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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation.9th Engineer BattalionCommander
LtCol. B. F. VISAGE
1 - 31 July 1969SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company	1stLt T. M. TURNER 1 - 31 July 1969
Service Company	Capt C. H. JONES 1 - 31 July 1969
Company A	1stLt J. L. SPIKERMAN 1 - 31 July 1969
Company B	Capt R. F. SHCAF 1 - 31 July 1969
Company C	1stLt R. J. CALDARELLA 1 - 31 July 1969
Company D	Capt J. K. MAGNETTA 1 - 31 July 1969

ATTACHED UNITS

3d Bridge Platoon, 1st Bridge Company in direct support	1stLt T. E. GORDON 1 - 31 July 1969
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2. Location.

9th Engineer Battalion	Chu Lai, RVN	1 - 31 July 1969
Company A (-)	BT199390	1 - 31 July 1969
1st Platoon	Hill #10, RVN BT221326	1 - 31 July 1969
Company B	Hill #29, RVN Chu Lai, RVN	1 - 31 July 1969
Company C (-)	Chu Lai, RVN	1 - 31 July 1969
1st Platoon	AT922783	1 - 31 July 1969
3d Platoon	H 3/11 Marines BT290230	1 - 31 July 1969
Company D	Tem Ky, RVN BT136448	1 - 31 July 1969
Task Organized Element X-Ray; Motor Transport/ Heavy Equipment Section, 3d Platoon Company C; Elements Headquarters Company Heavy Equipment	Hill #63, RVN BT290230 Tem Ky, RVN	1 - 31 July 1969

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3. Staff Officers.

Executive Officer	Major J. W. STEVENS 1 - 31 July 1969
S-1/ Adjutant	1stLt R. J. BURNS 1 - 23 July 1969 Billet Vacant 24 - 30 July 1969 Capt T. W. SCHAUER 31 July 1969
Personnel Officer	1stLt R. J. BURNS 1 - 23 July 1969 Billet Vacant 24 - 30 July 1969 Capt T. W. SCHAUER 31 July 1969
S-2/S-3 Officer	Major E. M. CONDRA 1 - 31 July 1969
S-4 Officer	Major J. P. CORCORAN 1 - 31 July 1969
S-5 Officer	1stLt J. H. LHMART 1 - 9 July 1969 2dLt J. R. WOODMAN 10 - 31 July 1969
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj J. L. NICKLES 1 - 31 July 1969
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt P. Q. FOSTER 1 - 31 July 1969
Construction Officer	CySgt O. E. SHOEMAKER 1 - 31 July 1969
AMM Officer	Major E. M. CONDRA 1 - 31 July 1969
Maintenance Officer	CWO-2 W. E. YORK 1 - 31 July 1969
Utilities Officer	1stLt R. H. MILLER 1 - 31 July 1969
Legal Officer	2dLt G. J. SECKLE 1 - 31 July 1969
Medical Officer	Lt C. B. GANTT (USM) 1 - 31 July 1969
Supply Officer	Capt L. BUCKLEY 1 - 31 July 1969
Embarkation Officer	1stLt E. E. TILAVICH 1 - 31 July 1969

