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Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) CG, 3dMarDiv msg 040627Z Dec 1969

Encl: (1) 11th Engineer Battalion (-) (Rein) Command Chronology
(2) 11th Engineer Battalion (-) (Rein) Messages: October through December
(3) 11th Engineer Battalion (-) (Rein) Staff Journal

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c) enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 October 1969 to 30 December 1969

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation	COMMANDER
11th Engineer Battalion	Maj D. R. THIBAULT, USMC 7Sep69 - 9Dec69
	LtCol B. A. KAASMANN, USMC 10Dec69 - Current

SUBORDINATE UNITS

HqCo	1stLt T. M. HAJEWSKI, USMCR 11Aug69 - 31Oct69
	1stLt E. L. BECKER, USMC 1Nov69 - 10Dec69
	1stLt T. M. HAJEWSKI, USMCR 11Dec69 - 31Dec69
	Capt P. MCCOY, USMC 1Jan70 - Current
ServCo	Capt P. MCCOY, USMC 7Sep69 - 31Dec69
	Maj E. R. WHITING, USMC 1Jan70 - Current
A Co	1stLt E. L. BECKER, USMC 16Jul69 - 30ct69
B Co	1stLt P. G. CHASE, USMCR 21Sep69 - 30Sep69
	Maj L. W. YOUNG, USMC 10ct69 - 30ct69
C Co	2ndLt J. R. HUOVINEN, USMCR 26Oct69 - 15Dec69
	2ndLt J. H. ROBERTUS, USMCR 16Dec69 - Current

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D Co	Capt J. KAPPEL Jr., USMC 18Oct69 - 30Nov69
	Capt E. L. BECKER, USMC 1Dec69 - Current

2. Location

10ct69 - 28Nov69: Dong Ha, RVN

29Nov69 - 5Dec69: At sea aboard the USS Gunston Hall LSD-5

6Dec69 - 31Dec69: Camp Hansen, Okinawa

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj L. W. YOUNG, USMC 22Aug69 - 10ct69
	Maj A. L. HOUSTON Jr., USMC 20ct69 - 10Dec69
	Maj D. R. THIBAULT, USMC 11Dec69 - Current
S-1/Adjutant	Capt J. R. PIPPIN, USMC 31Aug69 - 11Dec69
	Capt C. J. WEIGMAN Jr., USMC 12Dec69 - Current
S-2/3	Maj A. L. HOUSTON Jr., USMC 31May69 - Current
S-4	2ndLt R. J. FARMER, USMCR 31Aug69 - 15Dec69
	Capt J. C. HILL, USMC 16Dec69 - Current
Supply Officer	Capt C. C. DURAZO, USMC 8Apr69 - 70ct69
	MSgt W. R. DAVENPORT, USMC 80ct69 - 19Nov69
	MSgt S. CUEVAS, USMC 20Nov69 - 8Dec69

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Chaplain — 1stLt R. L. HOSEA Jr., USMCR, 9Dec69 - Current

LtCdr J. DOLAGHAN, USN, 1Sep69 - 15Oct69

4. Average Monthly Strength:

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
32	472	1	12	0	0

1. General Overview of all Activities:

The Battalion Command Post operated from base camp at Dong Ha Combat Base from 1 October 1969 until redeployment on 29 November 1969. Engineer capabilities were employed at Dong Ha Combat Base, Vandegrift Combat Base, Elliot Combat Base, and the Mai Loc and Cua Viet areas.

Until the 3rd of October this Battalion exercised command less OPCON of the 3d Bridge Company. On that date command of 3d Bridge Company (-) passed to 5th Bridge Company and the 11th Engineer Battalion was left with command of a Detachment 3d Bridge Company (-). Company "B" redeployed to CONUS and command passed to the 13th Engineer Battalion on 3 October 1969, Company "A" redeployed to CONUS and command passed to CG, FORTRPS PAC on 1 November 1969.

The Battalion (-) (Rein) embarked at Cua Viet on 29 November 1969 and arrived at Okinawa on the 5th of December 1969 where the Battalion Command Post was located at Camp Hansen. On the 29th of November command of Company "C" and command less OPCON of Company "D" were returned to the 11th Engineer Battalion from CG, I MEF. "D" Company has operated from Camp Fuji, Japan, during the period of this report. Since the Battalion's arrival on Okinawa engineer capabilities have been employed at Camp Hansen, the Northern Training Area, at ASP #2, and at Camp Fuji.

