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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Designation
11th Engineer Bn.

Commander
LtCol R. C. EVANS
1 Sept 68 - Current

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Hq Co	Capt. L.L. LISZEWSKI USMC 15 Jul 68 - Current
Serv Co	Capt. D.C. SIKES USMC 21 May 68 - Current
A Co	Capt. P.J. GARIBOLDI USMC 24 March 68 - Current
B Co	Capt. M.D. FITZGERALD USMC 15 Jul 68 - Current
C Co	1stLt. W.A. WOODCOCK USMC 8 May 68 - Current
D Co	1stLt. J.A. GOODMAN USMC 15 Jul 68 - Current
2. Staff Officers	
S-1/Adjutant	1stLt. W.M. HAMILTON USMC 17 Aug 68 - Current
Legal Officer	1stLt. E.V. BURNETT USMC 1 Jan 68 - Current
S-2/3	Capt. R.H. BRINKLEY USMC 15 Jul 68 - Current
S-4	Maj. R.H. HUCKABY USMC 12 Aug 68 - Current
Supply Officer	1stLt. T.A. HAZEL USMC 25 Aug 68 - Current
Communications Officer	Capt. A.E. GEIGER USMC 3 Jun 68 - Current

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Enclosure (1)

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Medical Officer

Lt. P.H. BRIDGEMORE USN
29 July 68 - Current

Chaplain

LtCmdr. D.F. BROCK
16 Aug 68 - Current

3. Location

1 September - 30 September 1968 - Dong Ha, RVN

September Monthly Strength

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
39	980	4	25	0	0

Part II

During the month of September a total of 13,300 mandays, 4,290 engineer equipment hours and 35,987 board feet of lumber was expended.

The Battalion Command Post remained at Dong Ha during the month of September. The engineer capabilities of the Battalion were employed at Dong Ha Combat Base, Vandegrift Combat Base, A-4, A-2, A-3, C-2, C-3, Cam Lo, Cua Viet, Route 561 and Route 9.

Delta Company supported by Alpha Heavy Equipment was initially committed to continue construction work at Vandegrift Combat Base. On the 19th of September they returned to Dong Ha.

"B" Company spent the early part of September at Dong Ha and then moved to Vandegrift Combat Base to relieve "D" Company. During the month of September, 11th Engineers Working at Vandegrift Combat Base constructed 7 bunkers and 28 strongbacks. They also began construction of 105 concrete fighting bunkers by installing culvert for 26 of them. Other engineer projects at Vandegrift included completion of 2 A.S.P. berms, completion of Med L.S. work, wiring and repair of C Med Bunkers. Extensive road work was done within the combat base and Route 9 was opened from Vandegrift to coordinates XD 943423. The upgrade and repair of Route 9 and its bypasses included installation of 40 ft. of 36" culvert at bypass 9/17 coordinates YD 009452, 3.40 ft. sections of 48" culvert at bypass 9/18 coordinates YD 002452. Bypasses at 9/19, 9/20, 9/21 and 9/22 were repaired using existing culvert. Engineers installed 48 ft. of 36" culvert at bypass 9/28 coordinates XD 957428.

During September "C" Company and "A" Company were located at Dong Ha.

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Headquarters Heavy Equipment Plt continued to upgrade Route 561 from Cam Lo to Con Thien. Company "C" completed construction of a dual lane, all weather, class 60 road 900 meters in length from Route 1 to "D" Med.

Equipment support was provided to the 108th Artillery for construction of 40 gun pads and projectile pits at A-3, C-2 and A-4. One tractor supported the 1st Amtrac Bn. at Cua Viet and C-4 where the Battalion also constructed 5-8x8 bunkers, and one tractor supported MCB-7 in road construction between bridge 9/11 and 9/12. Further equipment support was given to the 1st of the 5th at C-3 and C-2 in construction of earthen fuel bladders and vehicle revetments. Two tractors also supported the 1st Tank Battalion at Ni Ha.

Bridge platoon was employed in the installation of three tactical bridges and repair of a fourth. On 2 September this platoon installed an 85 foot single lane, class 60, M-6 bridge at Vandegrift Combat Base. Heavy rains badly damaged a pile pier bent bridge, 9/12 at coordinates YD 026562. It was reinforced by installing a class 60, double transom trestles. Bridge platoon installed a 150 foot single span, single lane, class 60, M-6 bridge at coordinates XD 126673 and a 400 foot multi-span fixed, single lane, class 40/30 transom trestle bridge utilizing M4T6 deck balk at coordinates YD 148604.

Construction projects within Dong Ha Combat Base included completion of 4 bunkers in the Battalion area, construction of interior partitions for Company Supplys, construction of an armed revetment for the Bn. generator shed, construction of an extension to the Battalion Chapel, and prefabrication of 19 heads shipped to Vandegrift. Headquarters Construction Platoon cut and painted 30 signs and built a gate for "D" Med. Company "C" is engaged in construction of a 24'x32' Special Intelligence Operations Bunker and rebuilding the 12th Marines BAS Bunker. The Battalion constructed 12 S.E.A. Huts within its compound.

