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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April 1970 - 30 April 1970

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation.

9th Engineer Battalion, FMF

Commander
 LtCol JOHN P. KRAYNAK
 1 - 30 April 1970

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

Capt N. R. MARTIN
 1 - 30 April 1970

Service Company

Capt J. L. MCCRE
 1 - 30 April 1970

Company "B"

1stLt T. M. TURNER
 1 - 30 April 1970

Company "C"

1stLt L. M. PROSSER
 1 - 30 April 1970

Company "D"

Capt R. D. OLSON
 1 - 30 April 1970

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. Location.

9th Engineer Battalion (-)	DaNang, RVN	1 - 30 April 1970
	AT981746	
Company "B" (-)	Hill #10	1 - 30 April 1970
	BT199390	
Company "B", First Platoon	Tam Ky	1 - 11 April 1970
	BT290230	
	Hill #10	12 - 18 April 1970
	BT199390	
	HqBn, 1st MarDiv	19 - 30 April 1970
	AT955749	
Company "C" (-)	Hill #34	1 - 24 April 1970
	AT982781	
	DaNang RVN	25 - 30 April 1970
	AT981746	
Company "C", First Platoon	Chu Lai	1 - 30 April 1970
	BT514046 (Bn Rear)	
Company "D" (-)	Hill #63	1 - 30 April 1970
	BT131452	

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

S-1/Adjutant

S-2/S-3 Officer

S-5 Officer

Personnel Officer

Legal Officer

Sergeant Major

Motor Transport Officer

Construction Officer

ADM Officer

Maintenance Officer

Utilities Officer

Medical Officer

Supply Officer

Embarkation Officer

NBC Officer

Major J. B. TOWNSEND

1 - 30 April 1970

Capt N. E. BRAYFIELD

1 - 10 April 1970

Capt T. W. SCHAUER

11 - 30 April 1970

Major L. L. O'LAUGHLIN

1 - 10 April 1970

Capt R. H. RAILEY

11 - 30 April 1970

Capt T. W. SCHAUER

1 - 12 April 1970

CWO - 4 G. M. HAYES

13 - 30 April 1970

Capt N. E. BRAYFIELD

1 - 10 April 1970

Capt T. W. SCHAUER

11 - 19 April 1970

1stLt C. P. BOULTON

20 - 30 April 1970

Capt T. W. SCHAUER

1 - 19 April 1970

1stLt C. P. BOULTON

20 - 30 April 1970

Sgt Maj M. W. KHUEGER

1 - 30 April 1970

1stLt B. L. SMITH

1 - 30 April 1970

Capt R. H. RAILEY

1 - 30 April 1970

Capt R. H. RAILEY

1 - 30 April 1970

Capt S. F. TAYLOR

1 - 30 April 1970

CWO - 4 G. M. HAYES

1 - 30 April 1970

Lt A. E. SQUIRE

1 - 30 April 1970

Capt G. L. BRINCHAM

1 - 30 April 1970

1stLt T. P. CARRAS

1 - 30 April 1970

Capt R. H. RAILEY

1 - 30 April 1970

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Training Officer

Capt R. H. RAILEY

1 - 30 April 1970

Education Officer

Capt R. H. RAILEY

1 - 30 April 1970

Chaplain

Lt Cdr W. B. FINK

1 - 6 April 1970.

None

Communication Officer

7 - 30 April 1970

1st Lt D. J. HAZELL

1 - 30 April 1970.

Heavy Equipment Officer

MGy Sgt C. F. CHANEY

1 - 30 April 1970.

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC

USN

Officers

Enlisted

Officers

Enlisted

36

734

1

17

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During April 1970, the 9th Engineer Battalion was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel JOHN P. KRAYNAK. The Battalion continued its primary mission of maintenance and upgrading of Vietnam Route #1 from Tam Ky (BT293240) north to the Ly Ly River (BT145457), and haul support for the placement of base material from the end of the present pavement (BT210373), to the Ly Ly River, with deliberate minesweeps from the end of the pavement to Song Ba Ren Bridge (BT102510). The Battalion continued limited engineer support to the Americal Division, USA, MCB-7, USN, and other Free World Forces in the Chu Lai, Tam Ky, and Northern Americal Division Area of Operations. Relocation of the Battalion to the First Marine Division AO has brought forth new projects and assistance to units in the DaNang area.

2. Company "E", located at Hill #10 (BT199389), continued its primary mission of minesweeps, maintenance and upgrading in preparation for asphaltic paving of Vietnam Route #1 from the end of the pavement to the Ly Ly River, a total of 7.8 miles. The company continued construction support to Free World Forces throughout their area of operation. On 11 April 1970 the First Platoon turned the platoon compound at Tam Ky (BT293240) over to elements of the 39th Engineer Battalion, 45th Engineer Group, USA, and then moved to the "B" Company compound at Hill #10 (BT199389) on 11 April 1970. The First Platoon then moved from Hill #10 to Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division (AT955749) on 24 April 1970 for assistance in installation of new defensive wire in Dai La Pass (AT939752), and other emergency support to Headquarters Battalion.