2. Mission Assigned:

At Vandegrift Combat Base 3d Bridge Platoon extracted one (1) M6 Bridge 75' class 60. The destruction of Vandegrift Combat Base was completed.

At Elliot Combat Base destruction of the base was completed.

At Cua Viet four (4) Eimco tractors were sent to assist 3d

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Engineer Battalion complete their task of policing up Cua Viet.

Repair of Route 558, from Cam Lo, YD117582 to Mai Loc, YD097552 required the repair of the bridge at YD102537 damaged by enemy activity and the placement of five (5) additional culverts.

Maintenance of Route 561 and Route 558 were continued until the Battalion received the order to stand down.

At Dong Ha Combat Base the dissassembly of fifteen (15) Butler Buildings was completed. Police of Dong Ha Combat Base was completed.

Daily mine sweeps were conducted on Route 9 from DHCB to coordinates YD129590, a distance of 11,000 meters, until relieved by 1/5 Mech., USA. The Route 1 sweep was conducted on all odd days, a distance of 11,000 meters from DHCB to YD214743 until relieved by 2nd Regiment, 1st ARVN Division. A special sweep from DHCB to the Rifle Range a distance of 1,000 meters, was conducted daily until relieved of mine sweeps. There was one (1) special sweep from A-2 to A-1. Daily mine sweeps were conducted on Route 9 from VCB to ECB, a distance of 5,500 meters, and ECB to YD033561, a distance of 6000 meters. These last two sweeps were commenced after 3d Engineer Battalion had stood down and terminated after destruction of the involved combat bases were completed.

Upon redeployment to Okinawa and operating out of Camp Hansen, the Battalion has completed the following projects: dog kennel at NTA and a tank park at Camp Hansen. The Battalion presently is committed to cutting fire breaks at ASP #2, building an industrial area for the Battalion at Camp Hansen and refurbishing the Camp Hansen Confidence Course. The Battalion presently has "D" Company employed at Camp Fuji, Japan, constructing a 1200 man camp.

3. Lines of Communications:

Continuous maintenance of Route 561 from Cam Lo to A-4 was reassigned to the Battalion. Continuous maintenance of Route 558 entailed the repair of the bridge at YD097552 and the placement of five additional culverts.

4. Results of Operations:

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This Battalion sustained 4 WIA's when two vehicles hit mines on Route 9 at YD 008565 on 23 October. On 25 October this Battalion sustained 1 WIA when a M51 Dump Truck hit an enemy mine on Route 9 adjacent ECB.

This Battalion had one (1) M51 Dump Truck and one (1) M49 Refueler Truck damaged by enemy mines on 23 October 1969 on Route 9 at YD008565. On 25 October this Battalion had one (1) M51 Dump Truck damaged by an enemy mine on Route 9 adjacent ECB.

5. Logistics:

From 1 October 69 to 22 November 69, the Battalion operated Water Point #1 at Dong Ha Combat Base producing 9,478,000 gallons of potable water and 3,065,000 gallons of non-potable water. Prior to standing down the Battalion had in operation 4-20 KW generators, 2-30 KW generators, 2-60 KW generators, and 2-150 KW generators. There were 15-20 KW generators, 11-30 KW generators, and 9-60 KW generators deadlined at third, fourth and fifth echelon maintenance units. After stand down a number of generators were invoiced to units remaining in RVN. After redeployment the Battalion had in operation 1-30 KW generator. There were 5-30 KW generators, 5-5 KW floodlight units, and 2-60 KW generators in second and third echelon maintenance units.

A detailed account of this Battalion's embarkation and debarkation from RVN to Okinawa is as follows:

5Oct69 - Detachment 3d Bridge Company stood down
21Oct69 - Detachment 3d Bridge Company sailed for Okinawa aboard the USS Iredey County with 1 officer and 6 enlisted and the USS Outagamie County with 2 Officers and 12 enlisted
29Oct69 - USS Iredey County arrived at Kin Red Beach, Okinawa with the initial group from Detachment 3d Bridge Company
2Nov69 - USS Outagamie arrived at the port of Naha, Okinawa with the remainder of Detachment 3d Bridge Company
5Nov69 - Battalion received the order to stand down
10Nov69 - Advance party of 2 officers and 3 enlisted left for Okinawa via government aircraft
21Nov69 - USS Point Defiance set sail for Okinawa with 9 officers and 186 enlisted as the first embarkation unit from the Battalion
27Nov69 - USS Point Defiance arrived at Kin Red Beach, Okinawa
29Nov69 - USS Gunston Hall set sail for Da Nang, RVN with remainder of the Battalion which included the Battalion Colors, 4 officers and 53 enlisted

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1Dec69 - USS Gunston Hall set for Okinawa
5Dec69 - USS Gunston Hall arrived at Kin Red Beach, Okinawa

6. Equipment:

On the 1st of October the FORSTAT Equipment On Hand category was C-2 and the Equipment Readiness category was C-2. On the 13th of October, the Equipment Readiness category dropped to C-3 and on the 29th of December it returned to C-2.

