

HEADQUARTERS

7th Engineer Battalion (-) Rein, FMF
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (SCI-3)

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 1966.

2. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Off	52	2
Enl	1265	23

3. Personnel

	<u>Gains</u>		<u>Losses</u>	
	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Off	5	1	2	1
Enl	158	12	72	7

4. Administrative. None.

5. Civil Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations

a. The civil affairs program continues on a daily basis.

b. Activities were as follows:

(1) MEDCAP program provided medical treatment to 427 persons.

(2) The Battalion sponsored, Vietnamese brickyard produced 5,214 soil bricks. A new brick factory with a tin roof and sheltered storage areas was constructed in the CP area.

(3) A six (6) room elementary school is under construction in Hoa Khanh Village (AT 9578) as a joint effort. Materials are provided thru USAID. Labor is furnished by local Vietnamese while tools, equipment and technical assistance is provided by this Battalion. The project is approximately 95% completed.

6. Staff and Command Billets. S-3/S-2: Maj. L. E. RAMSEY, vice Capt. L. T. INGELS. Commanding Officer, Company "A": Capt. N. PACULA Jr., vice 1/Lt. W. T. TIEGEN. Commanding Officer, 3rd Bridge Company: Capt. L. M. WALTERS Jr., vice Capt. N. PACULA Jr.

7. Intelligence Incidents Report:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
041100H	A-9 Sweep team received about 15 rounds SA fire. 1 WIA. Returned fire. Apprehended 3 VCS.	BT 065685
041200H	A-9 Sweep team receive SA fire from unknown position. Security force returned fire. 1 VC KIA (Probable)	-40-
061630H	A-9 Sweep team received SA fire. Returned fire, enemy broke contact.	BT 052672
061815H	A booby trap was found in the area of bunker # 18. It had a trip wire attached to a grenade placed in a can, pin pulled.	AT 948778
071815H	Informer stated that about 100 VC would be active in the FLSG area.	GS AT 9380
081230H	A-7 received sniper fire. Squad from 2/3 deployed and searched area (1 VC KIA).	AT 924607
090900H	A "B" Co. M-51 detonated a mine believed to be a Chi-Com light anti-tank mine. Truck receive major repairable damage. No personnel casualties.	AT 845150 (XPT)
160930	Three men from A-9 drowned attempting to save a fourth man. The man was saved. All three bodies were recovered.	AT 924605
161100H	A 6x6 from 11th Marines detonated a mine believed to be 15 lbs. The vehicle received major repairable damage. The driver received small cut on hand.	AT 947826
21150H	Found and destroyed a mine made of 40-50 lbs of TNT.	AT 940580

241800H	7th Engr listening post received auto SA fire. They returned SA fire. 1 VC WIA (Probable). One Marine on post snake bitten and was MEDEVACED. Reaction forces from 7th Engr relieved post. Called in air support and illumination.	AT 936766
242100H	Hq. Heavy Equipment received one round SA fire, and reported seeing 4 people running from area. Returned SA fire. Reaction force dispatched. Called illumination from MCB-58. Searched area. Negative results.	AT 948722
292230H	OP #3 received 12-13 rounds SA fire from about 200 meters in front of position. Returned fire, sniper tripped a flare.	AT 946775
300345H	OP #3 received SA fire. Returned fire. Area illuminated. Negative results.	AT 945775

8. Logistics

a. Correspondance originated by the Battalion S-4 of special interest was:

(1) On 2 November, this office submitted a report of discrepancies and corrective action taken on Commanding General's Inspection.

(2) On 4 November a letter was sent to 3d Marine Division Supply Officer on action taken by this Command to insure recovery of government property from Marines leaving RVN.

(3) On 14 November, 3d Bridge Company, FMF, was directed to turn over medical supplies, 3d and 4th echelon repair parts, and communication equipment to appropriate sections of the Battalion.

(4) On 14 November a request for AIK funds for rock was submitted to III MAF Comptroller. If granted, the rock is to be stockpiled at Headquarters Battalion Rock Quarry.

