road, 1200 meters long from YD 148605 to YD 140613 is being constructed. This effort is in support of Dye Marker.

The Cam Lo river bridge on communal route 561 at YD 148603 is being upgraded from class 40 to a class 60. This consists of installing four intermediate supports having six piles and a 30" I-beam 20' long and lowering an 80' section of bridge. This project is currently 16% complete and held up, because of the tactical situation the bridge cannot be closed for the three days necessary to complete the project.

During the reporting period, a total of 1912 mandays, 9707 Engineer Equipment hours, 266,254 cubic yards of material were expended on road construction.

During the reporting period, the battalion continued to operate and maintain the water points in the Dong Ha Combat Base and a total of 2,695,800 gallons of potable water was produced. Personnel, equipment and materials were provided to maintain and repair the existing structures, facilities and equipment at Dong Ha Combat Base. 20 projects for repairs/improvements to existing facilities and/or cantonment type construction were completed.

This battalion continued to furnish all electrical power for the 3rd Marine Division Northern Area. 11 projects of an electrical nature were completed during the reporting period. One navy type 100 KW Generator was received in a damaged condition. Repair effort is in progress, but difficulty is being encountered because of a lack of manuals of schematics for the generator. This battalion is currently operating 18 generators at 15 different locations.

During the reporting period nine M-51A2 were received to help alleviate the critical shortage in the battalion hauling capability.

One Universal Engineer Corporation rock crusher was received as a special allowance.

One butler building for battalion supply warehouse has been completed. The butler building structure for the company supply storeroom has been completed, but the electrical wiring has not been installed by the CB's due to the lack of materials.

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During the month of November this battalion suffered 17 WIA's due to hostile action.

On 27 November 1967 this battalion took operational control of "I" Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines with a strength of 5 Officers, 121 USMC Enlisted and 8 USN Enlisted.

On 28 November 1967 this battalion took operational control of "D" Company, 9th Engineer Battalion with a strength of 6 Officers, 84 USMC Enlisted and 1 USN Enlisted.

On 29 November 1967 this battalion took operational control of "A" Company 7th Engineer Battalion with a strength of 3 Officers, 86 USMC Enlisted and 2 USN Enlisted.

During the reporting period this battalion joined 12 Marine Officers and transferred 16. 244 Marine Enlisted were joined and 459 were transferred. On 30 November 1967 the 11th Engineer Battalion had on board:

<u>MARINE CORPS</u>		<u>NAVY</u>	
<u>OFF.</u>	<u>ENL.</u>	<u>OFF.</u>	<u>ENL.</u>
48	805	3	19

The battalion personnel strength by major area of deployment was as follows:

<u>MARINE CORPS</u>			<u>NAVY</u>	
<u>OFF.</u>	<u>ENL.</u>		<u>OFF.</u>	<u>ENL.</u>
31	552	Dong Ha	2	13
		Cam Lo		
0	6		0	1
		Con Thien		
0	7		0	0
		Camp Carroll		
0	4		0	0
		Gio Linh		
4	63		0	0

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		C-3		
4	57		0	0
		Rock Pile		
0	2		0	0
		A-3		
6	68		0	2
		Non-Effective		
3	46		1	1

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 4 November 1967: Tractor detonated explosive device at YD 114702 while clearing area for the minefield at Con Thien. Tractor had track blown and 1 WIA Med-Evac resulted.
- 10 November 1967: The 11th Engineer Battalion Chapel was dedicated at 1400. At 1430 an awards ceremony was held with one Bronze Star, one Meritorious Commendation and 24 Purple Hearts were awarded. The Marine Corps Birthday was celebrated with a Cake Cutting Ceremony at 1730 and two cans of beer or soda for each man.
- 11 November 1967: Command detonated claymore set off as sweep team approached YD 220685. Only one of three claymores exploded. Sweep team and security fired on one enemy with pack and rifle, but did not hit him. Three civilians were killed by the mine that exploded.
- 12 November 1967: Tractor hit trip wire of mine at YD 115703 which resulted in 1 WIA Non Med-Evac.
- 13 November 1967: Tractor detonated AT mine at YD 115701 blowing off left track. No casualties.

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- 17 November 1967: Sweep team picked up one civilian without I.D. card at YD 218704. Detainee had in his possession a note which advised the local people of a directional type mine at YD 214720 set 100 meters west of route 1. Detainee was turned over to PMO.
- 23 November 1967: M-52 with M-172 trailer hit an explosive device at YD 167588 on route 9. Moderate damage done to M-52 and and 1 WIA Med-Evac resulted.
- 27 November 1967: Command detonated explosive device was set off next to road at YD 163587 on route 9 as sweep team approached, resulting in three WIA Med-Evacs. Sweep was made of area with negative results. Took operational control of "I" Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines for local security for work on position A-3.
- 28 November 1967: Started staging bunker material and equipment for position A-3 at Gio Linh. Took operational control of "D" Company 9th Engineer Battalion for assistance on Dye Marker.
- 29 November 1967: Took operational control of "A" Company 7th Engineer Battalion for assistance on Dye Marker.
- 30 November 1967: Detachments of "A" Company and "C" Company moved to position A-3 with bunker materials and equipment and commenced work on hasty positions. At YD 188725 an EIMCO tractor hit a T-41 AT mine and blew off left track

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