On the 1st of November "A" Company redeployed to CONUS but the Battalion was authorized to retain "A" Company's equipment to fill T/E deficiencies; the excess to be turned in after arrival in Okinawa.

7. Personnel and Administration:

The Battalion's average personnel strengths by major areas of deployment were as follows:

USMC		USN	
Dong Ha Combat Base (10Oct69 - 29Nov69)			
20 Officers	497 Enlisted	1 Officer	14 Enlisted
Camp Hansen, Okinawa (6Dec69 - 31Dec69)			
32 Officers	455 Enlisted	1 Officer	13 Enlisted

8. Training:

During the period from 1 October 1969 to 31 December 1969, personnel were sent to the following schools:

SCHOOL	NUMBER ATTENDING
Career Planning School	1
NCO Leadership School	2
SNCO Leadership School	2
Special Weapons School	2
Scuba School	1
Personal Response School	1
Landmine, Booby Trap School	2
Communication Security/Crypto School	1

PART III
Sequential Listing of Significant Events

1. Significant events during or in direct relation to combat operations.

1-3 Oct a. A sweep of Route 9 from DHCB to YD129590 was conducted daily.

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1-22Oct	a.	A special sweep from DHCB to the Rifle Range was conducted daily.
1-23Oct	a.	A sweep of Route 1 from DHCB to YD214743 was conducted on all odd days.
1 Oct	a.	OPCON of 11th Engineer Battalion (-) (Rein) and 3d Bridge Company (-) passed to CG, 3dMarDiv Reference: CG, III MAF msg 271700Z Sep 1969
	b.	Passed OPCON of 2nd Platoon (Rein) 3d Bridge Company to CG, III MAF
3 Oct	a.	Route 9 Sweep from DHCB to YD129590 turned over to 1/5 Mech., USA
4 Oct	a.	Command of Company "B" (Rein) passed to CG, XXIV Corps Reference: CG, 3dMarDiv msg 040812Z Oct 1969
	b.	Command of 3d Bridge Company (-) passed to CG, XXIV Corps Reference: CG, 3dMarDiv msg 040812Z Oct 1969
5 Oct	a.	Detachment of 3d Bridge Company stood down
8 Oct	a.	4 Eimco tractors sent to assist 3d Engineer Battalion at Cua Viet
9 Oct	a.	Resumed continuous maintenance of Route 561
10 Oct	a.	Extraction of one (1) M6 Bridge 75' class 60 completed at VCB
11 Oct	a.	Placement of an additional five (5) culverts on Route 558 commenced
12-27Oct	a.	A daily sweep of Route 9 from ECB to YD033561 was conducted
12 Oct	a.	Repair of bridge at YD102537 on Route 558 completed
15 Oct	a.	Destruction of Vandegrift Combat Base completed
16 Oct	a.	Destruction of Elliot Combat Base commenced
	b.	Police of Cua Viet completed
17-24Oct	a.	A sweep of Route 9 from ECB to VCB was conducted daily
21 Oct	a.	Detachment 3d Bridge Company sailed aboard the USS IREDEY COUNTY and the USS OUTAGAMIE COUNTY for Okinawa
22 Oct	a.	Disassembly of 15 Butler Buildings at DHCB commenced
	b.	The special sweep from DHCB to the Rifle Range was terminated
23 Oct	a.	Route 1 mine sweep turned over to 2nd Regiment 1st ARVN Division
	b.	Special sweep from A-2 to A-1 was conducted
	c.	On Route 9 at YD008565, 4 WIA's were sustained when two (2) vehicles hit enemy mines
24 Oct	a.	The sweep of Route 9 from ECB to VCB terminated
25 Oct	a.	One (1) WIA was sustained when a vehicle hit an enemy mine on Route 9 adjacent to ECB

