

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

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8 December 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, III MAF, FPO San Francisco, California 96602  
(Attn: Field Historian)

Subj: Command Chronology

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

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

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

  
R. W. CRISPIN

9th Engineer Bn

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY1. Organizational Data

- a. 9th Engineer Battalion, FMF  
b. Period covered 1-30 November 1966

c. <u>Organization/Unit</u>	<u>C.O.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Average Monthly Strength</u>	
			<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
9th Engineer Battalion	LtCol. R. W. CRISPEN	Chu Lai RVN	39/845	2/18
Headquarters Company	Capt. D. L. WASHBURN	Chu Lai RVN	17/178	2/18
Service Company	Maj. W. R. FLOYD to 20 Nov 66; Maj. E. W. LIFSET from 20 Nov 66 to present	Chu Lai RVN	6/215	
Company A	Capt G. W. MIMS	Da Nang RVN	4/111	
Company B	Capt T. J. DALZELL	Chu Lai RVN	4/115	
Company C	Maj. P. J. SHANK to 16 Nov 66 Capt P. D. TREDE from 16 Nov 66 to present	Chu Lai RVN	4/115	
Company D	Capt C. WILLIAMS to 5 Nov 66 Capt H. E. ZEALLEY from 5 Nov 66	Chu Lai RVN	4/111	

d. Battalion Staff

Executive Officer	Maj H. I. FREY to 20 Nov 66 Maj W. R. FLOYD from 20 Nov 66
S-1/Adjutant	2ndLt J. F. DARRACOTT to 24 Nov 66 CWO-4 F. L. HOLL from 24 Nov 66
Personnel Officer	2ndLt J. F. DARRACOTT
S-2/S-3	Maj F. E. PAIGE
S-4	Maj L. W. BRIDGES
SgtMaj	SgtMaj J. B. CRANSTON

e. Special Staff

Motor Transport Officer	Capt J. REDGATE
Engineer Equipment Officer	Capt W. HOCART Jr.
Construction Officer	Capt H. E. ZEALLEY to 5 Nov 66 2dLt J. T. O'KELLEY from 5 Nov 66
ADM Officer	Capt T. L. KOSCIW
Communications Officer	Capt D. S. LLOYD
Maintenance Officer	CWO-3 S. J. JOHNSON

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Utilities Officer	2dLt R. C. WRIGHT
Medical Officer	Lt R. A. SCHAEFFER (USNR)
Ordnance Officer	2dLt C. N. TOFFT
Supply Officer	W.O. R. E. CONAROW
Legal Officer	Capt D. L. WASHBURN
Embarkation Officer	1stLt M. E. LUNDY
NBC Officer	Capt R. A. BLUMENKRANTZ
Chaplain	Lt M. B. BURCH (USN)

## 2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

During November 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
- n. Road reconnaissance from Tam Ky to Quang Ngai

## 3. Detailed Description of Significant Events

1 Nov 66	1st Anniversary of 9th Engineer Bn. observed. BrigGen STILES, CG, Task Force X-Ray in attendance.
4 Nov 66	Dedication of DICKEY CHAPELLE Memorial.
7 Nov 66	Major E. W. LIFSET reported aboard for duty.
10 Nov 66	L/Cpl T. J. BROOKS killed in industrial accident.
10 Nov 66	LtGen WALT visited the 9th Engineer Bn.
12 Nov 66	Lt J. HOLLEY reported aboard for duty.
20 Nov 66	Maj H. I. FREY transferred to Task Force X-Ray.
22 Nov 66	CWO-4 F. L. HOLL reported aboard for duty.
22 Nov 66	BrigGen VAN STOCKUM, CG FMFPAC(forward), visited 9th Engineers.
22 Nov 66	Martha RAYE, USO Show performed at 9th Engineer Bn. camp.

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4. Personnel

- a. Eight men left Vietnam on emergency leave
- b. Joined 20 Marines and transferred 16 Marines during the month of November
- c. Promoted 1 officer to Captain

REFERENCE LIST

1. S-1 Section Journal 1-30 November 1966
2. S-2/3 Section Journal 1-30 November 1966
3. S-4 Section Journal 1-30 November 1966
4. Daily Personnel Reports 1-30 November 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 FLSC-B ASP  
8019 - Construct 5 Observation Towers  
8023 - Maintenance of FLSC-B CP Area  
8024 - Construct 175mm Gun emplacement  
8025 - Road reconnaissance from Quang Ngai to Tam Ky

6. Maps Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheets. 6657I  
6658II  
6739I  
6739II  
6739IV  
6757IV

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