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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation.

9th Engineer Battalion, FMF

Commander
 Lt Col JOHN P. KRAYNAK
 1 - 31 July 1970

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

1st Lt W. T. CLASEN
 1 - 2 July 1970
 1st Lt C. M. VANDEWATER
 3 - 31 July 1970

Service Company

Capt R. D. CLSON
 1 - 31 July 1970

Company "B"

Capt M. R. MARTIN
 1 - 31 July 1970

Company "C"

1st Lt W. W. SHOPE
 1 - 10 July 1970
 Redeployed

Company "D"

11 - July 1970
 Capt R. C. WEST
 1 - 31 July 1970

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. Location.

9th Engineer Battalion (-)

DaNang, RVN
 AT981746

1 - 31 July 1970

Company "B" (-)

Hill #10
 BT199390

1 - 31 July 1970

Company "B", 1st Platoon

Hill #10
 BT199390

1 - 24 July 1970

Company "C"

DaNang, RVN
 AT981746
 DaNang, RVN
 AT981746

25 - 31 July 1970

1 - 10 July 1970

Company "D"

Redeployed
 CONUS
 Hill #63
 BT131452

11 - July 1970

1 - 31 July 1970

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3. STAFF OFFICER

Executive Officer

S-1/Adjutant

S-2/S-3

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Personnel Officer

Legal Officer

Sergeant Major

Motor Transport Officer

Construction Officer

ADM Officer

Maintenance Officer

Utilities Officer

Medical Officer

Major J. B. POWENSED
 1 - 31 July 1970
 Capt T. W. SCHAUER
 1 - 16 July 1970
 2nd Lt C. W. RICHARDSON
 17 - 31 July 1970
 Capt R. H. RAILLEY
 1 - 15 July 1970
 1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER
 16 - 31 July 1970
 Major D. P. HEDGS
 1 - 31 July 1970
 CWO-4 G. M. HAYES
 1 - 26 July 1970
 1st Lt H. B. SPEED
 27 - 31 July 1970
 1st Lt C. P. BOULTON
 1 - 21 July 1970
 2nd Lt C. W. RICHARDSON
 22 - 31 July 1970
 1st Lt C. P. BOULTON
 1 - 21 July 1970
 1st Lt N. W. PAYNE
 22 - 31 July 1970
 3gt Maj C. J. MURPHY
 1 - 31 July 1970
 1st Lt B. L. SMITH
 1 - 31 July 1970
 Capt R. H. RAILLEY
 1 - 15 July 1970
 1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER
 16 - 31 July 1970
 Capt R. H. RAILLEY
 1 - 15 July 1970
 1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER
 16 - 31 July 1970
 Capt R. D. OLSON
 1 - 31 July 1970
 CWO-4 G. M. HAYES
 1 - 31 July 1970
 Lt A. E. SQUIRE
 1 - 24 July 1970
 NONE
 25 - 31 July 1970

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Supply Officer

Capt G. L. BRINGHAM

1 - 31 July 1970

Embarkation Officer

1st Lt T. P. CARRAS

1 - 31 July 1970

NCO Officer

Capt R. H. RAILLEY

1 - 15 July 1970

1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER

16 - 31 July 1970

Training Officer

Capt R. H. RAILLEY

1 - 15 July 1970

1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER

16 - 31 July 1970

Education Officer

Capt R. H. RAILLEY

1 - 15 July 1970

1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER

16 - 31 July 1970

Chaplain

None

1 - 31 July 1970

Communication Officer

GySgt P. J. CATI

1 - 27 July 1970

1st Lt R. L. PRUETT

28 - 31 July 1970

Heavy Equipment Officer

1st Lt H. F. MCLEROY

1 - 19 July 1970

1st Lt D. D. LEEHAN

20 - 31 July 1970

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC

Officers	Enlisted
30	588

USN

Officers	Enlisted
1	18

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During July 1970, the 9th Engineer Battalion was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel John P. Kraynak. The Battalion continued to perform its primary missions of conducting minesweeps of Vietnam Route #1, from Hill #29 (BT243317), to the Ba Ren River (BT102510), and upgrading and paving Vietnam Route #1 from Tam Ky City to the Ba Ren River (BT102510). The Battalion continued to provide engineer support to the Free World Forces in the Americal Division, Korean and 1st Marine Division areas of operation. On 19 July 1970, the Battalion began a standdown to prepare for redeployment to CONUS. On that date the Battalion started a massive program to clean up all of the vehicles, equipment and tools for embarkation.

2. Company "B", located at Hill #10 (BT196386), continued to perform their primary mission of conducting deliberate and visual minesweeps and culvert checks from Hill 10 (BT196386), to Hill #29 (BT243317), a deliberate and visual minesweep and culvert check from Hill #10 (BT196386), to the Ly Ly River (BT145457), and the upgrade and maintenance of Vietnam Route #1 from Tam Ky (BT293240), to the Ly Ly River (BT145457). The company continued construction support to the Free World Forces in the Americal Division area of operations. On 19 July 1970, the company began a stand-down and started cleaning vehicles, equipment and tools to prepare for redeployment. The two minesweeps from Hill 10 to Hill 29 and Hill 10 to the Ly Ly River were turned over to the Americal Division on 19 July 1970. On 25 July 1970, the company command post and one platoon moved into the battalion compound in DaNang. A guard detachment will remain on Hill #10 until the compound is turned over to another unit.