3. Company "C", located at Hill #34 (AT982711) from 1-24 April 1970 relocated to the Battalion Compound at DaNang on 25 April 1970. The First Platoon remained in the Chu Lai Compound as security. Elements of the second and third platoon returned to Chu Lai to dismantle five Butler Buildings during the period 17-27 April. The company's primary mission continued to be the hauling of base rock in preparation for asphaltic pavement of Vietnam Route #1 from the end of the present pavement to the Ly Ly River.

4. Company "D", located at Landing Zone Baldy (BT136448), continued the primary mission of daily minesweeps on Vietnam Route #1 from the Ly Ly Bridge, north to the Song Ba Ren Bridge (BT102510) a distance of 4.8 miles, and haul support from the end of the pavement to the Ly Ly Bridge.

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The company also has the responsibility for support to the 10th ARVN Group on Route 535, and continued engineer support to Free World Forces throughout their area of operations.

5. During the month of April 1970, the Battalion continued to stress its primary missions of minesweeps, upgrading, and haul support to Vietnam Route #1.

a. The upgrading and maintenance tasks on QL-1 were concentrated toward support of MCB-7, USN in preparations for paving of the road with asphaltic concrete from the end of the pavement to the Ly Ly Bridge.

b. During the reporting period, the following mineral products were emplaced on QL-1 in accordance with assigned tasks from Tam Ky to the Ba Ren Bridge: 4,916 cubic yards of two inch minus base rock, 1,275 cubic yards of six inch minus base rock, 28 cubic yards of shot rock, 150 cubic yards of laterite, 223 cubic yards of three quarter inch aggregate, 257 cubic yards of sand, 150 gallon's of peneprime/RC 800, and 90 tons of asphaltic concrete.

6. The second Provisional Land Clearing Company continued to conduct operations in the First Armored Brigade, ARVN, area of operations. Other units participating were the 37th and 39th ARVN Ranger Battalions, First Armored Brigade, ARVN; one company of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division, USA; and the 7th Armored Cavalry, ARVN.

a. 1-30 April 1970 Land Clearing Operations were held in the following BT grids, 1348, 1349, 1350, 1446, 1447, 1448, 1449, 1450, 1451, 1546, 1547, 1650, 1548, 1549, 1550, 1551, 1645, 1647, 1648, 1649, 1651, 1747, 1748, 1749, 1745, 1750, 1845, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1945, 1946, 1947, 2045 and 2046.

- (1) 2900 Lineal yards of trenches destroyed.
- (2) 6521 acres cleared
- (3) 971 bunkers destroyed
- (4) 799 fighting holes destroyed
- (5) 568 spider traps destroyed
- (6) 60 lineal yards of multi-level tunnels destroyed

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- (7) Ordnance discovered, and destroyed/retained
- (a) 163 frag bomblets
 - (b) 100 rounds M-60 ammo
 - (c) 18 - 60mm rounds
 - (d) 11 - 105mm rounds
 - (e) 10 - 30 cal rounds
 - (f) 9 LAAW'S
 - (g) 17 - B-40 rockets
 - (h) 8 - 155mm rounds
 - (i) 7 - M-79 rounds
 - (j) 11 Chi Com grenades
 - (k) 10 VC bangalore torpedoes
 - (l) 5 - M-26 frag grenades
 - (m) 4 - 5 inch 38 cal naval rounds
 - (n) 3 - 2.75 rockets
 - (o) 2 - 60# box mines
 - (p) 2 - 175mm rounds
 - (q) 2 - SKS rifles (retained by operator/security)
 - (r) 2 - 81mm illum rounds
 - (s) 2 - 81mm HE rounds
 - (t) 2 - RPG rounds
 - (u) 1 - 105 fuse

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- (v) 1 - 30#box mine
- (w) 1 - 40mm round
- (x) 1 magnetic anti tank mine
- (y) 1 - 20#box mine
- (z) 1 - 155 fuse
- (aa) 1 VC claymore mine
- (bb) 1 wire guided heat missile

8. During the reporting period the 9th Engineer Battalion, FMF has accomplished the following support to the Free World Forces.

UNIT	DISCRIPTION
HQ Bn 1st Mar Div	Reinforce steps to BOQ
HQ Bn 1st Mar Div	Constructed concrete deck for trash points
HQ Bn 1st Mar Div	Installed defensive tactical wire
HQ Bn 1st Mar Div	Walk way for heads and urinals
HQ Bn 1st Mar Div	Constructed wood fence for EM Club
MAG 13	Constructed 45 mount-out boxes
9th Engineer Bn	Disassembled five Butler buildings at Chu Lai
9th Engineer Bn	Constructed sump for Enlisted shower
Quang Da Special Zone	Upgraded 2.8 Km of perimeter road to serviceable condition
Quang Da Special Zone	5 - 8'x8' bunkers and 2 - 8'x16' bunkers
Quang Da Special Zone	Provided material for repair of 3 bunkers
Quang Da Special Zone	Installed 1800 meters of defensive wire
Quang Da Special Zone	Constructed two new access roads, closed old access road

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PART IIISequential Listing of
Significant Events1. Civic Action:

The Battalion civic action program in Chu Lai terminated upon relocation of the Battalion to the DaNang area. A new assigned area of operations is being investigated to find out the needs of the people. A civic action team is being formed and schooled for future projects.