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EBC Officer

1stLt R. J. CALDARELLA
1 - 13 July 1969

Major E. M. CONDRA
14 - 31 July 1969

Training Officer

1stLt R. J. CALDARELLA
1 - 13 July 1969

Major E. M. CONDRA
14 - 31 July 1969

Education Officer

1stLt R. J. CALDARELLA
1 - 13 July 1969

Major E. M. CONDRA
14 - 31 July 1969

Chaplain

Lt R. S. LIPPERT (USM)
1 - 31 July 1969

Communications Officer

1stLt J. F. GRANFORD
1 - 31 July 1969

Heavy Equipment Officer

CySgt M. TIALAVLA
1 - 31 July 1969

4. Average Monthly Strength.

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
38	973

<u>USM</u>	
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
2	20

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1. During the month of July, 1969, the 9th Engineer Battalion, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel B. F. VISAGE, continued its primary mission of maintenance, upgrading and asphaltic paving of Republic of Vietnam Route #1, from Chu Lai (BT520044) to the Song Cau Lau (BT091544). Engineer Support of Free World Forces in the Chu Lai TACR continued to require significant engineer effort.
2. Company A(-) located at Hill #10, (BT196391), continued to maintain and upgrade Republic of Vietnam Route #1 from ET242318 to Thang Binh (BT175418) a distance of 8 miles.
3. Company B located at Chu Lai was engaged in vertical construction in support of Free World Forces in the Americal TACR. The Heavy Equipment/ Motor Transport Section furnished augmentation support to Company A Task Organized element located at Hill #29 (BT238315) to support upgrading and paving operations on Republic of Vietnam Route #1. In addition Company B is responsible for maintenance and repair of Republic of Vietnam Route #1 from Chu Lai (BT520044) to Tan Ky (BT330209), a distance of 16.5 miles.
4. Company C (-) located at Chu Lai was engaged in vertical construction in support of Free World Forces in that area. The 3d Platoon Task Element at Tan Ky, (BT290230), is responsible for maintenance and repair of Republic of Vietnam Route #1 from Tan Ky to Bridge #33 (BT237326). The 1st Platoon at BT22378 provided vertical construction support to the 1st Marine Division from 1 July thru 20 July 1969.
5. Company D located at Landing Zone Baldy (BT136448) continued upgrading and maintenance to Republic of Vietnam Route #1 from Thang Binh (BT175418) North to the Song Cau Lau (BT091544) a distance of 11.1 miles, plus construction in support of Free World Forces. Concurrently, Company D is upgrading QL-1 (new roadway) from BT092537 to BT030543 a distance of 1 mile.
6. During the month of July 1969, upgrading and repair of Republic of Vietnam Route #1 was broken down into four main areas of responsibility; Chu Lai to Tan Ky, Tan Ky to Bridge #33, (BT237326), Bridge #33 to Thang Binh, and Thang Binh to the Song Cau Lau river.
7. From Bridge #35 (BT259289 to BT242318) Republic of Vietnam Route #1, Company A augmented by Motor Transport elements of Service, Bravo, and Charlie Companies expended 3124 man-days and 14,645 equipment hours in hauling 7,285 cubic yards of mineral products and 5,855 cubic yards of laterite in upgrading Republic of Vietnam Route #1 to MACV standards for paving with asphaltic concrete. Headquarters Company spread 15,300 gallons of ponoprime/RC/800 in the maintenance of Republic of Vietnam Route #1. As of 31 July 1969, Republic of Vietnam Route #1 has been paved from An Tan (BT379174) to ET242318, a distance of 23.3 miles. During the reporting period 3,600 tons of asphaltic concrete was laid from BT259289 to ET242318, a distance of 1.8 miles of paving.

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8. Between Thang Binh and Song Cau Lau, Company D expended 274 man-days and 1,648 equipment hours in placing 926 cubic yards of mineral products, 3,902 cubic yards of laterite, and operating a rock quarry in support of Republic of Vietnam Route #1.

9. a. During the month of July 1969, the following culverts were installed:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Length</u>
BT407134	9Jul69	1	36"	40'

b. During the month of July 1969, the following bridges were repaired/constructed/under construction:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
BT225347	190'	60	Steel Stringer, File Bent, File Backfill Abutment	Destroyed 7Jun69 Est completion 15Aug69
BT268272	90'	60	Steel Stringer, File Bent, File Backfill Abutment	Destroyed 11Jul69 Completed 18Jul69
BT279174	380'	60	Steel Stringer, File Bent, Concrete Abutment	Destroyed 19May69 Completed 15Jul69
BT102511	722'	60	Steel Stringer, File Bent, File Backfill Abutment	Destroyed 21May69 Replace (3) 40' spans. Est completion 25Aug69

c. Tactical bridging installed: None.

d. Tactical bridging removed:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
BT379174	120'	60	14T6	Installed 21Jun69 Removed 10Jul69

10. Since 1 July 1969, the 9th Engineer Battalion has provided the following additional support to the Free World Forces.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Construction</u>
361st SigBn	Construct 1 Tower Bunker
113V Compound Par. Ty	Construct 2 Helicopter Pads
9th EngrBn	Construct 1-16'X32' Post Office