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27 Oct	a.	Police of DHCB commenced
	b.	Destruction of ECB completed
	c.	The sweep of Route 9 from ECB to YD033561 was terminated
29 Oct	a.	USS IREDEY COUNTY arrived at Kin Red Beach, Okinawa
1 Nov	a.	OPCON of Company "A" (Rein) passed to CG, XXIV Corps Reference: CG, 3dMarDiv msg 290824Z Oct 1969
	b.	Command less OPCON of Company "A" (Rein) passed to CG, FORTRPS PAC Reference: CG, 3dMarDiv msg 290824Z Oct 1969
2 Nov	a.	USS OUTAGAMIE COUNTY arrived at Naha, Okinawa with Detachment 3d Bridge Company
5 Nov	a.	Continuous maintenance of Route 558 terminated
	b.	Battalion received the order to stand down
10 Nov	a.	Battalion advance party left for Camp Hansen, Okinawa via government aircraft
12 Nov	a.	Police of DHCB completed
	b.	Disassembly of fifteen (15) Butler Buildings completed
	c.	Placement of five (5) culverts on Route 558 completed

On days not mentioned above there were no significant events.

2. Other Significant Events:

21 Nov	a.	USS POINT DEFIANCE sailed with first embarkation unit from the Battalion
27 Nov	a.	USS POINT DEFIANCE arrived at Kin Red Beach, Okinawa
29 Nov	a.	Command of "C" Company and Command of "D" Company less OPCON returned to 11th Engineer Battalion
1 Dec	a.	USS GUNSTON HALL sailed with the remainder of the Battalion
5 Dec	a.	USS GUNSTON HALL arrived at Kin Red Beach, Okinawa
10 Dec	a.	Change of Command Ceremony; LtCol B. A. KAASMANN vice Maj D. R. THIBAULT relieved
13 Dec	a.	Northern Training Area dog kennel completed
15 Dec	a.	"C" Company reduced to Cadre status
17 Dec	a.	Camp Hansen Tank Park completed

On days not mentioned above there were no significant events.

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Supporting Documents Index

Enclosure (2) Messages for October through December 1969

Enclosure (3) Unit Daily Journal from 010730 Oct 1969 to 021200 Nov 1969

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11th Engineer Battalion Messages, October through December

1.	R312315ZOct69	Disposition Motor Vehicle
2.	R210616ZOct69	Generator Redistribution
3.	R191340ZOct69	Generator Redistribution
4.	P162346ZOct69	Force Order 5750.1C
5.	P152246ZOct69	Engineer Situation Report
6.	P132338ZOct69	Engineer Situation Report
7.	P142248ZOct69	Engineer Situation Report
8.	P122246ZOct69	Engineer Situation Report
9.	P142236ZOct69	Engineer Situation Report
10.	P120010ZOct69	Engineer Situation Report
11.	P082246ZOct69	Engineer Situation Report
12.	P092238ZOct69	Engineer Situation Report
13.	P072242ZOct69	Engineer Situation Report
14.	P052240ZOct69	Engineer Situation Report
15.	P062220ZOct69	Engineer Situation Report
16.	P050402ZOct69	Engineer Situation Report
17.	P032236ZOct69	Engineer Situation Report
18.	P022236ZOct69	Engineer Situation Report
19.	P012234ZOct69	Engineer Situation Report
20.	P012236ZOct69	Force Order 5750.1E
21.	P020425ZDec69	Arrival Okinawa Redeployment
22.	P080525ZDec69	PFC D. L. BROADDUS
23.	P180520ZDec69	Rotating Press
24.	R290327ZDec69	March Rotations
25.	R092310ZDec69	LCpl E. C. CROFT

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 0107300et69 To 0207300et69

ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		JHB
2	1045	R4 #1 mine sweep 11-2 commenced 0620, secured 1015		AEB
3	0730	Journal Closed		KLK

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 0207300at69 To 0307300at69

ITEM NO.	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		KLH
2	0830	B4 #1 mine sweep commenced 0630, secured 0745		TK
3	0730	Journal Closed		AEB

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 030730 Oct69 To 040730 Oct69

ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		TPK
2	1030	Rt 1 sweep commenced 0630; secured 0940.		TPK
3	0030	Condition Blue		TPK
4	0100	Condition Orange		TPK
5	0730	Journal Closed		TPK

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 040730 Oct69 To 051200 Oct69

ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		TK
2	0820	Rt 1 sweep commenced 0640; secured 0745.		TK
3	1130	Rt 1 sweep commenced 0630; secured 0945.		TK
4	1200	Journal Closed		TK

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 051200 Oct69 T060730 Oct69

ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	1200	Journal Opened		TPK
2	1545	3rd Bridge Platoon stands down to prepare for embarkation between 20 and 25 Oct 1969.		TPK
3	0730	Journal Closed		TPK