3. Company "C", located in the Battalion compound in DaNang began a stand-down on 1 July 1970, to clean vehicles and equipment for redeployment to CONUS, and departed DaNang on 10 July 1970, for Camp Pendleton, California.

4. Company "D", located at Landing Zone Baldy (BT136448), continued to perform their primary missions of conducting a visual minesweep and culvert check of Vietnam Route #1 between the Ly Ly River (BT145457), and the Ba Ren River (BT102510), and the hauling of base rock to Tam Ky City between BT330210 and BT293240 to prepare Vietnam Route #1 in the city for paving. The company continued to provide construction support to the Free World Forces in the 7th Marine Regiment and Korean areas of operation. On 19 July 1970, the company began a standdown to clean equipment, vehicles and tools for redeployment to CONUS. On 10 July 1970, the company completed the training of the RF Group minesweep team and turned over the minesweep of Vietnam Route #1 from the Ly Ly River (BT145457), and the Ba Ren River (BT102510), to them on that date.

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5. During the period from 1 thru 19 July 1970, the Battalion continued to perform its primary missions of providing haul support to the 3 NCB and upgrading of Vietnam Route #1 from Tam Ky to the Ly Ly River.

a. During the reporting period the following mineral products were placed on Vietnam Route #1 between Tam Ky and the Ly Ly River: 1,964 tons of asphaltic concrete, 6,872 tons of 2"(-), 194 tons of 3/4 inch aggregate and 99 cubic yards of sand for cement headwalls on the culverts, 33 cubic yards of ready mix concrete for headwalls.

b. During the reporting period the following mineral products were placed on Vietnam Route #535: 391 tons of shot rock in the construction of a by-pass.

6. During the reporting period the 9th Engineer Battalion has completed the following support to the Free World Forces.

UNIT	DESCRIPTION
4th Battalion, 11th Marines	Prepared site for emplacement of 30' tower
Quang Da Special Zone	Constructed 2.8Km of single lane perimeter road
Hq Bn	Repair stairways in BCQ area
MACS-4	Constructed recreation room/repairs stair system
5th Spec Forces	Construct 120' x 200' helipad
9th Engineers	Construct 50 mount out boxes
2nd Battalion, 7th Marines	Electrical survey of FSB Ross
212th Avn Bn	Construct 6 aircraft revetments
FLC, LSU Hill #63	Construct ration storage rack
1st Engineers	Weld steel members for dam
3 NCB	Haul base rock and asphalt for QL-1
III MAF	Prepare QL-1 in Tam Ky for paving
III MAF	Repair ASP-1 pioneer road
III MAF	Redeck bridge on QL-1

7. The following are under construction during reporting period: NONE

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PART IIISequential Listing of
Significant Events1. Civic Action.

The Battalion Civic Action Program was terminated 1 July 1970, as the Battalion prepared for maintenance standdown pending redeployment to COMUS.

2. Training.

All Battalion training in the form of in-country and out-of-country schools was terminated 1 July 1970, as the Battalion prepared for maintenance standdown pending redeployment to COMUS.

3. Engineer Operations.

a. 10 July 1970

(1) 101515H at BT276260, Company "B" Sweep Team found one 60mm HE round, M49A2E1 lot#, destroyed in paddies.

b. 11 July 1970

(1) 111530H at BT253293, Company "B" Sweep Team found one M-79 HE round, neg lot#, destroyed in paddies.

4. Voluntary Information Program.

a. During the month of July 1970, Vietnamese civilians turned in the following ordnance to the 9th Engineer Battalion, FMP.

- (1) 4-- M-79 rounds
- (2) 4 - 60mm HE rounds
- (3) 2 - Chi Com grenades
- (4) 1 - M-67 baseball grenade
- (5) 1 - 105 HE round
- (6) 1 - 2.75 HE Composition B-4 warhead, M1 229
- (7) 1 - M-20 frag grenades

b. Total funds expended for the period: \$2,150 VN.

- (1) Funds drawn through the 9th Engineer Battalion: \$550 VN.
- (2) Funds drawn through the 7th Marine Regiment: \$1600 VN.

