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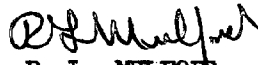
From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division
(2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 February 1967 to 28 February 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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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Eleventh Engineer Battalion
Fleet Marine Force

COMMANDER

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

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

1st Lt. W. D. CORNELIUSON, USMC
16Jan67-Current

Service Company

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

"A" Company

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

"B" Company

Capt. P. L. BARTH, USMC
1Feb67-Current

"C" Company

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

"D" Company

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

2. LOCATION

1 February 1967 - 28 February 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

Supply Officer

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

Communications Officer

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

Medical Officer

Lt. C. L. HIGHGENBOTEN, 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	1242	2	18	None	None

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of February 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. Road maintenance and road improvement projects were accelerated in order to provide and maintain adequate routes of communications commensurate with the tactical situation. Aided by a more favorable working conditions by the decreasing of the moonsoon rains, a reinforced Engineer platoon put forth a concentrated effort to complete improvements to 4.20 miles of earth surface roads at Camp J. J. Carroll. Improvements consisting of ditching, grading, installing culverts and applying river run gravel for wearing surface. Road maintenance and road improvement on Route Nine from Dong Ha to Ca Lu continued by repairing the existing macadam surface with a mixture of crushed aggregate and bituminous asphalt. Road maintenance and road improvements of the 16.17 miles of earth surface roads in the Dong Ha Combat Base continued by ditching, grading, installing culverts and applying a wearing surface of river run gravel.

A limited all-weather, class 30, single lane access road was completed 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 was completed from the 11th Engineer Battalion Command Post at YD 229596 to Route Nine at YD 231606. A limited all-weather, class 60, two lane, 1.23 miles of road is currently being up graded from a class 30, single lane from 9th Motor Transport Command Post at YD 236594 to the 11th Engineer Battalion access road at YD 236594, a limited all-weather, class 60, two lane, .9 miles of road is currently being up-graded from a class 30, single lane, from Route Nine at XD 991556 to Thon Khe Tri at XD 979558 to provide an access to the Rockpile, and a limited all-weather, class 60, two lane road is under construction from YD 240594 to the new 3rd Marine Division (Forward) Ammunition Supply Point at YD 241588. During the reporting period, a total of 2,787

man days, 9,911 Engineer Equipment hours, 26,730 cubic yards of materials and 1,288 feet of nestable culvert were expended on road maintenance and road construction projects.

Five bridges were constructed or are under construction during the reporting period. A class 60, pile bent, single lane, 80 feet long completed on Route Nine at YD 181587 (Photographs attached as Tab A). A class 60, pile bent, single lane, 60 foot long completed on Route Nine at XD 982543. A class 60, single lane, 42 foot long is under construction on Route Nine at XD 982543. A class 60, pile bent, single lane, is under construction on Route Nine at XD 026562. A class 60, multiple culvert causeway/Bridge, 160 foot long is under construction on the access road from Route Nine to the Rockpile at XD 988559. Bridge materials previously placed on procurement during January 1967 are currently being received, and contingent upon the tactical situation, bridge construction and repairs on Route Nine to the west will be accomplished.

During this reporting period the 11th Engineer Battalion continued to operate and maintain the Water Supply Point for the Dong Ha complex. We also provided personnel, equipment and materials to maintain and repair the existing structures and facilities at the Dong Ha Combat Base. During February 1967, a total of 1,105,575 gallons of potable water was produced and 53 projects for repairs to existing facilities and/or cantonment type construction were completed.

Currently the 11th Engineer Battalion over all cantonment is 95 percent complete. Major items completed during February consists of a motor vehicle lubrication and washing facility, motor vehicle/engineer equipment outside concrete maintenance pads, Ammunition/Explosive storage bunkers, additional perimeter security fence with a 30 foot observation tower (Photograph attached as Tab B) additional tent strongbacks, outside supply storage areas, and a building for the Battalion Branch of Division Post Exchange.

The Battalion Logistical support capability continued to improve during February with the completion of the outside storage areas for supplies. The third and fourth echelon repair parts transported to this location from CONUS have been transferred to FLSU to eliminate the impact on that unit for third and fourth echelon maintenance support requirements of this Command. With the completion of the Motor Vehicle/Engineer Equipment maintenance pads, lubrication and washing facilities, increased Motor Vehicle and Equipment preventive maintenance standards are being realized.

On 4 February 1967 the Battalion suffered it's first Combat fatality when a member died on the USS Repose from wounds sustained from the explosion of an activated explosive device that occurred on 26 January 1967.

During the month of February the Battalion joined six Marine Corps Officers and transferred eight. Sixty-one Marine Corps enlisted were

joined and three were transferred.

On 23 February 1967, the operational control of the First Platoon, Third Bridge Company was transferred to this Command with bridging assets from the Third Engineer Battalion. The Second Platoon, Third Bridge Company is currently under the operational control of Charlie Company, 11th Engineer Battalion located at Phu Bai.