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 060730 Oct 69 To 070730 Oct69

ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		TPK
2	0930	Route 1 sweep commenced 0620; secured 0900.		TPK
3	0730	Journal Closed		TPK

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 070730 Oct 69 To 080730 Oct 69

ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		TPK
2	0735	Rifle Range sweep commenced 0640; secured 0648,		TPK
		all clear.		
3	1045	Rt 1 sweep; commenced 0700; secured 0945.		TPK
4	0730	Journal Closed		TPK

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 080730 Oct 69 To 090730 Oct 69

ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		EFK
2	0825	Route 1 Sweep commenced 0630; secured 0740.		EFK
3	0730	Journal Closed.		EFK

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 0907300ct69 To 1007300ct69

ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		AMB
2	1230	Rt #1 mine sweep 11-2 commenced 0700; secured 1050		AMB
		Rifle Range mine sweep commenced 1150; secured 1205		
3	0730	Journal Closed		JMB

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 100730 Oct69 To 110730 Oct69

ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		AMB
2	0740	Sweep from Rifle Range to Dump commenced 0615; secured 0630.		AMB
3	1645	Rt 1 sweep 11-2 commenced 0645; secured 0715.		AMB
4	1645	Sent one Man & Equipment to cut a downed Pilot out of a plane.		AMB
5	1745	Man returned from downed plane		AMB
6	0730	Journal Closed		AMB

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 1107300ct69 To 1212000ct69

ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		AB
2	1055	Rt#1 mine sweep 11-2 commenced 0700; secured 0945		TK
		Rifle Range sweep commenced 1000; secured 1020		
3	1155	Rt #9 mine sweep 11-1 commenced 0615; secured 0815		TK
4.	1200	Journal Closed		TK

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 1212000oct69 To 1307300oct69

ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	1200	Journal Opened		[redacted]
2	0730	Journal Closed		[redacted]

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 1307300ct69 To 1407300ct69

ITEM NO.	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		SK
2	1115	Bt #1 mine sweep 11-2 commenced 0630; secured 1000		JRB
		Rifle Range sweep commenced 1030; secured 1045		
3	0730	Journal Closed		AMB

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 140730 Oct69 To 150730 Oct69

ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		TFK
2	0800	Rt 1 sweep commenced 0625; secured 0740.		TFK
3	2130	Condition Blue, incoming alert		TFK
4	2205	Condition yellow secured from alert		TFK
5	0610	Condition Blue incoming alert		TFK
6	0643	Secured from incoming alert		TFK
7	0730	Journal Closed		TFK

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 150730 Oct69 To 160730 Oct69

ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		TK
2	1100	Sweep #309 commenced 0625; secured 0755		TK
3	1215	Rt 1 sweep commenced 0705; secured 0945. Rifle Range road mine sweep commenced 1040; secured 1090.		TK
4	0730	Journal Closed		TK

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 160730 Oct69 To170730Oct69

ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		TFK
2	0820	Sweep #309 commenced 0615; secured 0755		TFK
3	0730	Journal Closed		TFK

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 170730 Oct69 To 180730 Oct69

ITEM NO.	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		TFK
2	0810	Sweep 309 commenced 0625; secured 0730.		TFK
3	0930	Sweep 310 commenced 0645; secured 0845.		TFK
4	1100	Rifle Range sweep commenced 0630; secured 0645.		TFK
5	1105	Rt 1 sweep commenced 0715; secured 0645.		TFK
6	0730	Journal Closed		TFK

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 1807300ct69 To 19[illegible]0 Oct[illegible]

ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		TFK
2	0740	Rt 1 sweep commenced 0630; secured 0645.		TFK
3	0740	Rifle Range sweep commenced 0705; secured 0715.		TFK
4	0800	Sweep #309 commenced 0615; secured 0755.		TFK
5	0930	Sweep #310 commenced 0640; secured 0755.		TFK
6	1000	Sweep #309 commenced 0640; secured 0815.		TFK
7	1200	Journal Closed		TFK

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 191200 Oct69 To 200730 Oct69

ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	1200	Journal Opened		TPK
2	0730	Journal Closed		TPK

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 200730 Oct69 To 210730 Oct69

ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		TFK
2	0830	Sweep on Rt #1 commenced 0645; secured 0725.		TFK
		Rifle Range Sweep commenced 0740; secured 0815.		
3	0845	Sweep #309 commenced 0630; secured 0800.		TFK
4	0730	Journal Closed		TFK

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 210730 Oct69 To 220730 Oct69