5. Patrols.

a. None

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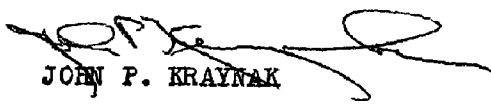
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 1 - 24 August 1970

Service Company

Capt R. D. OLSON
 1 - 15 August 1970

Company "B"

Capt R. C. WEST III
 16 - 24 August 1970
 Capt N. R. MARTIN

Company "D"

1 - 14 August 1970
 1st Lt H. J. LANCASTER
 15 - 24 August 1970
 Capt R. C. WEST III
 1 - 14 August 1970
 1st Lt M. E. HARRIS
 15 - 24 August 1970

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. Location

9th Engineer Battalion (-) DaNang, RVN 1 - 24 August 1970
 AT981746

Company "B" (-) DaNang, RVN 1 - 24 August 1970
 AT981746

Company "B", 1st Platoon Hill #10 1 - 3 August 1970
 BT199390

DaNang, RVN 4 - 24 August 1970
 AT981746

Company "D" Hill #63 1 - 12 August 1970
 BT131452

DaNang, RVN 13 - 24 August 1970
 AT981746

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3. Staff Officer**Executive Officer**

Major J. B. TOWNSEND

1 - 14 August 1970

Major D. P. HIBBS

15 - 22 August 1970

None

23 - 24 August 1970

S-1/Adjutant

1st Lt C. W. RICHARDSON

1 - 24 August 1970

S-2/S-3

1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER

1 - 3 August 1970

1st Lt R. L. PRUETT

4 - 16 August 1970

None

17 - 24 August 1970

S-4

Major D. P. HIBBS

1 - 22 August 1970

None

23 - 24 August 1970

S-5

1st Lt H. B. SPEED

1 - 20 August 1970

None

21 - 24 August 1970

Personnel Officer

2nd Lt C. W. RICHARDSON

1 - 24 August 1970

Legal Officer

1st Lt N. W. PAYNE

1 - 20 August 1970

None

21 - 24 August 1970

Sergeant Major

Sgt Maj C. J. MURPHY

1 - 24 August 1970

Motor Transport Officer

1st Lt B. L. SMITH

1 - 24 August 1970

Construction Officer

1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER

1 - 3 August 1970

1st Lt R. L. PRUETT

4 - 16 August 1970

None

17 - 24 August 1970

ADM Officer

1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER

1 - 3 August 1970

1st Lt R. L. PRUETT

4 - 16 August 1970

None

17 - 24 August 1970

Maintenance Officer

Capt R. D. OLSON

1 - 16 August 1970

None

17 - 24 August 1970

Utilities Officer

CWO-4 G. M. HAYES

1 - 16 August 1970

None

17 - 24 August 1970

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Medical Officer
Supply Officer
Embarkation Officer
NBC Officer

None
1 - 24 August 1970
Capt G. L. BRINGHAM
1 - 24 August 1970
1st Lt T. P. CARRAS
1 - 24 August 1970
1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER
1 - 3 August 1970
1st Lt R. L. PRUETT
4 - 16 August 1970

Training Officer

None
17 - 24 August 1970
1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER
1 - 3 August 1970
1st Lt R. L. PRUETT
4 - 16 August 1970

Education Officer

None
17 - 24 August 1970
1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER
1 - 3 August 1970
1st Lt R. L. PRUETT
4 - 16 August 1970

Chaplain

None
17 - 24 August 1970

Communication Officer

None
1 - 24 August 1970
1st Lt R. L. PRUETT
1 - 16 August 1970

Heavy Equipment Officer

None
17 - 24 August 1970
1st Lt D. D. LEHMAN
1 - 8 August 1970
None
9 - 15 August 1970
1st Lt T. P. CARRAS
16 - 24 August 1970

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN	
Officers	Enlisted	Officers	Enlisted
10	62	0	0
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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During August 1970, the 9th Engineer Battalion was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel John P. Kraynak. The Battalion continued its primary mission of preparing for embarkation to CONUS. On 24 August 1970, 9th Engineer Battalion loaded aboard ship and departed for CONUS.

2. Company "B", located at Hill #10 (BT196386), continued to perform their primary mission of preparing the company for embarkation to CONUS. On 3 August 1970, Company "B" turned their cantinment over to the Vietnamese Regional Forces, Quang Tin Province, RVN, and joined the 9th Engineer Battalion CP located in DaNang. On 24 August 1970, Company "B" departed by ship for CONUS with the remaining elements of 9th Engineer Battalion.

3. Company "D", located at Landing Zone Baldy (BT131452), continued to perform their primary mission of preparing the company for embarkation to CONUS. On 13 August 1970, Company "D" turned their cantonment over to the 7th Marine Regiment and joined 9th Engineer Battalion CP located in DaNang. On 24 August 1970, Comapny "D" departed by ship for CONUS with the remaining elements of 9th Engineer Battalion.

4. During the period from 1 August 1970 to 24 August 1970, the Battalion continued to perform its primary mission of preparing for embarkation to CONUS. On 24 August 1970, 9th Engineer Battalion departed DaNang, RVN, for CONUS.

5. NONE

6. NONE

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PART III

Sequential Listing of
Significant Events

1. Civic Action

NONE

2. Training

NONE

3. Engineer Operations

NONE

4. Voluntary Informants Program

NONE

5. Patrols

NONE