

HEADQUARTERS  
7th Engineer Battalion (-) Rein, FMF  
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

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5750  
5 December 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
Subj: Command Chronology  
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following monthly report is submitted covering the period 1 November to 30 November 1965.

2. Average Monthly Strength.

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Off	35	1
Enl	956	17

3. Personnel.

<u>Gains</u>			<u>Losses</u>		
	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>		<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Off	1	0	Off	1	0
Enl	90	1	Enl	22	0

4. Administration. No administrative problems, Purple Heart received 27 November 1965 for delivery to PFC R. R. THORNTON.

5. Civil Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations. Civil affairs continues on a daily basis in five (5) hamlets in the village of Hoa Khanh. Approximately 500 pounds of clothing has been distributed plus soap, baby food and candy to children. The medical program is well established and villagers from other hamlets are attending the one medical center in use. The civil affairs program and community relations can be considered excellent in all respects.

6. Intelligence Incidents Reported.

012050 Sniper round one, M-51 dump, vicinity 948773  
031918 One round sniper fire (940770)  
032010 One round Sniper fire (945770)  
032200 Flashing lights observed (944778)  
042300 Home made bomb placed Co"D" post #5 (944782)  
061040 Sniper fire, one round (935823)  
091020 Two frag grenades, M-26, found at III MAF trash dump  
091950 Sniper fire at bridge site (998754)

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142240 Two sniper rounds (944774)  
252330 Five to ten rounds incoming fire (945784)  
282340 Company "B" post 4, 3 rounds incoming fire (947777)

7. Training.

- a. Company "D" FAM fired the entire company on TO weapons.
- b. Two ADM teams trained on Okinawa.

8. Special Operations. None.

9. NBC Warfare. None.

10. Command and Control.

- a. LtCol MEEKER left the Battalion on 12 November on emergency leave. Major FIELD, Executive Officer, became acting CO on LtCol MEEKER's departure.
- b. Major FIELD left the Battalion on 16 November on emergency leave. Major LULEY, the Battalion S-4, became acting CO upon Major FIELD's departure.
- c. LtCol MEEKER returned on 26 November and resumed duties as Battalion CO, however Major FIELD had not returned by the end of the reporting period.
- d. Captain HARDACKER relieved Captain THOMPSON as Service Company CO, whereupon Captain THOMPSON became Motor Transport Officer in place of Lieutenant MCCUISTION, who had been previously transferred from the Battalion.
- e. Captain KERR relieved Captain HARDACKER as CO of Company "B".
- f. Lieutenant JONES of Company "D" relieved Captain KERR as Headquarters Company CO.

11. Air Defense. Remains the same.

12. The Battalion construction platoon was employed primarily doing the following type work. Carpenter maintenance work at the CG's quarters and Mess and the ADC's quarters. Millwork for the CG's quarters, III MAF communication center and the Battalion. They precut 133 strongbacks for general purpose tents and distributed 132 of these to companies of the Battalion for use in conjunction with the various cantonment programs. Provided supervisory personnel at FLSG for the renovation of 30 warehouses. Job is presently 9% completed. Maintained the sawmill, did sign painting as required and acted as issue point for construction material for the

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13. Major Construction Projects.

a. Projects completed.

- (1) Precut lumber for 157 strongbacks for issue.
- (2) Headquarters Battalion 500 man mess hall.

b. Projects under construction.

- (1) Ammunition Supply Points # 1 and # 2.
- (2) 1600 man mess at Headquarters Battalion.
- (3) Route 3.
- (4) Water and sewage system for Headquarters cantonment.
- (5) FLSG road net.
- (6) Road maintenance (post rain rehabilitation).
- (7) Headquarters, 9th Marines cantonment.
- (8) 1/3 cantonment.
- (9) 2/9 cantonment.
- (10) 3rd Tanks strongbacks.
- (11) Headquarters, 1st LAAM strongbacks.
- (12) 3/3 cantonment.
- (13) 12th Marines road.
- (14) Upper Da Son road.
- (15) MASS-II road.
- (16) Rehabilitate 33 ARVN type warehouses, FLSG.

14. The Battalion utilities/water supply platoons were employed doing the following: Assisting the 3rd Engineer Battalion with the secondary wiring of the Headquarters Battalion cantonment, (55% completion), completed the wiring of the Headquarters Battalion mess hall (1600 man and 500 man), completed 45% of the secondary wiring of the 3rd Battalion, 3rd

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Marines cantonment. Completed 70% of the Headquarters Battalion cantonment water supply, completed 20% of the well repairs at the 1st MAW, installed deep well pump for USOM, installed temporary pipe system in Battalion area from water tower to showers, mess hall and Battalion aid station, provided 1,377,260 gallons of potable water at three water points and showers for 12,000 men.

15. The Battalion supply section has maintained the Battalion supply dumps which now contain the following: Class I, 560 cases of MCIs; Class III, 81 drums of MoGas, 100 drums of diesel and 20 drums of oils and lubricants; Class V, 8.5 S/T of small arms and .7 S/T of high explosives. They have processed approximately 3300 requisitions of which 2500 were sent to FLSG.

16. The Battalion maintenance section has serviced/repaired 127 pieces of engineer equipment and 77 pieces of motor transport equipment. The machine shop has completed 33 jobs not related to maintenance of equipment and the welding shop has completed 53 such jobs.

17. The Battalion's motor transport equipment has traveled 104,321 miles in support of the Battalion.

18. The Battalion aid station treated 935 military patients and 1,794 civilians.

19. The Battalion mess section is still operating on a 24 hour basis and has fed approximately 60,000 meals during this period.

  
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