ITEM NO.	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INIT.
1	0730	Journal Opened		TFK
2	0830	Sweep 309 commenced 0630; secured 0830		TFK
3	1055	Rifle Range Sweep commenced 0630; secured 0645.		TFK
		Rt 1 sweep commenced 0700; secured 0930.		
4	0400	Incoming alert sounded		TFK
5	0430	Secured from incoming alert		TFK
6	0730	Journal Closed		TFK

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11th Engineer Battalion Journal From 220730 Oct69 To 230730 Oct69

ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		TPK
2	0810	Sweep 309 commenced 0615; secured 0745.		TPK
3	0730	Journal Closed		TPK

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11TH ENGINEER BATTALION JOURNAL FROM 230730 Oct69 TO 240730 Oct69

NO.	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DISCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		TPK
2	0900	Received incoming alert		TPK
3	0945	Secured from alert		TPK
4	0945	Sweep #309 commenced 0630; secured 0930. Vehicle hit		TPK
		mine, 3 WIA, 1 Med-Evac time: 0755.		
5	1305	Refueler Truck hit mine at 0830, 1 WIA, Med-Evac		TPK
6	1630	Rt 1 sweep commenced 0750; secured 1600. Buster hit		TPK
		mine, disabled.		TPK
7	0730	Journal Closed		TPK

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11TH ENGINEER BATTALION JOURNAL FROM 240730 Oct69 TO 250730 Oct69

NO.	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DISCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		TFK
2	0815	Sweep #309 commenced 0640; secured 0805.		TFK
3	0730	Journal Closed		TFK

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11TH ENGINEER BATTALION JOURNAL FROM 250750 Oct69 TO 261800 Oct69

NO.	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DISCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0750	Journal Opened		TPK
2	0800	Sweep #309 commenced 0620; secured 0800.		TPK
3	1200	Sweep #309 commenced 0600; secured 0800.		TPK
4	1205	Journal Closed.		TPK

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11TH ENGINEER BATTALION JOURNAL FROM 261200 Oct69 TO 270730 Oct69

NO.	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DISCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	01200	Journal Opened		TFK
2	0730	Journal Closed		TFK

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11TH ENGINEER BATTALION JOURNAL FROM 270730 Oct69 TO 280730 Oct69

NO.	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DISCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		TFK
2	0830	Sweep #309 commenced 0640; secured 0830.		TFK
3	0730	Journal Closed		TFK

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11TH ENGINEER BATTALION JOURNAL FROM 280730 Oct69 TO 290730 Oct69

NO.	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DISCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		TFK
2	1400	Recon of Rt 558, found to be passable.		TFK
3.	0730	Journal Closed		TFK

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11TH ENGINEER BATTALION JOURNAL FROM 290730 Oct69 TO 300730 Oct69

NO.	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DISCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		AHB
2	0730	Journal Closed		AHB

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11TH ENGINEER BATTALION JOURNAL FROM300730 Oct69 TO 010730 Nov69

NO.	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DISCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		ARB
2	0730	Journal Closed		ARB

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11TH ENGINEER BATTALION JOURNAL FROM 010730 Nov69 TO 021200 Nov69

NO.	TIME	INCIDENT MESSAGE DISCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INT
1	0730	Journal Opened		ARB
2	0730	Journal Closed		ARB

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COMPANY B
11th Engineer Battalion
5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, FMF
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, FMF
Via: Commanding Officer, Provisional Service Battalion, 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, FMF

Subj: Command Chronology for period 16 Oct 1969 to 31 Dec 1969

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1A
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8A
(c) BrigO 5750.2
(d) BnO 5750.1

Encl: (1) Company B, 11th Engineer Battalion Command Chronology

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

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COMPANY B
11th Engineer Battalion
5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, FMF
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

COMMAND CHRONOLGY
16 Oct 69 to 31 Dec 69

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

Company B, 11th Engineer Battalion
5th Marine Division 16 Oct 69 to 26 Nov 69

Company B, 11th Engineer Battalion
5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, FMF 27 Nov 69 to 31 Dec 69

COMMANDER
Capt. H. L. CAMPBELL
16 Oct 69 to 31 Dec 69

2. LOCATION
Camp Pendleton, California 92055
16 Oct 69 to 31 Dec 69

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC			USN			OTHER	
OFF	ENL		OFF	ENL		OFF	ENL
15	369	Oct	1	4	Oct	0	0
23	497	Nov	1	1	Nov	0	0
16	311	Dec	0	2	Dec	0	0

