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FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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Encl: (1) 9th Engineer Battalion Command Chronology

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

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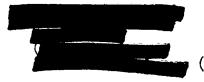


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I. ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNAT	ION

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9th Engineer Battalion

LtCol G. A. BABE

Headquarters Company

Capt. G. A. BUCCI

Service Company

Maj. E. W. LIFSET

Company "A"

1stLt W. L. PLATZ from 1 June 1967 to

19 June 1967

Capt. R. A. TIEBOUT from 20 June 1967

Company "B"

1stLt P. B. ALLEN

Company "C"

Capt. T. R. HOLLEY

Company "D"

Capt. B. K. WIEDERHOLD

3rd Platoon, 1st Bridge Company

1stLt R. D. MOLSTAD

2. LOCATION

9th Engineer Battalion (-) Rein

Chu Lai, RVN

.1 - 30 June 1967

Company "A"

Da Nang, RVN

1 - 30 June 1967

Company "B" (-)

Phu Bai, RVN

1 - 23 June 1967

Chu Lai, RVN

24 - 30 June 1967

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer S-1, Adjutant Personnel Officer **S**-2/3 **S**-4 SgtMaj Motor Transport Officer Engineer Equipment Officer Construction Officer

Vacant

2ndLt J. R. HUDSON

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Maj. F. E. PAIGE

Capt. R. A. BLUNENKRANTZ

SgtMaj E. C. YARGER

1stLt P. MCCAMN

2ndLt R. E. D. ROOS

2ndLt F. R. PRICE to 5 June 1967



Communications Officer
ADM Officer
Maintenance Officer
Utilities Officer

Medical Officer Ordnance Officer

Supply Officer

Legal Officer Embarkation Officer

NBC/Civil Affairs Officer Chaplain Capt. G. A. BUCCI Capt. J. R. HOLLEY

2ndLt J. W. IVEY

2ndLt R. BAHETT to 18 June 1967

Capt. T. K. MCKEOWN from 19 June 1967

Lt G. H. SALTZBERG MC USNR

1stLt C. N. TOFFT to 8 June 1967

CWO-4 C. I. HERRIOTTS from 24 June 1967

WO CONAROW to 17 June 1967

2ndLt D. J. LUCAS from 18 June 1967

Capt. T. K. MCKEOWN from 19 June 1967

Capt. M. E. LUNDY to 17 June 1967

1stLt R. J. COULTER from 18 June 1967

Capt. R. A. BLUMENKRAHTZ

Services conducted by visiting chaplain Lt J. DORSEY USH

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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II. HARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of June, Company "A" remained at Da Nang under OPCON of 7th Engineer Battalion. On 23 June the first elements of Company "B" returned from Phu Bai, RVI where they had been providing engineer support to the Third Marine Division. By 24 June the entire company had returned to Chu Lai. The Battalion (-) and 3rd Platoon, 1st Bridge Company in direct support of the 9th Engineer Battalion, remained at Chu Lai. Company "D" retained responsibility for maintaining and upgrading Route #1 from the rock crusher site north to Tam Ky. Company "D" spent 12,022 man hours and 6487 equipment hours in placing 3107 cubic yards of fill and 3207 cubic yards of rock. Work included clearing and ditching operations, filling of the south approach to An Tan bridge, and the installation of 3 each 18" culverts 40' long. The quarry operation produced 3862 cubic yards of crushed rock. The Battalion continued to support the ROK Marines with a reinforced platoon from Company "C" which is responsible for maintaining 20 km of road and a water point. Work on the road required 5010 man hours, 1835 equipment hours and 4667 cubic yards of fill. The water point at the Korean Marine Corps Camp provided 275,000 gallons of water. During June the five (5) other water points operated by the Battalion produced



4,919,800 gallons of water. A demolition team has been in support of the 1st Marine Reconnaissance Battalion since 28 June and another demolition team has been in support of 2/11 since 27 June. Also in the month of June the Battalion joined 81 enlisted men and 8 officers and transferred 190 enlisted men and 19 officers. One officer returned from ADM school on Okinawa. The Battalion Reconnaissance Officer made several road and bridge recons north to the Thang Binh area. On 9 June the Commanding General, 1st Marine Division visited the area and on 28 June the Commanding General, MIFPac, Commanding General, III MAF and Commanding General, Chu Lai Installation Coordinator visited the 9th Engineer Pattalion area. A 5 float class 55 ferry was maintained at coordinates BT 378174 and a 53' N4T6 fixed span bridge was placed and removed at coordinates BT 276262 for passage of a tank company moving north on Route #1. Work continued on the Dickie Chapelle Dispensary with the construction of a water purification shed, two thousand (2000) gallon septic tank and drain field, and a water tower. In addition the Battalion completed construction of a 25' x 50' storage shed at FLSG-B, a 60' x 200' storage pad at hAG-13 a 65' x 592' bomb storage pad at MAG-13, a 100' x 100' helopad at the Chu Lai POW compound and 11 huts at HAG-36. A water well is also being drilled for FLAG-36. The Battalion began construction of two bunkers, 1 at 2nd LAAL Battalion and 1 at 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. The Battalion also continued to support Task Force Oregon by completing the following: dug three wells; utilities connections were made to three (3) house trailers; constructed a 30' x 50' storage building; a 100' x 100' helopad, and a generator shed for 4 - 100 kw generators; rewired four (4) surgical suites; applied pentaprime on several miles of roads; constructed 34 - 4 hole heads. The following projects are in progress: constructing addition to Task Force Oregon messhall; installing a new power distribution system at 2nd Surgical Hospital (USA); constructing a 20' x 40' tactical operations center bunker; building a complete cantonment for the 161st Aviation Company (USA) and one for the 14th Aviation Battalion (USA); constructing a helocopter landing pad 240' x 480'; and pouring a 23' x 32' concrete pad for two (2) computer vans.

III. SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL

1 June 1967

4 June 1967

PFC A. L. LACARESSE was awarded the Purple Heart. Sathaj. YARCER and 1stSat BUTEMAS reported aboard.

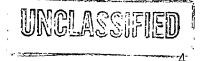
MGySgt DANIELS and SSgt DUNCAN transferred to CONUS.



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5	June	1967	Lt PRICE and 1stSgt DEMSON transferred to CONUS.
7	June	1967	Capt. KOSCIW, Capt. LAWSON, Capt. WASHBURN, 1stSgt. JONES, MSgt HOUCK, GySgt CURRIER and SSgt COWART transferred to CONUS.
8	June	1 967	Joined MSgt SCOTT from CONUS. Lt TOFFT, Lt VANLANDINGHAM, WO LOVE, GySgt SHELTON, SSgt FERRAND, GySgt CARROLL, GySgt JERKINS, MSgt HARRIS and SSgt ORR transferred to CONUS.
9	June	1967	CG, 1st Marine Division visited 9th Engineer Battalion area. Lt SCHEETZ, GySgt COLLEY and SSgt JOHES transferred to COLUS.
10	June	1967	CySgt LELAWSKY, SSgt VILLAGIAN, and SSgt WILSON transferred to CONUS.
11	June	1967	GySgt AIKENS, SSgt ASHFORD, SSgt REYNOLDS, and SSgt SCHAKELFORD transferred to CONUS.
13	June	1967	SSgt KINDER joined from COMUS. SSgt RUTAN, SSgt WHITCOMB, and SSgt WERMER transferred to COMUS
14	June	1967	GySgt SHITH, SSgt KING, SSgt HOWERTON, and SSgt MIDDLETON transferred to COMUS.
1 5	June	1967	SSgt IENTCH, SSgt FITZPATRICK, and SSgt SANS transferred to CONUS.
1 6	June	1967	2ndLt SIEGWALD, 2ndLt SIMPSON, 2ndLt ROBERTS 2ndLt HOBBS, Capt TIEBOUT joined from CONUS. GySgt BERGUID joined also. GySgt HAXWELL transferred to CONUS.
17	June	1967	Capt. PETERS, 2ndLt LUCAS, and GySgt DANIELS joined. 1stLt LINDER and GySgt TUPMER transferred to CONUS.
18	June	1967	Capt. MCKEOWN joined.
20	June	1967	SSgt SAUTIAGO joined from CONUS.
	June		SSgt POLLACK, SSgt FORTON, SSgt ADKINS, and SSgt HALE transferred to CONUS.
	June		SSgt BALES joined from CONUS.
	June		MSgt FRAZIER transferred to CONUS.
28	June	1967	CG, F.FPAC, CG, III MAF, and CG, CLIC



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visited the 9th Engineer Battalion area.



2. CIVIC ACTION



Medical Assistance to 76 Vietnamese of Tich Tay (RT 496053)

Deptal Assistance to 20 Vietnamese of

Dental Assistance to 20 Vietnamese of Tich Tay.

Personal assistance to Vietnamese of Tich Tay consisted of 334 bars of soap, 100 school kits, 240 hair brushes, 9 tooth brushes, and 65 dump truck loads of scrap lumber.

Continued work on well at Dickie Chapelle Dispensery and generator repair at Chu Lai New Life Hamlet. Also continued work on community bath and well in village of Tich Tay. Also began work on irrigation ditch at Tich Tay.

English language classes for 11 adults and 19 children were given in the village of Tich Tay for a total of 13 hours.

3. ENGINEER OPERATIONS

1 June 1967

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10 June 1967

Taped interview with CMC concerning the M16 rifle was held in the officers club. Taped interview with CMC concerning the M16 rifle was heard by the SNCO's. Started construction of sewage and water systems at the 2nd Surgical Hospital (USA).

Started construction of the water tower at the Dickie Chapelle Hospital.

Completed 60' x 200' pad for NAG-13. Completed 100' x 100' helopad at POW compound.