On 28 February 1967, the 11th Engineer Battalion personnel strength by area of deployment was as follows:

DONG HA

<u>Marine Corps</u>		<u>Navy</u>	
Officers	Enlisted	Officers	Enlisted
36	1032	2	16

PHU BAI

<u>Marine Corps</u>		<u>Navy</u>	
Officers	Enlisted	Officers	Enlisted
6	206	0	2

DA NANG

<u>Marine Corps</u>		<u>Navy</u>	
Officers	Enlisted	Officers	Enlisted
1	26	0	1

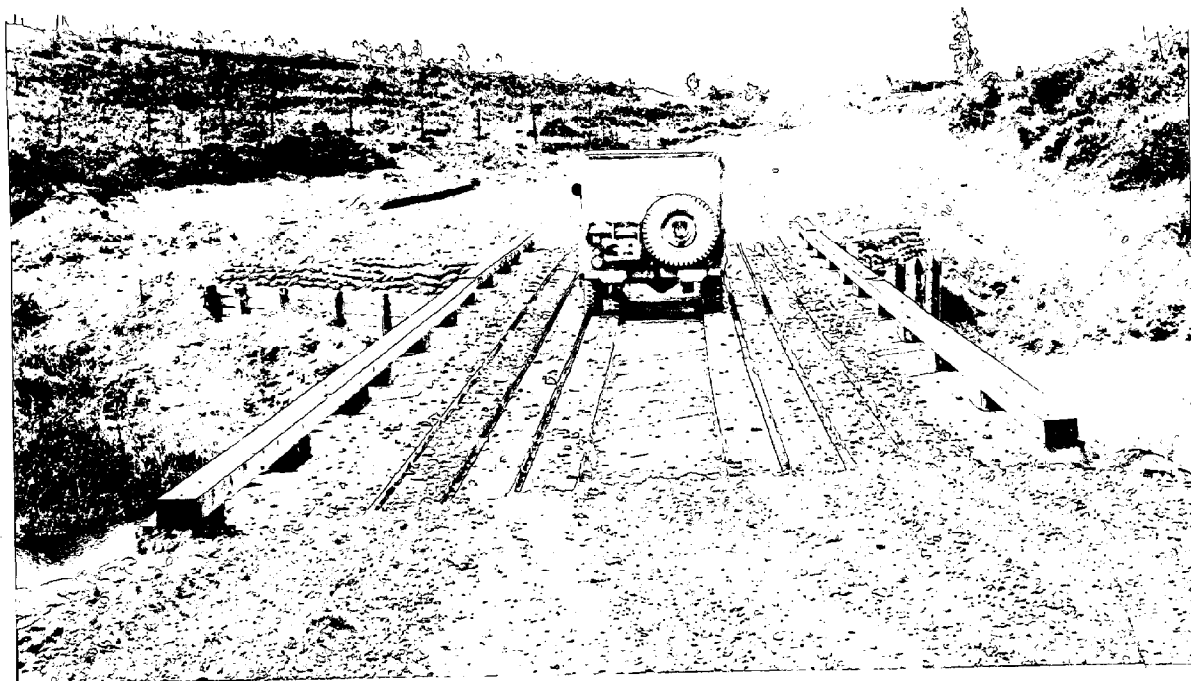
PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

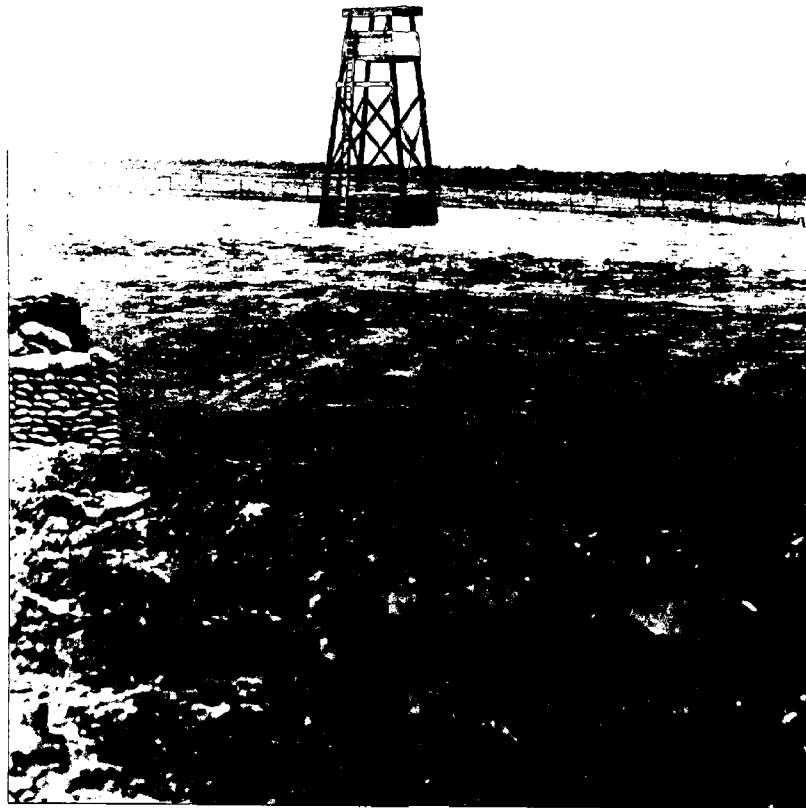
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The blade of a TD-18-182 tractor detonated an explosive device of unknown origin at coordinates XD 992556 while working on the access road to the "Rockpile". Tractor damages can be repaired locally. Operator and on site supervisors slightly injured by the explosion.

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Photograph of the 11th Engineer Battalion Command Post observation tower and forward perimeter security fortification.

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