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Paint Marking & Letter Helicopter Pads
Const 2 - TSFC Dunks 10'X24'
Const 1 - 10' Water Tower
Const rock wall 24" high 66' long
Const 10'X16' bldg for over air saw
Const generator bldg Hill #29
Reconstruct blown section Bridge 3 (BT379178)
Reconstruct Bridge 37 (BT268272)
Retire overhead electrical system Hill #29

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PART III1. Civic Action.

a. During the month of July 1969, two MEDCAPS were conducted at Phuoc My #2, (BTC97516), adjacent to Song Ba Ren bridge. Approximately 150 Vietnamese were treated.

b. The battalion also continued a cultural exchange between Marines and Vietnamese Boy Scouts at the Catholic Orphanage.

c. The volleyball games with Ly Tin volleyball team continued with improved fellowship between Marines and the Vietnamese.

d. The battalion continued to supply garbage for the Tich Tay pig farm.

e. During the reporting period the battalion has accomplished support to Ly Tin school by 75 bags of cement and Ky Lien school with 8 loads of scrap lumber and two loads of laterite.

2. Training.

<u>Date</u>	<u>School or Course</u>	<u>Cff/Dnl</u>	<u>Location</u>
13Jul69	KY-28/38 Maintenance Training	Enlisted	Danang
19Jul69	Basic Ammunition Technician	Enlisted	Okinawa
19Jul69	Basic Infantry Weapons Repair	Enlisted	Okinawa
22Jul69	1km Projection School	Enlisted	Danang
28Jul69	AMM Special Weapons	Enlisted	Okinawa

3. Engineer Operations.

a. 1 July 1969:
(1) XM400 tractor while working at Bridge 31 at BT225347 detonated a M-26 grenade booby trap. Negative damage to equipment and personnel.

b. 2 July 1969:
(1) Company A sweep team found one MP round on side of road 50 meters north of ARVN compound at BT208348. Destroyed in place.

c. 3 July 1969:
(1) At 1030H 9th Engineer Battalion received one 122mm rocket outside beam area at BT514046. Negative damage. Negative casualties.
(2) At 1500H at BT108505 USEC vehicle number 33626 and trailer jackknifed in middle of QL-1. Vehicle number 329101 attempting to avoid

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collision struck rear of trailer. Two USMC injured and Medevaced.

d. 4 July 1969:

(1) Company B sweep team found 2 - 81mm illumination rounds and 1 claymore mine at BT493079. Returned ordnance to CP and destroyed.

(2) Three ARVN's injured in accident w/11-151 at BT239316. Damage to USMC vehicle one bent fender and crushed windshield. 3 ARVN's injured and Medevaced.

e. 5 July 1969:

(1) Company A sweep team found 1 - M26 grenade at BT221357. Destroyed in place.

(2) Company B sweep team found 1 - 81mm round at BT483075. Destroyed in place.

f. 6 July 1969:

(1) Company D sweep team found 2 blown areas on QL-1 at BT119488, 1 - 13' wide, 6' deep estimated 70 lbs. charge, 1 - 10' wide, 6' deep, estimated 60 lbs. charge. Road repaired and passable.

g. 7 July 1969:

(1) Vietnamese bus hit mine approximately 200-250 lbs. charge buried 1 to 1 1/2 feet in QL-1 at BT119489. Seven wounded. Wounded Medevaced and road repaired and reopened.

h. 8 July 1969:

(1) Vietnamese civilian notified Company A sweep team of 1 57mm recoilless rifle heat fuze Lot Number LPDE-1, 1 VC-310 at BT186402. Destroyed in place.

(2) Vietnamese civilian notified Company D sweep team of 1 81mm illumination round, 1 60mm HE round, 1 artillery HE round at BT460033. Destroyed in place.

i. 9 July 1969:

(1) Company A sweep team found 1 60mm round at BT201384. Destroyed in place.

(2) Company C sweep team found 1 twenty-five pound nitro starch electrically detonated mine in QL-1 at BT258291. Destroyed in place. Road repaired and passable.

j. 10 July 1969:

(1) Company A sweep team found 1 57mm recoilless rifle round at BT193398. Destroyed in place.

k. 12 July 1969:

(1) Company D sweep team at BT094535 treated 1 Vietnamese civilian after the Vietnamese tripped booby trap. Vietnamese slightly wounded and treated by corpsman.

