

HEADQUARTERS
9th Engineer Battalion FMF
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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6 November 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General (Attn: Field Historian), III Marine Amphibious
Force, FMF, FPO San Francisco, California 96602

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FOR/SA I CorpsO 3121.1C

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.


R. W. CRISPEN

7th Engineer

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY1. Organizational Data

- a. 9th Engineer Battalion, FMF
 b. Period covered 1-31 October 1966

<u>Organization/Unit</u>	<u>C.O.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Average Monthly Strength</u>	
			USMC	USN
9th Engineer Battalion	LtCol R. W. CRISPEN	Chu Lai RVN	40/862	2/13
Headquarters Company	Capt D. L. WASHBURN	Chu Lai RVN	16/168	2/13
Service Company	Maj W. R. FLOYD	Chu Lai RVN	6/228	
Company A	Capt G. W. MIMS	Da Nang RVN	4/119	
Company B	Capt T. J. DALZELL	Chu Lai RVN	4/118	
Company C	Maj P. J. SHANK	Chu Lai RVN	5/118	
Company D	Capt C. WILLIAMS	Chu Lai RVN	5/111	

d. Battalion Staff

Executive Officer
 S-1/Adjutant
 Personnel Officer
 S-2/S-3

Maj H. I. FREY
 2ndLt J. F. DARRACOTT
 2ndLt J. F. DARRACOTT
 Maj J. G. FLOYD to 14
 Oct. Maj F. E. PAIGE
 from 14 Oct to present
 Maj L. W. BRIDGES
 SgtMaj J. B. CRANSTON

S-4
 SgtMaj

e. Special Staff

Motor Transport Officer
 Engineer Equipment Officer
 Construction Officer
 ADM Officer
 Communications Officer
 Maintenance Officer
 Utilities Officer
 Medical Officer
 Ordnance Officer
 Supply Officer
 Legal Officer
 Embarkation Officer
 NBC Officer

Capt J. REDGATE
 Capt W. HOCART Jr.
 Capt H. E. ZEALLEY
 Capt T. L. KOSCIW
 Capt D. S. LLOYD
 CWO-3 S. J. JOHNSON
 2ndLt. R. C. WRIGHT
 Lt. R. A. SCHAEFFER (USNR)
 2ndLt C. W. TOFFT
 W.O. R. E. COMAROW
 Capt D. L. WASHBURN
 1stLt. M. E. LUNDY
 Maj L. W. BRIDGES to 29
 Oct Capt R. A. BLUMENKRANTZ
 from 29 Oct to present
 Lt M. B. BURCH (USN)

Chaplain

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2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

During October Company "A" continued under Opcon of 7th Engineer Battalion. The remainder of the Battalion continued exerting most of its effort in support of the units of the 1st Marine Division. Principal Projects were:

- a. Improvement and maintenance of Route # 1 road and bridges
- b. 1st Marine Division Cantonment Assistance
- c. Operation of three ferries
- d. Operation of six water points
- e. Improvement of the 2nd LAAM Battalion's launcher sites and access road.
- f. Assistance to FLSG-Bravo to operate Material Storage Yard
- g. Work on the Battalion cantonment
- h. Operation of the Rock Crusher
- i. Provided engineer assistance in the construction of the Republic of the Korean Marines CP
- j. Construction of five observation towers for Chu Lai Defense Command
- k. Maintenance of FLSG-B ASP
- l. Maintenance of FLSG-B CP Area
- m. Construct positions for 175mm Gun Battery

3. Detailed Description of Significant Events

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| 4 Oct 1966 | Maj. Gen. NICKERSON (CG 1st MarDiv) visited camp. |
| 8 Oct 1966 | Service Company M38A1 ambushed at BS 645923 (1) one KIA, (1) one WIA, (1) one M38A1 destroyed |
| 15 Oct 1966 | Transferred five (5) Lieutenants to 5th Marine Regiment |
| 17 Oct 1966 | Joined Capt R. A. BLUMENKRANTZ |
| 22 Oct 1966 | Company "D" and elements of Bridge Platoon erected M4T6 bridge at BT 359190. Company "C" and elements of Bridge Platoon erected M4T6 bridge at BS 603916 |
| 30 Oct 1966 | Pfc L. NORRIS, "B" Co. drown while swimming at Amtrac beach |

4. Personnel

- a. Five men left Vietnam on emergency leave
- b. Joined 6 Marines and transferred 6 Marines during month of October
- c. Promotions
 - 2 to Major
 - 2 to Captain
 - 12 to SSgt
 - 1 to HM3

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REFERENCE LIST

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|---|-------------------|
| 1. S-1 Section Journal | 1-31 October 1966 |
| 2. S-2/3 Section Journal | 1-31 October 1966 |
| 3. S-4 Section Journal | 1-31 October 1966 |
| 4. Daily Personnel Reports | 1-31 October 1966 |
| 5. III MAF Work Orders | |
| 8000 - 9th Engineer Battalion Cantonment | |
| 8001 - Rock Crusher | |
| 8002 - Route # 1 | |
| 8006 - Cantonment Assistance | |
| 8007 - "C" Btry, LAAM Site | |
| 8010 - FRC-55 Storage Site | |
| 8012 - Engineer Assistance to ROK Marines | |
| 8018 - Maintenance of FLSG-B ASP | |
| 8019 - Construct 5 Observation Towers | |
| 8023 - Maintenance of FLSG-B CP Area | |
| 8024 - Construct 175mm Gun emplacement | |
| 6. Maps Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheets | 6657I |
| | 6658II |
| | 6739I |
| | 6739II |
| | 6739IV |
| | 6757IV |

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