This Battalion continued to operate a daily minesweep on Route 9 from Dong Ha Combat Base to coordinates YD 181587 and on Route 1 from Dong Ha Combat Base to C-1. During this period several mining incidents were reported on Route 1, two of which were reported to the sweep team by Vietnamese civilians.

During this reporting period the Battalion continued to operate water points in the 3rd Marine Division area of operations; 3,751,020 gallons of potable water and 2,035,327 gallons of non-potable water were produced. This Battalion is in the process on supplying running water to all companies.

The 11th Engineer Battalion continues to furnish electrical power to the 3rd Marine Division area of operation. Seventeen generators were operational during this reporting period.

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During September this Battalion received 32 new M-151 vehicles.

During September the 11th Engineer Battalion had operational control of 3rd Platoon, 3rd Bridge Company consisting of 1 Officer and 26 men.

In September 3 Marine Officers and 44 Enlisted Marines were transferred. There were 3 Marine Officers and 54 Marine Enlisted men joined. Seven Battalion Office Hours were conducted.

The Battalion's personnel strength by major areas of deployment were as follows:

	USMC	USN
DONG HA COMBAT BASE		
32 OFFICERS	832 ENLISTED	4 OFFICERS 21 ENLISTED
VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE		
6 OFFICERS	125 ENLISTED	0 OFFICERS 4 ENLISTED
A-4 POSITION		
0 OFFICERS	3 ENLISTED	0 OFFICERS 0 ENLISTED
A-3 POSITION		
0 OFFICERS	10 ENLISTED	0 OFFICERS 0 ENLISTED
C-3 POSITION		
0 OFFICERS	10 ENLISTED	0 OFFICERS 0 ENLISTED

PART III

Chronological Sequence of Events

- 1 September a. Vandegrift Combat Base; 3 10x24 Shore Party Bunkers completed.
- 2 September a. Vandegrift Combat Base; 1-10x24 L.S.U. Bunker completed.
b. Cua Viet; 5-8x8 bunkers for 1st Amtrac Bn. completed.
c. Delta Med access road completed.
- 3 September a. Vandegrift Combat Base; 1-10x24 bunker completed.
- 4 September a. Special Intelligence Operations Bunker Dong Ha Combat Base 15% complete.
- 5 September a. Typhoon condition brought work to standstill.
- 6 September a. Installed 85 ft. span, single lane, class 60, M-6 bridge at Vandegrift Combat Base.
- 7 September a. Vandegrift Combat Base; Med L.Z. earthwork completed.
b. Painting and lettering of 30 signs and construction of gate for Delta Med completed.
c. Two tractors completed work in support of 1st of 5th Mech. at C-3, C-2, and A-4 construction earthen fuel bladders and vehicle revetments.

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- 8 September d. Two tractors completed support of 1st Tank Bn. at Na Ha.
a. Vandegrift Combat Base; Upgrade of M.S.R. to L.S.A. 100% complete.
- 11 September b. 2-10x24 and 1-8x8 bunker 11th Engr. Bn. completed.
a. Route 1 minesweep at coordinates YD 219636 found 1 AT mine. Blown on side of road.
- 12 September a. Route 1 minesweep at coordinates YD 220634 found 1 AT mine. Blown on side of road.
- 13 September a. Vandegrift Combat Base; Construction of 7 strongbacks completed. Began construction of 105 concrete fighting hole bunkers.
b. Route 9 open to coordinates XD 943423
- 14 September a. Route 1 minesweep at coordinates YD 242611 found one T-41 mine on west side of road. Blown in place. 2 tractors completed support of 1st Amtrac Bn. at Mi Loc. Completed reconstruction of abutments at C-2 in preparation for installation of M-6 bridge.
- 15 September a. Two tractors in support of 12th Marines at Camp Rockpile and 2 tractors in support of MCB 7 at 9/11 coordinates YD 042566.
- 17 September a. Installed 125 ft. span, class 60, dual lane M-6 bridge at C-2 washout.
- 18 September a. Vandegrift Combat Base; 2 ASP berms completed; 3 ASP berms 70% complete.
b. Disassembly of revetments at airstrip completed.
- 19 September a. Route 1 sweep team found 1 AT mine in a bush on side of road at coordinates YD 227628. Vietnamese boy disclosed location of mine to sweep team. The mine was blown in place.
- 20 September a. ARVN informed Route 1 sweep team of an A.T. mine buried at coordinates YD 235618. Mine pulled off side of road and blown.
- 21 September a. Vandegrift Combat Base; 16 Strongbacks completed.
- 23 September a. Route 1 sweep team hit mine at coordinates YD 219639; 1 hour later found 1 A.T. mine at coordinates YD 219641. Mine blown in place.
b. Repaired bridge at 9/12 coordinates YD 026562 by installing class 60, double transom trestle bridge.
- 25 September a. Razed old Arty observation tower at A-2.
- 28 September a. Vandegrift Combat Base; 20 strongbacks completed. Route 1 sweep team found satchel charge in middle of the road at coordinates 241611. The satchel charge was blown in place.
- 29 September a. Two tractors completed construction of gun and powder pits at A-3.
- 30 September a. Vandegrift Combat Base; 24 strongbacks completed.
b. Installation of 400 ft. transom trestle bridge at coordinates YD 198604 15% complete.
c. Four S.E.A. Huts constructed 100% complete.