

HEADQUARTERS
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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Attn: G-3)
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 Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following monthly report is submitted covering period 1 December to 31 December 1966.

2. Average Monthly Strength

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| | <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> |
| Off | 48 | | 2 |
| Enl | 1286 | | 22 |

3. Personnel

| | | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| | | <u>Gains</u> | | | <u>Losses</u> | |
| | <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> |
| Off | 2 | | 0 | 5 | | 0 |
| Enl | 121 | | 0 | 100 | | 1 |

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 treatment to 347 persons.

(2) The Battalion sponsored, Vietnamese brickyard produced 9622 soil bricks.

(3) A six (6) room elementary school was completed in Hoa Khanh Village (AT 9578) on 31 December. Materials were provided through USAID. Labor was furnished by local Vietnamese while tools, equipment, and technical assistance was provided by this Battalion.

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(4) An Industrial Relations Office building was completed and dedicated on 28 December.

(5) On 25 December a Christmas party was held for children from the local area. Gifts of a toy and cookies were distributed from civil affairs stock to about eight hundred children.

6. Staff and Command Billets. 3-4: Maj. W. S. SHEA, vice 2nd Lt. G. K. LULFS. Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company: Capt. J. R. PHANEUF, vice Capt. R. A. PATTERSON.

7. Intelligence Incidents Report

| <u>TIME</u> | <u>INCIDENT</u> | <u>COORDINATES</u> |
|-------------|---|--------------------|
| 011850 | Provisional rifle platoon was called out by 11th Marines for drill. | |
| 021830 | OP #4 received about 10-12 rounds SA fire. Returned fire negative results | AT 943777 |
| 031145 | A "D" Company truck hit a mine on route #5. Six men from "D" Company received burns. Two men evacuated to the Repose. Truck received major damage and can not be repaired. Six USMC WIA'S. | AT 943667 |
| 060830 | Bridge blown at AT 945694. One Vietnamese civilian killed by sniper fire. | AT 945694 |
| 102030 | Bunkers #18, #19, and #20, and OP's #1 and #2 received several rounds of SA fire from different points around the perimeter. Bunker #18 received 1 hand grenade. Bunkers returned fire with negative results. | AT 948778 |
| 112000 | Bunkers #17 and #18 received SA fire. Bunker #20 received automatic weapons fire and returned the same. Negative results. | AT 948778 |
| 13XXXX | TD-18 tractor threw track on road to Ai Hoa and was left behind by convoy. VC explosives damaged instrument panel and control levers during night. Tractor recovered; damage superficial and repairable. | AT 910488 |
| 131015 | An "A" Company, 7th EngrBn M-51 Dump Truck was heavily damaged by a VC mine of undetermined size on Route 5. No casualties. Vehicle is unrepairable. | AT 943670 |

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| 132015 | Bunkers #17 and #18 received SA fire. They returned fire with negative results. | AT 948778 |
| 151800 | An "A" Company, 7th EngrBn M-51 Dump Truck was moderately damaged by an electrically detonated mine on Route 5. Two USMC WIA's, no MEDEVAC's. Vehicle repairable. | AT 943665 |
| 152100 | Bunker #19 received SA fire around 8-10 rounds. Returned fire with negative results. | AT 948778 |
| 171945 | Bunker #17 received 12-14 rounds SA fire. Returned fire with negative results. | AT 948778 |
| 181130 | An "A" Company, 9th EngrBn MS 100 8 yd pan was heavily damaged by an estimated 30 lb VC mine on Route 14. Two USMC WIA's, no MEDEVAC's. Vehicle is unrepairable. | AT 965584 |

210300 Bunker #1 received SA fire and heard noises from village in front of the Bn CP. Bunker #1 returned automatic weapons fire, with negative results. AT 943788

292130 Bunkers #18, #19, and #20 received SA fire around 10-15 rounds. Returned fire with negative results. Hq Co reactionary force swept the area and received fire from their rear. AT 948778

300030 Bunkers #1 - #4 observed movement and received SA fire. Returned fire with negative results. AT 943788

311400 Provisional rifle platoon was called out by the 11th Marines for a drill.

8. Logistics

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

(1) On 8 December a letter was sent to Commanding General, 1st Mar Div (Rein), FMF, requesting a special allowance for shotguns.

