

HEADQUARTERS

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

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5750
4 February 1966

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 January 1966 to 31 January 1966.

2. Average Monthly Strength.

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Off	35	1
Enl	994	17

3. Personnel.

<u>Gains</u>		<u>Losses</u>	
	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USMC</u>
Off	0	Off	0
Enl	11	Enl	11
	0		0

4. Administration. No administrative problems.

5. Civil Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations. Civil affairs continues on a daily basis in five hamlets in the village of Hoa-Khanh. 630 pounds of wheat, 1,000 bars of soap and several trailer loads of scrap wood were distributed to local hamlets during this period. Enlisted marines began teaching one hour English classes on a daily basis in three hamlets. Necessary paper work has been started to employ 40 to 60 Vietnamese refugees through AIK funds. 70 to 100 new refugee families have come into the catholic refugee camp of Phuoc Thanh (987787). Overall the civil affairs program is progressing satisfactorily.

6. No changes were effected in staff or command billets in the Battalion.

7. Intelligence Incidents Reported.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Coordinate</u>
140530	One round small arms fire	995746

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141054	M-37 detonated a land mine, 1 WIA, returned to duty	934630
172225	M-60 crane out of action by electrically detonated mine, 2 KIA	943677
201950	Received 20 incoming rounds, 20 to 40 feet over bunker, apparently result of celebration of Vietnamese New Year, Tet	946684

8. Logistics.

a. During the period covered, the logistics section submitted eight reports, three of which were special reports requested by priority message, verbal, or bulletin. Forty-six separate pieces of correspondence were originated by the office excluding the above reports. Of particular interest were:

(1) The establishment of a four to six month stock level of repair parts for twelve certain selected low density items of engineer equipment.

(2) Correspondence to the Commanding Officer, FLSG, the subject of which was "Information Included on Passed Requisitions." This was generated by a report of the trip made by Major LULEY to the 3d Force Service Regiment, purpose of which was an attempt to either procure repair parts or ascertain what was impeding our receipt of the parts.

(3) A request to the Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division, to exceed the Battalion's authorized echelon of maintenance on motor transport equipment, which has been disapproved.

(4) A request for authority to requisition an additional 50 TPH rock crusher.

(5) A request for authority to requisition the 600 GPH water purification unit.

b. A total of 1,907.5 man hours were required of the section for a $6\frac{1}{2}$ day work week, averaging 12.2 hours per day per man.

c. A total of 2,512 requisitions were submitted to FLSG during this period for repair parts, end items, and other supplies. In addition to those, 1,200 requisitions were filled by Battalion Supply. Eleven reports of a routine or special nature were submitted. The supply section expended a total of 6,750 man hours.

d. Messing.

(1) The Battalion Mess Staff served a total of 76,880 meals for the month, consisting of "A" and "B" rations for three meals a day, and

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midnight lunch for night crews.

(2) The Staff and Officers' Mess was opened as the mess hall's major construction was completed. Minor construction and improvements are still under way.

e. Medical.

(1) A total of 1,437 military patients were treated by the Battalion Aid Station.

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f. Motor Transport. There was a total of 91,731 miles logged on motor transport equipment, in spite of the fact that the M-51 dump trucks ~~maintained~~ remained in excess of 50% deadline during the month.

g. Maintenance. The Battalion's Maintenance Section repaired 125 items of engineer equipment and 193 items of motor transport equipment. Only two items of engineer equipment and 9 of motor transport were evacuated to higher echelon of which 20 motor transport and two of engineer equipment still remain at FLSG, (16 motor transport items remain from previous months).

h. Utilities. A total of 386,580 gallons of water were processed from the Battalion's well.

9. Training. The only training done by this Battalion during the reporting period was on the job training.

10. NBC Warfare. None.

11. Command and Control. No changes.

12. Air Defense. No changes.

13. Special Operations.

a. On 22 January 1966, 2nd platoon of Company "A" departed their area with the necessary tools and equipment to aid in the construction of bunkers in a U. S. Army Special Forces Camp.

b. On 9 January 1966, 1st Lt DEHOLL and his platoon departed the area with 90' of M4T6 bridging, to participate in Operation Mallard. On 10 January 1966 1st Lt MCDERMOTT and 16 bridgemen followed with 630'

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