An accident involving an Army PC and a Marine asphalt distributor occurred at BT 510055. No one was hurt.

Started work on septic tank at Dickie Chapelle Hospital. Headquarters Company Heavy Equipment Platoon's Tandum Roller was slightly damaged by a mortar attack on PF camp at BT 462082.

Completed 20m x 180m bomb handling pad at MAG-13.

Finished May wing extension for 2nd Surgical Hospital (USA).

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Bridge blown at BS 593933. Lt PLUMETT made recon south to this area. Lana Turner toured the 9th Engineer Battalion area.

LtCol BABE traveled to Da Wang and returned the same day. Major PAIGE and Lt PLUTKETT conducted a road and bridge recon to Hill 29. Put in and removed 53' fixed span at BT 276262 to allow passage of 13 tanks. Lt PLUTKETT conducted a bridge and road recon north to Thang Binh.

Begin construction of 14th Aviation Battalion cantonment. Started work on a laterite and concrete pad for the 221st SES Battalion (USA). Finished 11 huts for MAG-36. Completed storage shed for 2nd Surgical Company Hospital. Started digging well at MAG-36. Started on

power distribution system at 2nd Surgical Conveny Hospital.

Started and completed concrete deck at TFO messhall.

Began work on ammo bunker at 1st Reconnaissance Battalion.

Major PAIGE conducted a road and bridge reconnorth to Tam Ky. Completed work on ASP building and pad for FLSG-B.

Started work on ammo bunker for 2nd LAAH Battalion.

Sent two (2) men to 2/11 for engineer support. Finished armo bunker for 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. Furnished two (2) men to 1st Reconnaissance Battalion for engineer support. LtCol BABE, Major PAICE, Major MACKEVEIE and Lt PLUMETT maderoad and bridge recon north to Thang Binh and Hill 63.

4. TRAINING

11 June 1967

One (1) Marine was sent to Fork Lift School Division Supply. One (1) Marine was sent to HUMS School, Division Supply.

One (1) Marine was sent to ADM School. One (1) Marine was sent to Field Wire Course.



Division Supply.

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5. PATROLS

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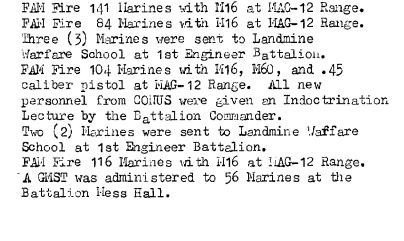
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One (1) Marine was sent to MUIS School,

FAM Fire 210 Marines with M16 at MAG-12 Range. FAM Fire 230 Marines with M16 at MAG-12 Range. FAM Fire 156 Marines with M16 at MAG-12 Range.

Night Rein. Fireteam Recon Patrol, from 0222120H to 030630H. No significant sightings. Night Rein. Fireteam Recon Patrol, from 042100H to 050600H. No significant sightings. Hight Rein. Fireteam Recon Patrol from 052200H to 050500H. No significant sightings. Night Rein. Fireteam Recon Patrol from 080100H to 080500H. No significant sightings. Night Rein. Fireteam Recon Patrol from 090100H to 090630H. No significant sightings. Night Rein Fireteam Recon Patrol from 102400H to 110500H. Heard movement to rear, was Vietnamese fisherman who had ID. Hight Rein Fireteam Recon Patrol from 112400H to 120500H. Detained one male prisoner in rice paddies without ID card. Saw two men in boat would not respond to call and were lost out of sight. Night Rein. Fireteam Recon Patrol from 122400H

Night Rein. Fireteam Recon Patrol from 122400E to 130500H. Detained one male prisoner on Route #22.

Night Rein Fireteam Recon Patrol from 152400H to 160500H. Received 30 - 35 rounds from SE at 125 - 150 yards vicinity ET 4955055. Flares called negative sightings.

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16 June 1967	Night Rein. Fireteam Recon Patrol from 162300H to 170500H. No significant signtings.
17 June 1967	Night Rein Fireteam Recon Patrol from 172300H to 180500H. No significant sightings.
19 June 1967	Night Rein. Firetesm Recon Patrol from 192100H to 200300H. No significant sightings.
21 June 1967	Might Rein. Fireteam Recon Patrol from 212300H
23 June 1967	to 220500H. No significant sightings. Night Rein. Fireteam Recon Patrol from 232400H
25 June 1967 .	to 240600H. No significant signtings. Day Rein. Fireteam Recon Patrol from 250630H
27 June 1967	to 251130H. No significant sightings. Night Rein. Fireteam Recon Patrol from 272000H
29 June 1967	to 280300H. No significant sightings. Night Rein. Fireteam Recon Patrol from 292300H
30 June 1967	to 300300H. No significant sightings. Night Rein. Fireteam Recon Patrol from 302100H to 010300H. Detained 3 suspects near An Tan
	Bridge. One woman and two boys.

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