(2) On 12 December a letter was sent to the Commandant of the Marine Corps requesting retention of M-51 Dump Trucks after receipt of M51A1 Trucks, in order to increase this Battalion's road building capability.

(3) On 27 December a letter was forwarded to Commanding General, 1st Mar Div (Rein), FMF, requesting authorization to convert existing strongbacks to tin-roofed tropical huts at the Company "A", 7th Engineer Battalion Camp site. Work will be accomplished by 30th NCR upon receipt of approval.

b. Embarkation

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

| <u>TYPE CARGO</u> | <u>SHIPPED TO</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Nine Bridge Trailers | Dong Ha |
| One Cargo Truck M-54 | Dong Ha |
| Nine Bridge Trailers | Phu Bai |

(2) On 24-25 December one M4T6 Bridge was deployed; one half to Phu Bai and one half to Dong Ha.

(3) On 20-22 December Company "B", 7th Engineer Battalion arrived in the Battalion area from Phu Bai.

(4) On 26 December Company "D", 7th Engineer Battalion deployed to the vicinity of Hill 37 (AT 9158).

(5) On 19 December the first three lowbed loads of coal arrived in the Battalion area from An Hoa. The coal was subsequently delivered to the receiving warehouse in Da Nang on 28 December.

(6) On 22 December the first shipment of rock from civilian contractor was delivered. A total of 21,000 cubic meters is scheduled for delivery.

c. Supply

(1) 7th Engineer Battalion, FMF (RUC 21300). The Battalion Supply Platoon processed 72 priority 02 and 05 requisitions and 1521 priority 12 and 17 reqsitions. Also processed were 1389 receipts from due, 1065 issues from due and 548 issues from warehouse.

(2) 1st Bridge Company, FMF (RUC 21325). The Company Supply Section processed 2100 requisitions. Also processed were 378 receipts from due, 540 issues from due and 350 issues from warehouse.

(3) 3d Bridge Company, FMF (RUC 21335). The Company Supply Section processed 224 requisitions. Also processed were 5 receipts from due, 5 issues from due and 26 issues from warehouse.

d. Messing. The Battalion Mess Staff continued the normal mess operation of providing four (4) 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 886 military and 347 Vietnamese National patients.

(2) The area Dental Facility treated 311 and checked 711 patients.

f. Motor Transport. Approximately 121,170 miles were logged on the Battalion's Motor Transport vehicles during the reporting period in support of operations.

g. Maintenance. The Battalion Maintenance Platoon completed 97 motor transport work orders during the reporting period. A total of 115 work orders were submitted, 29 were sent to FLSC-A. Total work orders for engineer equipment numbered 110 with 95 completed and 8 were sent to FLSC-A.

9. Training

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

b. Six personnel attended the 3d FSR AIM School; two were initial training and four refreshed training.

10. NBC Warfare. None.

11. Command Control. None.

12. Air Defense. None.

13. Special Operations

a. On 12 December the Company "C" (-) returned from a three month deployment at Dong Ha in support of the 4th Marines/Task Force Delta/3d Mar Div (Forward). Assigned missions involved backup support for Division Engineers, pioneering of three miles of all weather road to the artillery group position west of Cam Lo, construction of four class 60 timber trestle bridges, upgrading of existing roads, and cantonment construction.

b. On 13-21 December the Battalion Motor Transport supported the deployment of 3/9 from An Hoa and 2/5 to An Hoa with transport of cargo and fuel by convoy using lowbed trailers pulled by TD-18 tractors. A total of three round trips were convoyed.

c. On 22 December Company "B" returned to Da Nang after a six month deployment at Phu Bai in support of the 3d Mar Div (Rein), FMF. Assigned missions included backup support of Division Engineers, daily mine sweeping operations, development of an ASP, and cantonment construction.

d. On 26 December Company "D" deployed to Hill 37 (AT 9158) near Dai Loc to improve and maintain Lines of Communication and to provide mine sweep teams in this area.


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