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4. PERSONNEL TRANSFERRED

October 1969	USMC OFF	-	0
	USMC ENL	-	62
November 1969	USMC OFF	-	4
	USMC ENL	-	270
December 1969	USMC OFF	-	4
	USMC ENL	-	103

5. DISCHARGES

October 1969: OFF - 0
ENL - 1 HonDis CofG Immed Reenl
1 GenDis Unsuit Char Behav Disorder
1 HonDis Unsuit Char Behav Disorder
1 GenDis Own Convenience
1 UndesDis Unfit (Drugs)

November 1969: OFF - 0
ENL - 1 UndesDis Unfit (Drugs)
2 HonDis CofG Immed Reenl

December 1969: OFF - 1 HonDis InterServTrans
ENL - 1 GenDis Unsuit Char Behav Disorder
1 HonDis CofG Hardship
1 UnDis MisCond Convict. Civil Auth.

6. RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY

October 1969: OFF - 0
ENL - 3 Expiration of Enlistment

November 1969: OFF - 1 Expiration of Enlistment
ENL - 5 Expiration of Enlistment
1 Convenience of Government (College Cut)

December 1969: OFF - 4 Expiration of Enlistment
1 Convenience of Government (Christmas Cut)

7. AWARDS: 16 Oct 1969 to 31 Dec 1969

(a)	Bronze Star w/combat V	1
(b)	Navy Achievment w/combat V	3
(c)	Letter of Commendation	1
(d)	Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry	1

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

All training conducted during the period continued to stress orientation and preparation for this Command's supporting role in an RVN environment. Particularly the 1371 MOS training from 27 October - 30 October 1969, when an entire week was devoted to mine warfare and demolitions. Practical application included a night breach of a mine field, a mine sweep of a previously prepared road complete with aggressors, and a all day demolition class at Range 233 where 250 lbs of demolitions were expended. The combat engineer's role in a guerrilla environment were stressed.

The Company continued maintenance and operation of the VC Trail. No large groups toured the trail, but the company instructors maintained their level of proficiency in preparation of any need that may arise.

The company entered a new area of training this reporting period, that of Civil Disturbance Training. With the close proximity of the Western White House and recent civil disturbances, "B" Company and the rest of Camp Pendleton trained and girded themselves in hopes the training would not be needed.

On 3 December 1969, Company B, in line with its nuclear capability, was inspected by a team from North Island in a Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection. Passing, with only minor discrepancies, the company showed a high level of proficiency in this exacting and important area.

Company B assumed operation of the old battalion construction shop and when RLT-3 landed from WestPac and 5th Marine Division deactivated, engineers could be found working 7 days a week on both day and night shifts in an attempt to meet the need for mountout boxes. The challenge was met with true professionalism, as Company B turned out over 1500 boxes of various shapes and sizes for 5th Marine Division and RLT-3 units. The value of these boxes being in excess of $25,000!

Company B also constructed a new proto type shelter for MCALF. It is an SMS-50 shelter, designed to be helicopter transportable and easily constructed by a squad of unskilled personnel with the hands tools included in the self-contained package.

In accordance with the renovation of the Base Correctional Center, the "B" Company heavy equipment section used their equipment to landscape and improved the drainage of the Center grounds.

"B" Company motor transport and heavy equipment teamed up to assist Base Maintenance to do a priority job of building a new snapping-in range in the Edson Range area. 3000 cubic yards of fill were hauled before the winter rains could set in.

The Company continued its supporting role of the Division/ Brigade with personnel, equipment, and technical knowhow, needed in the ever-demanding role of a Force Engineer Company in a CONUS environment.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. 15 October 1969 - commence building mountout boxes for deactivating units of the 5th Marine Division.

2. 15 October 1969 - 30 October 1969 - Inspected equipment off load from RLT-3 at Del Mar Boat Basin.

3. 21 October 1969 - 24 October 1969 - Conducted Civil Disturbance Training.

4. 27 October 1969 - 30 October 1969 - Conducted Mine Warfare and Demolition Training

5. 31 October 1969 - became "B" Company, 11th Engineer Battalion, 5th Marine Division.

6. 6 November 1969 - 15 December 1969 - Built boxes for RLT-3.

7. 27 November 1969 - Became "B" Company, 11th Engineer Battalion 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

8. 3 December 1969 - NTPI inspection at ADM site.

9. 10 December 1969 - 12 December 1969 - Erected SMS-50 Shelter at MCALF.

10. 17 December 1969 - Heavy Equipment work at Base Correction Center.

11. 17 December 1969 - 31 December 1969 - Hauled 3000 cubic yards of fill to Edson Range.

