

HEADQUARTERS
11th Engineer Battalion
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
FPO San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division
(2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 January 1967 to 31 January 1967

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: ✓(1) 11th Engineer Battalion Command Chronology

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


R. L. MULFORD

11TH ENGR BN

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JAN 1967

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Eleventh Engineer Battalion
Fleet Marine Force

COMMANDER

LtCol. R. L. MULFORD, USMC
16Aug66 - Current

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

Capt. J. L. SHELTON, USMC
23Aug66 - 15Jan67
1st Lt. W. O. CORNELIUSON, USMC
16Jan67 - Current

Service Company

Capt. J. A. HONSE, USMC
1Sep66 - Current

"A" Company

Capt. W. R. ACREE, USMC
23Aug66 - Current

"B" Company

Capt. P. J. SMITH, USMC
1Sep66 - Current

"C" Company

Capt. W. S. MARSHALL III, USMC
30Aug66 - Current

"D" Company

Capt. R. E. BUTLER, USMC
23Aug66 - Current

2. LOCATION

1 January 1967 - 31 January 1967: Dong Ha, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj. H. L. WELCH, USMC
16Aug66 - Current

S-1/Adjutant

2nd Lt. R. G. GULLEY, USMC
5Jun66 - Current

S-2/3

Maj. H. R. SHORTT, USMC
1Sep66 - Current

S-4

Maj. J. T. SCHULTZ, USMC
25Jul66 - Current

Personnel Officer

2nd Lt. W. A. MOORE, USMC
6Oct66 - Current

Supply Officer

2nd Lt. F. V. RHYDER, USMC
17Sep66 - Current

Communications Officer

1st Lt. P. G. TRIOLO, USMCR
1Sep66 - Current

Medical Officer

Lt. J. CHINN, USNR (MC)
1Aug66 - 9Jan67
Lt. S. A. KANTER, USNR (MC)
10Jan67 - 28Jan67
Lt. C. L. HIGHENBOTEN, USN (MC)
29Jan67 - Current

Chaplain

LCDR. M. A. ONDO, USN
24Jan67 - Current4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
44	1120	2	17	None	None

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of January 1967 the 11th Engineer Battalion continued to provide Engineer support to the 3rd Marine Division (Forward) and other units located in the Dong Ha Combat Base and Camp J. J. Carroll. Sixteen point seventeen miles of roads in the Dong Ha Base Complex and 4.20 miles at Camp J. J. Carroll have been maintained and improved by ditching, grading, installing culverts, and applying a wearing surface of river run gravel. Fifteen point five miles of macadam surfaced roads on Route Nine have been maintained and improved by repairing the existing surface with a mixture of crushed aggregate and bituminous asphalt. Three thousand four hundred and thirty four man days, 3,520 equipment hours, and 7,625 cubic yards of materials were expended on the road maintenance projects during this reporting period.

A limited all-weather, class 30, single lane access road is under construction from Route One at YD 248605 to the 3rd Marine Division (Forward) Command Post, and a limited all-weather, class 60, two lane access road is under construction from the 11th Engineer Battalion Command Post at YD 229596 to Route Nine at YD 231606. Six hundred and sixty two man days, 3,302 equipment hours, and 3,793 cubic yards of materials have been expended on road construction projects during this reporting period. Currently two river run gravel pits and two borrow pits are operational to provide materials for road construction and maintenance projects.

Bridge construction during the reporting period consisted of a class 30, timber trestle bent, single lane, 28 feet long completed at YD 268581 on the Dong Ha Combat Base dump access road. A class 60, timber trestle bent, single lane, 34 feet long completed at YD 235594 to replace a class 7 bridge on the access road to Route Nine. A class 60, pile bent, single lane, 40 feet long completed at YD 149587 on Route Nine. A class 60, pile bent, single lane, 80 feet long under construction at YD 181587 on Route Nine. Planning, design, and materials procurement action has been completed to up-grade twenty other bridges on Route Nine by constructing new bridges or repairing existing bridges.

The 11th Engineer Battalion continued to operate and maintain the Dong Ha Combat Base Water Point. Existing equipment was replaced to increase the production of potable water and a building was erected to house chemicals and equipment. During January 1967, a total of 959196 gallons of potable water was produced.

During this reporting period the 11th Engineer Battalion provided personnel, equipment, and materials to maintain the structures and facilities in the Dong Ha Combat Base. Requests for cantonment type construction were received, planned, estimated, and materials were ordered.

Currently the 11th Engineer Battalion cantonment is 87 percent complete. Major items completed as of 31 January 1967 consists of a 500 man messhall with garbage collection and pot washing facilities, 86 tent strongbacks (all troops are currently billeted in strongback tents), Motor Vehicle/Engineer Equipment maintenance facility, seven thousand eight hundred and seventy two square feet of covered storage space for Battalion and Company supply warehousing, six tropical huts for Battalion Command Post Administration, Medical Aid Station, Operations, and Bunker for Combat Operations Center.

