

HEADQUARTERS
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Subj. Command Chronology for period 1 to 31 December 1966.

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: (1) 9th Engineer Battalion Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c),
enclosure (1) is submitted.


R. W. CRISPEN

9th Engr Bn

Dec 1966

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<u>1. DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>
9th Engineer Battalion	LtCol R. W. CRISPEN
Headquarters Company	Capt D. L. WASHBURN to (12 Dec 66) Capt P. D. TREDE from (12 Dec 66)
Service Company	Maj E. W. LIFSET
Company A	Capt G. W. MILLS
Company B	Capt T. J. DALZELL to (12 Dec 66) Capt D. L. WASHBURN from (12 Dec 66)
Company C	Capt P. D. TREDE to (12 Dec 66) Capt T. L. KOSCIW from (12 Dec 66)
Company D	Capt H. E. LEALLEY
 <u>2. LOCATION</u>	
9th Engineer Battalion (-)	Chu Lai, RVN 1-31 Dec 66
Company "A"	Da Nang, RVN 1-31 Dec 66
 <u>3. STAFF OFFICERS</u>	
Executive Officer	Maj W. R. FLOYD
S-1 Adjutant	CWO-4 F. L. HOLL
Personnel Officer	2dLt J. F. DARRACOTT
S-2/3	Maj F. E. PAIGE
S-4	Maj L. W. BRIDGES
SgtMaj	SgtMaj J. B. CRANSTON
Motor Transport Officer	Capt J. REDGATE
Engineer Equipment Officer	Capt W. HOCART
Construction Officer	2dLt J. T. O'KELLEY to (15 Dec 66) 2dLt F. R. PRICE from (15 Dec 66)
Communications Officer	Capt D. S. LLOYD to (13 Dec 66) 1stLt G. BUCCI from (20 Dec 66)
ADM Officer	Capt T. L. KOSCIW to (2 Dec 66) 1stLt J. R. HOLLEY from (2 Dec 66)
Maintenance Officer	CWO-3 S. J. JOHNSON
Utilities Officer	2dLt R. C. WRIGHT
Medical Officer	Lt R. A. SCHAEFFER (USNR) to (20 Dec 66) Lt G. H. SALTZBERG (USNR) from (20 Dec 66)
Ordnance Officer	2dLt C. N. TOFFT
Supply Officer	WO CONAROW

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3. STAFF OFFICERS (cont'd)

Legal Officer	Capt D. L. WASHBURN to (12 Dec 66) CWO-4 F. L. HOLL from (12 Dec 66)
Embarkation Officer	1stLt M. E. LUNDY
NBC/CIVIL AFFAIRS Officer	Capt R. A. BLUMENKRANTZ
Chaplain	Lt. M. B. BURCH (USN) to (28 Dec 66) LtCmdr WHITE (USN) from (29 Dec 66)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>AVG</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
38	882	2	16

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of December, Company "A" remained at Da Nang under OPCON of the 7th Engineer Battalion. The Battalion (-) and a platoon from the 1st Bridge Company which is in direct support of Task Force X-Ray and billeted with this Battalion remained at Chu Lai. The latter Companies continued to maintain 20 km of Route # 1, 2.5 km of Route # 22, the interior road net of FISS-B, and the CLDC ASP site. This expended 670.5 man days and 3000 equipment hours, using 600 cu yds of sand, 186 cu yds of 3/4" gravel, 200 cu yds of fill dirt, 2235 cu yds of road rock and 120' of 24" culvert. The quarry operation produced 3220 cu yds of road rock and 1425 cu yds of 3/4" gravel expending 300 equipment hours on the two rock crushers. Work was hampered by continuous heavy rains which increased the road maintenance. A continuous road and bridge reconnaissance of Route # 1 was carried on for the Task Force X-Ray Engineer within the TAOR. On 5 December 1966 a Road and Bridge Reconnaissance was submitted to III MAF Engineer and the Task Force X-Ray Engineer covering Route # 1 from BT 378175 to BS 647723. A total of 1500 man hours and 825 equipment hours was expended in completing this project. During the first week of the month the bridge platoon constructed a 5 float reinforced raft ferry at BT 379174. On 5 December the VC blew a 30' bridge at BT 568979 which was replaced with a 30' deck balk fixed span bridge. The Battalion continued to support the ROK Marines by maintaining 20 km of roads and operating a water point. The forms were set for the floor of the Dickey CHAPELLE Memorial Dispensary. Several dump loads of scrap lumber was distributed to the people of Tich Tay Hamlet thru the Civic Action Program. On 22 December a Christmas Party was held for the same Hamlet. Thirteen hundred pounds of clothing, medical supplies, food, candy, and toys, donated by the people of Waukegan, Illinois was distributed. On 28 December one platoon from Company "D" supported the CLDC in a small search operation with mine sweep teams and security forces. During the month the Battalion supplied CLDC with 2 mine sweep teams on 3 separate occasions and supplied 1 Staff NCO and 9 enlisted to the

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Provisional Company in the CLDC. The 6 water points operated by the Battalion Utilities platoon processed 1,851,755 gal. of water. During the month 4 men left the Battalion on emergency leave. The Battalion joined 2 Officers and 95 enlisted and transferred 3 Officers and 25 enlisted.

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL

1 Dec 1966	41 men promoted to L/Cpl 17 men promoted to Cpl
11 Dec 1966	Lt QUINN reported aboard for duty
13 Dec 1966	Capt DALBRIK reassigned to HqBn, 1st MarDiv Capt LLOYD rotated to CONUS
20 Dec 1966	Lt BUCCI reported aboard for duty
28 Dec 1966	Chaplain BURCH reassigned to Okinawa
29 Dec 1966	Chaplain WHITE reported aboard for duty
30 Dec 1966	3 men promoted to Cpl, (2 meritorious & 1 for reenlistment) 1 man promoted to L/Cpl (meritorious)

2. CIVIC ACTION

16 Dec 1966	Distributed scrap lumber to Tich Tay
20 Dec 1966	Distributed scrap lumber to Tich Tay
22 Dec 1966	Christmas party for Tich Tay Hamlet

3. COMBAT ENGINEER SUPPORT

5 Dec 1966	Installed ferry at BT 379175 Installed 10' bridge at BS 568979 Road and Bridge Record assistance submitted to LIX M&E and Division Engineer
8,16,17 Dec 1966	Provided 2 mine sweep teams to CLDC
28 Dec 1966	One platoon, Company "D" on search operation with CLDC

4. TRAINING

10 Dec 1966	Two Marines to Vietnamese Language School at Da Nang
14 Dec 1966	20 men to Basic Demolition School at the 1st Engineer Battalion
15,16 Dec 1966	FAM fired Battalion with the M-60 machine gun, M-14, and Cal .45 pistol
19 Dec 1966	20 men to Landmine Warfare School at the 1st Engineer Battalion
23 Dec 1966	Special safety class for the Radial Overarm Saw by Lt TOFFT

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5. PATROLS

8 Dec 1966

Squad size Reconnaissance Patrol from
080615H to 080930H. No significant sightings.

19 Dec 1966

Squad size Reconnaissance Patrol from
192100H to 200200H. No significant sightings.

REFERENCES

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