2. 18 December 1969 - Participated in Provisional Service Battalion Parade on 11 Area Parade Field.

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COMPANY A (REIN)
11th Engineer Battalion
Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
Twentynine Palms, California 92278

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31 Dec 1969

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: (1) Commanding General, Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, Twentynine Palms, California 92278
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 November 1969 to 31 December 1969

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: (1) Company A (Rein), 11th Engineer Battalion, Command Chronology.

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

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COMPANY A (REIN)
11th Engineer Battalion
Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
Twentynine Palms, California 92278

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION — COMMANDER

Company A (Rein)
11th Engineer Battalion
Force Troops, FMFPac

Capt. Merrill T. MORTON(26 Nov - 31 Dec 1969)

2. LOCATION

1 November - 31 December 1969
Marine Corps Base,
Twentynine Palms, California. 92278

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	OFFICERS	ENLISTED
November (26-30)	8	238
December	8	287

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 November 1969 administrative and operational control of Company A (Rein), 11th Engineer Battalion, at zero strength was transferred to the Commanding General, Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, Twentynine Palms, California. On 26 November 1969 Company D (Rein), 13th Engineer Battalion, Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, Twentynine Palms, California was reduced to zero strength and deactivated. The former Company D personnel were joined to Company A (Rein), 11th Engineer Battalion, Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, Twentynine Palms, California.

As members of the only engineer unit at Marine Corps Base, Twentynine Palms, California, Marines of Company A (Rein), 11th Engineer Battalion continued to carry on the work they began as members of Company D (Rein), 13th Engineer Battalion. During the period of 26 November to 31 December 1969 they were involved in over 20 construction projects in support of Base, Force Troops and community activities.

Marines of the Company's Equipment Platoon continued construction of the lake at the Base Golf Course and the construction of lakes, flood channels, and roads at the Copper Mountain Community Recreational Area. The Equipment Platoon also continued work on upgrading roads in the lagoon area southwest of Del Valle Road and hauled fill material to the Base Ammunition Storage Area. During this period the Equipment Platoon completed the dike extension on the south end of the Base Airfield, welded a security cage for the Base Explosive Ordnance Disposal Section, and landscaped a tree line at the Base Golf Course.

The Construction Platoons of Company A have been working on many projects at Marine Corps Base, Twentynine Palms during the period. Work was started on placing partitions in Mess Hall #5, construction of sound proof study booths in the Base Library, renovation of existing facilities at the Base Miniature Golf Course, the construction of a concrete pedestrian bridge across the drainage ditch in front of the Base Credit Union, and work also continued on soil cementing of a lake bed at the Base Golf Course. Projects completed during the reporting period were the installation of a security door for 9th Communication Battalion, installation of book shelves for the Base Staff Judge Advocate Section, and construction of a soil cement anti-erosion

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berm around the security fence at the Base Nuclear Ordnance Platoon site. Other projects completed during the period were repairs to the perimeter fence along the south end of Cottontail Road, repairs to the fence surrounding the Greenkeeper's Maintenance Building at the Base Golf Course, repairs to the Base Obstacle Course, and the construction of landing craft and helicopter mock-ups in support of training carried out aboard the base.

Training highlights included the successful completion of the Physical Readiness Test by 88.9% of the Marines of Company A for the 2nd quarter of fiscal year 1970. Company Marines ended the year 1969 with an overall 90.0% M-14 rifle qualification record on the C Course of the Base Rifle Range. In December the company provided instructors for a three day school of Basic Surveying Principles for members of 9th Communications Battalion. Thirty Company A Marines successfully passed the General Education Development Test during the month of December.

Company A was inspected in December during the annual FMFPac inspection of Force Troops units aboard the base.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 Nov - 26 Nov	Company A, 11th Engineer Battalion, at zero strength was attached to Commanding General, Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.
26 Nov	Former Company D (Rein), 13th Engineer Battalion personnel joined to Company A (Rein), 11th Engineer Battalion. Company A received all supplies and equipment from the former Company D.
1 Dec - 5 Dec	Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, material readiness inspection of Company A (Rein), 11th Engineer Battalion.
9 Dec - 11 Dec	Surveying School conducted for 9th Communication Battalion (-).
12 Dec	Commanding General's and general public's inspection of progress at Copper Mountain Recreation Project.
19 Dec	Chief of Staff, Marine Corps Base briefed by Commanding Officer, Company A (Rein), 11th Engineer Battalion.
22 Dec	Commanding General attended promotion ceremony of Company A (Rein), 11th Engineer Battalion.

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