(5) On 17 November this office submitted a report of this Battalion's Cantonment status to 1st MarDiv Engineer Office.

(6) On 18 November a report of T/E shortages of engineer equipment was submitted to CG, 3d Marine Division.

(7) On 26 November a message was sent to Commanding Officer, "C" Company, 7th Engineer Battalion requesting him to commence sending deadline equipment to this CP.

b. Embarkation

(1) During the reporting period the following were manifested for surface shipping:

<u>TYPE CARGO</u>	<u>SHIPPED TO</u>
One MRC-83	Dong Ha
One Tramway Set	Dong Ha
One Bunker for Div Engrs	Dong Ha
Two Bunkers for 1/3	Khe Sanh
One Bridge Trailer	Chu Lai
One Truck M-54	Chu Lai
One Truck M-37	Chu Lai
One MRC-83	Chu Lai

(2) On 27 November the 3d platoon, 1st Bridge Company was deployed to Chu Lai.

(3) On 11 November the 1st platoon, 3d Bridge Company was deployed to Dong Ha.

(4) On 11 November the 2nd platoon, 3d Bridge Company was deployed to Phu Bai.

c. Supply

(1) 7th Engineer Battalion, FMF (RUC 21300). The Battalion Supply Platoon received the Quarterly Reconciliation Listing from Fleet Stock Accounts. They processed 1168 priority 12 and 17 requisitions, 103 priority 02 and 05 requisitions, had 2238 receipts for due, 1543 issues from due, and 909 issues from the warehouse.

(2) 1st Bridge Company, FMF (RUC 21325). The Company Supply Section received the Quarterly Reconciliation Listing from Fleet Stock Account and Third Force Service Regiment. They also processed 187 priority 12 and 17 requisitions, 76 priority 02 and 05 requisitions, had 350 issues from due, and 15 warehouse issues.

(3) 3d Bridge Company, FMF (RUC 21335). The Company Supply Section put major emphasis on relocation, sorting, and uncrating supplies. GP tents are presently being utilized for warehousing, but a request has been submitted to III MAF for a Butler Building. They also processed 253 documents submitted, and 91 are complete, 12 were cancelled and 150 outstanding.

d. Messing. The Battalion Mess Staff continued the normal mess operation of providing four meals daily except Sunday, the fourth meal being a midnight ration for night crews. On Sunday, a brunch replaces breakfast and dinner.

e. Medical

(1) The Battalion Aid Station treated 694 military patients and 427 Vietnamese Nationals.

(2) The area Dental Facility treated 237 military patients and 18 Vietnamese Nationals.

f. Motor Transport. Approximately 124,000 miles were logged on the Battalion's Motor Transport vehicles during the reporting period in support of operations. A new bulk fuel point was opened in the Battalion area utilizing three 10,000 gallon rubber tanks for MOGAS and diesel fuel.

g. Maintenance. The Battalion Maintenance Platoon completed 105 motor transport work orders during the reporting period. A total of 113 work orders were submitted and 22 sent to FLSG-A. Total work orders for engineer equipment numbered 116, with 105 completed and 26 sent to FLSG-A.

9. Training

a. Command Indoctrination and information continues for newly arrived personnel and debriefing for those departing.

b. Twenty-four personnel attended the 3d Engineer Battalion Land Mine Warfare School.

c. Two personnel attended the MUMMS School.

d. Six personnel attended formal training on embarkation.

e. One marine attended formal training on crypto comm security.

f. Two personnel attended the 3d FSR Atomic Demolitions Munitions School, both were initial training.

10. NBC Warfare. A new Battalion Standing Operating Procedures order for NBC was written and submitted for publication.

11. Command Control. None.

12. Air Defense. A electric siren was pole mounted and tested. This siren is tested each day at 1130 and 1730 hours.

13. Special Operations. Elements of 1st Bridge Company and Company "C" supported Roughrider convoys.

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