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1. 13 July 1969:
 (1) Company C sweep team found 1 - 300 lbs. nitro starch electrically detonated mine at BT258291. Destroyed in place. Road repaired and passable.
 (2) 1 Vietnamese truck hit mine at BT258291. Negative casualties. Road repaired and passable.
 (3) Company A received small arms fire at 2210 at BT196391. One mortar round landed in wire. Command alerted. Negative Casualties. Negative damage.
- m. 18 July 1969:
 (1) Company A received small arms fire at 0215 at BT196391. One USMC MIA.
- n. 19 July 1969:
 (1) Company C received 1 60mm mortar round at 1120H. Negative casualties. Negative Damage.
- o. 20 July 1969:
 (1) Company D assisted in Medevac of 1 Vietnamese civilian with fragmentation grenade wounds at BT095528.
 (2) Company D assisted in medevac of 3 Vietnamese civilians at BT108503.
- p. 21 July 1969:
 (1) Company B sweep team found one 60mm round and one M26 grenade at BT462082. Destroyed in place.
 (2) Company D sweep team ambushed at BT102515. Received small arms fire, one hand grenade and bracketed with 60 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Friendly KIA's: 1 USMC, 9 Vietnamese. Friendly MIA's: 4 USMC, 25 Vietnamese. Returned small arms fire and called medevac.
 (3) At 1000H one Vietnamese civilian pointed out "Bouncing Betty" mine at BT506045. MOD team destroyed in place.
- q. 22 July 1969:
 (1) Company A sweep team found 2 - 81mm illumination rounds at BT190399. Destroyed in paddy.
- r. 24 July 1969:
 (1) Company B sweepteam found 1 - 60mm mortar round at BT462082. Lot Number LCP-38-241. Destroyed in place.
- s. 25 July 1969:
 (1) Company D sweep team found 1 - 81mm illumination round at BT085506. Destroyed in paddy.

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(2) Company D found 2 - M79 rounds at BT462082. Destroyed in place.

(3) Company D sweep team found 1 - 81mm HE, non-USA type, with French markings at BT105432. Destroyed in place.

t. 27 July 1969:

(1) Company A sweepteam found 1 - 60mm HE round at BT210372. Destroyed in place.

(2) Company D sweep team found 1 - 105mm round wired for blasting but without blasting device at BT119482. Destroyed in paddy.

u. 28 July 1969:

(1) Company D sweep team found one LAM on west side of QL-1 at BT087542. Destroyed in paddy.

(2) Company A assisted in Medevac of one Vietnamese civilian involved in accident with Vietnamese truck at BT243318.

v. 29 July 1969:

(1) Company D sweep team received approximately 20 rounds small arms fire at BT098508. Negative casualties. Fire not returned.

4. Voluntary Informant Program.

a. During the month of July 1969, Vietnamese civilians turned in the following ordnance to the 9th Engineer Battalion, FIF:

- (1) 33 - 60mm rounds
- (2) 2 - Minibombs
- (3) 27 - M-26 grenades
- (4) 2 - Chicom grenades
- (5) 11 - M-18.1 Claymores
- (6) 1 - 82mm round
- (7) 1 - Butterfly mine
- (8) 1 - 20 lb. bomb
- (9) 1 - Rifle grenade
- (10) 6 - 81mm rounds
- (11) 1 - 175mm round
- (12) 1 - Mechanical firing device
- (13) 1 - M79 round
- (14) 1 - CS grenade
- (15) 3 - 105mm rounds
- (16) 11 - M-79 rounds
- (17) 1 - M-14 mine
- (18) 1 - .38 cal. pistol
- (19) 1 - 106mm recoilless rifle round

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- (20) 1 - M-34 grenade
(21) 3 - 57mm Recoiless rifle rounds

b. Total funds expended for the period was \$VI 29,770.

5. During the month of July 1969, 9th Engineer Battalion conducted 31 daylight recon patrols and 31 night recon patrols consisting of checkpoints and observation posts in ET grids 4906, 4905, 4904, 4903, 5005, 5004, 5003, and 5104, between the hours of 2200H and 0400H with no contact.

6. Patrol Training. During the month of July 1969, the 9th Engineer Battalion in conjunction with 1st Combined Action Group, Chu Lai, RVN, participated with Combined Action Platoons in setting up night ambushes, recon patrols, and various Civic Action programs.

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