With the completion of the Battalion Supply Warehouse and the arrival of 100 percent of the Battalion operating stock, the Battalion logistical support capability increased from a fifty percent operational level to eight percent as of 31 January 1967. Occupancy of the new Motor Vehicle/Engineer Equipment maintenance facility has considerably improved the maintenance posture by keeping vehicle and equipment deadline time to a minimum.

During the month of January 1967 this Battalion joined one Marine Corps Officer and 243 enlisted. Seventy eight Marine Corps enlisted were transferred during the month.

On 23 January 1967 this Battalion sustained its first hostile casualty when a dump truck detonated an enemy explosive device. Two additional hostile casualties were sustained on 26 January 1967 when a jeep detonated an enemy explosive device.

On 31 January 1967 the 11th Engineer Battalion personnel strength by area of deployment was as follows:

DONG HA

Marine Corps

Navy

Officers	Enlisted	Officers	Enlisted
35	971	2	14

PHU BAI

<u>Marine Corps</u>		<u>Navy</u>	
Officers	Enlisted	Officers	Enlisted
6	188	0	2

DA NANG

<u>Marine Corps</u>		<u>Navy</u>	
Officers	Enlisted	Officers	Enlisted
1	28	0	2

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

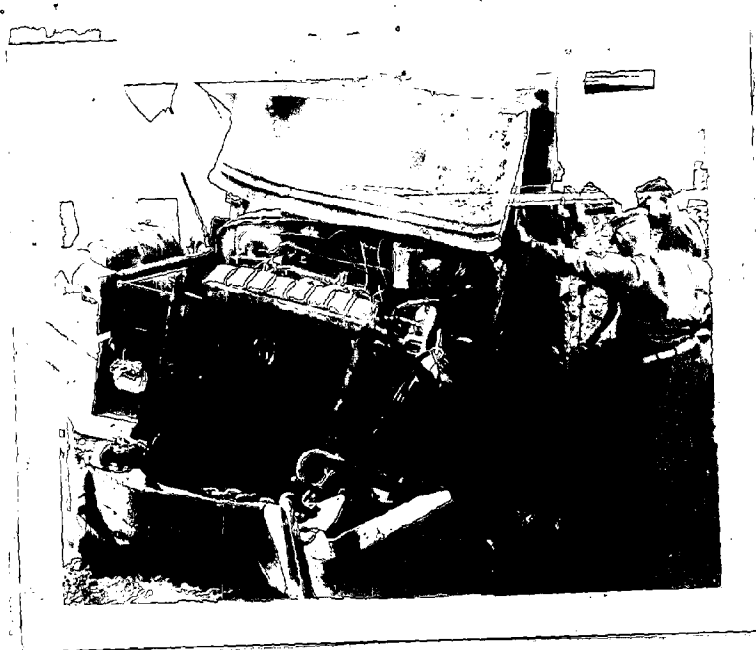
- 2 January 1967 A deliberate road and bridge reconnaissance was conducted on Route Nine west to the M-6 bridge at coordinates YD 027563.
- 3 January 1967 A deliberate road and bridge reconnaissance was conducted on access road commencing at XD 991556 on Route Nine north to XD 985562.
- A deliberate road and bridge reconnaissance was conducted on Route Five Five Eight from coordinates YD 116582 south to YD 111548.
- 5 January 1967 A deliberate bridge reconnaissance was conducted on Route Nine at coordinates XD 994445.
- 7 January 1967 A reconnaissance was conducted at the M-6 bridge on Route Nine at coordinates YD 026562 to determine a new site location for construction of a new bridge.
- 14 January 1967 A deliberate road and bridge reconnaissance was conducted on Route One from Dong Ha to coordinates YD 208753 near the southern boundry of the DMZ. Reconnaissance conducted in accordance with III MAF Work Order 9017.
- 23 January 1967 The left front wheel of a M51A2 Dump Truck detonated a T41 Russian Mine at coordinates YD 255593 while working on the new combat base dump access road. Damages to the truck were extensive. Operator of the truck was slightly injured.
 ✓(Photograph attached as Tab A)

26 January 1967

The left front wheel of a M38A1 Jeep detonated an explosive device of unknown origin in the vicinity of the Hamlet of Thon Quat Xa, RVN, at coordinates YD 110593, while on a Civil Affairs mission. Vehicle completely demolished. Operator seriously injured and evacuated to USS Repose. Three other occupants of vehicle slightly injured.
✓(Photograph attached as Tab B) *Filed w/C/Chron*

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ENCLOSURE (1)



Photograph of a M51A2 Dump Truck which detonated a T41 Russian Mine at coordinates YD 255593, Map - Quang Tri, Sheet 6442 IV, on 23 January 1967, at 1545H.

Tab A to ENCLOSURE (1)



Photograph of a M38A1 Jeep which detonated an explosive device of unknown origin in the vicinity of the Hamlet of Thon Quat KA, RVN, on 26 January 1967, at 1615H.

Tab B to ENCLOSURE (1)