2. Training.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SCHOOL OR COURSE</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
3Apr70	Embarkation School	Officer	Okinawa
12Apr70	Officer Leadership Course	Officer	DaNang
12Apr70	NCO Leadership Course	Enlisted	DaNang
18Apr70	Career Planners Course	Enlisted	Okinawa
19Apr70	SNCO Leadership Course	Enlisted	DaNang
20Apr70	RPS School	Officer	DaNang
26Apr70	Officer Leadership Course	Officer	DaNang
26Apr70	NCO Leadership Course	Enlisted	DaNang

3. Engineer Operations

a. 01 April 1970

(1) 011330H at Freedom Hill PX, shoe shine boy turned in one M-26 frag grenade, turned in to S-4 as grade 3 ordnance.

(2) 011610H at BT217455 Land Clearing Company, USA tractor hit 40lb box mine, operator mowed, tractor received extensive damage.

b. 02 April 1970

(1) 020820H at BT128479 Company "D" Sweep Team found one M-16 anti-personnel mine lot No# LCP-42-5, destroyed in place.

c. 04 April 1970

(1) 041430H at AT948754 one M-16 anti-personnel mine found in stack of concertina wire in Battalion compound. Lot No# 28-3, notified EOD, who then removed the mine.

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d. 07 April 1970

(1) 070840H at BT117493 Company "D" Sweep Team found one M-72 LAAW on side of road, negative lot #, destroyed in place.

e. 10 April 1970

(1) 100859 at BT116494 Vietnamese civilian turned in to "D" Company Sweep Team with shrapnel wounds, medevaced by vehicle to Hill 63.

f. 14 April 1970

(1) 140745H at BT219359 Company "B" reported bridge wing wall partly destroyed by enemy activity, road passable, no structural damage to bridge.

(2) 142350H at AT986748 West perimeter of C Sector Bunker #2 reported approximately 10 rounds small arms fire passed over head. 2350, bunker #4 reported approximately 10 rounds passed over that position. Information reported to NSDC.

g. 15 April 1970

(1) 150840H at BT208375 Company "B" Sweep Team found one 4.2 inch mortar round lot No# LCP-105-93.

(2) 150835H at BT206377 Company "B" Sweep Team found two 60mm rounds, negative lot #, destroyed in place.

h. 16 April 1970

(1) 160745H at BT143446 Company "D" Sweep Team found one large NVA flag and twenty (20) smaller flags along with propaganda leaflets and one large stake with propaganda leaflet (booby trapped). Used grappling hooks on booby trapped stake, no damage, no casualties, destroyed leaflets, all propaganda material returned to Company "D" cantonment to check intelligence value, negative value reported.

(2) 161515H at BT219359 Company "B" Sweep Team found one 10# nitro-starch anti-personnel mine (booby trapped) approximately 4 meters NW end of bridge 29. Disarmed with grappling hooks and wire cutters, removed from site for destruction.

i. 17 April 1970

(1) 170945H at BT114497 Company "D" Sweep Team found one 105 HE round, negative lot #, destroyed in place.

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j. 24 April 1970

(1) 240730H at BT158443 Company "D" Sweep Team found one 60mm HE round, negative lot #, destroyed in place.

k. 26 April 1970

(1) 261150H at BT129479 Company "D" Sweep Team found one M-16 anti-personnel mine, two M-26 frag grenades and two 60mm illum rounds in paddy next to road, destroyed in place.

l. 28 April 1970

(1) 281630H at AT935756 Company "B" laying wire for Hq Bn, 1st Mar Div found 5'x4'x10' tunnel while clearing area. Tunnel destroyed on order of Hq Bn S-4.

m. 29 April 1970

(1) 290730H at BT208375 Company "B" Sweep Team found one M-79 round, negative lot #, destroyed in place.

n. 30 April 1970

(1) 300835H at BT116493 Company "D" Sweep Team found two blasting caps, destroyed in place.

4. Voluntary Information Program

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

- (1) 206 - M-26 fragmentation grenades
- (2) 52 - M-79 rounds
- (3) 36 - 60mm rounds
- (4) 8 - Chi Com grenades
- (5) 6 - 105mm HE rounds
- (6) 4 - Unknown frag bombs (homemade)
- (7) 3 - Supplementary charges
- (8) 2 - RPG rounds
- (9) 2 - LAAW's
- (10) 3 - 155mm rounds
- (11) 2 - 81mm rounds
- (12) 2 - 4.2mm rounds
- (13) 1 - Homemade tomato can A/P mine
- (14) 1 - Bomblet
- (15) 1 - M-16 A/P mine
- (16) 1 - Rifle grenade.

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b. Total funds expended for period: \$80,650.

(1) Funds drawn through the 9th Engineer Battalion: \$1,200 VN.

(2) Funds drawn through the 7th Marine Regiment: \$79,450 VN.

5. Patrols

a. None