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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 May 1970 - 31 May 1970

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation.

9th Engineer Battalion, FMF

Commander
LtCol JOHN P. KRAINAK
1 - 31 May 1970SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

Capt N. R. MARTIN
1 - 31 May 1970

Service Company

Capt J. L. MOORE

1 - 15 May 1970

Company "B"

Capt R. D. OLSON

16 - 31 May 1970

1stLt T. M. TURNER

1 - 19 May 1970

Capt J. L. MOORE

20 - 31 May 1970

1stLt L. M. PROSSER

1 - 31 May 1970

Capt R. D. OLSON

1 - 15 May 1970

Capt R. C. WEST

16 - 31 May 1970

Company "C"

Company "D"

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. Location.

9th Engineer Battalion (-)	DaNang, RW AT981746	1 - 31 May 1970
Company "B"	Hill #10 BT199390	1 - 31 May 1970
Company "C" (-)	DaNang, RW AT981746	1 - 31 May 1970
Company "C" First Platoon	Chu Lai BT514046	1 - 15 May 1970
	DaNang, RW AT981746	16 - 31 May 1970
Company "D"	Hill #63 BT131452	1 - 31 May 1970

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major J. B. TOWNSEND
S-1/Adjutant	1 - 31 May 1970
S-2/S-3	Capt T. W. SCHAUER
S-4	1 - 31 May 1970
S-5	Capt R. H. RALLEY
	1 - 31 May 1970
Personnel Officer	Capt R. C. WEST
Legal Officer	1 - 8 May 1970
Sergeant Major	Major H. D. HIBBS
Motor Transport Officer	9 - 31 May 1970
Construction Officer	CWO-4 G. M. HAYES
AEM Officer	1 - 4 May 1970
Maintenance Officer	1stLt H. B. SPEED
	5 - 19 May 1970
Utilities Officer	CWO-4 G. M. HAYES
Medical Officer	20 - 31 May 1970
Supply Officer	1stLt C. P. BOULTON
Embarcation Officer	1 - 31 May 1970
NBC Officer	1stLt C. P. BOULTON
Training Officer	1 - 31 May 1970
	Sgt Maj M. W. KRUEGER
	1 - 31 May 1970
	1stLt B. L. SMITH
	1 - 31 May 1970
	Capt R. H. RALLEY
	1 - 31 May 1970
	Capt R. H. RALLEY
	1 - 31 May 1970
	Capt R. H. RALLEY
	1 - 31 May 1970
	Capt S. F. TAYLOR
	1 - 18 May 1970
	Capt R. D. OLSON
	19 - 31 May 1970
	CWO-4 G. M. HAYES
	1 - 31 May 1970
	Lt A. E. SQUIRE
	1 - 31 May 1970
	Capt G. L. BRINGHAM
	1 - 31 May 1970
	1stLt T. P. CARRAS
	1 - 31 May 1970
	Capt R. H. RALLEY
	1 - 31 May 1970
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	1 - 31 May 1970

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Education Officer	Capt R. H. RAILLEY
	1 - 31 May 1970
Chaplain	None
	1 - 31 May 1970
Communication Officer	1stLt D. J. HAZELL
	1 - 19 May 1970
	GySgt P. J. CALMI
Heavy Equipment Officer	20 - 31 May 1970
	MGySgt C. F. CHANEY
	1 - 17 May 1970
	GySgt E. R. ANDERSON
	18 - 31 May 1970

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	USN		
Officers	Enlisted	Officers	Enlisted
34	740	1	16

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During May 1970, the 9th Engineer Battalion was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel John P. KRAYNAK. The Battalion continued its primary mission of maintenance and upgrade of Vietnam Route #1 from Tam Ky (BT293240) north to the Ly Ly River (BT145457), and deliberate minesweeps from the end of the pavement to the Song Ba Ren Bridge (BT102510). The Battalion continued engineer support to the Free World Forces in the northern Americal Division area of operations. The Battalion has also been assigned new projects in the First Marine Division area of operations.
2. Company "B", located at Hill #10 (BT196389), continued their primary mission of minesweeps, and maintenance and upgrade in the preparation for asphaltic paving of Vietnam Route #1 from the end of the pavement to the Ly Ly River, a total of approximately 8 miles. The company continued construction support to the Free World Forces throughout their area of operations.
3. First Platoon, Company "C" turned the Chu Lai compound over to Americal Division and rejoined Company "C" in the Battalion Compound at DaNang (BT981746) on 16 May 1970. The company's primary mission continued to be hauling base rock in preparation for asphaltic pavement of Vietnam Route #1 from the end of the present pavement to the Ly Ly Bridge.
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. The company also has the responsibility for material and haul 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 May 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 preparation for paving of with asphaltic concrete from the end of the present pavement to the Ly Ly Bridge.

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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: 5414 tons of two inch minus base rock placed on QL-1, 3100 tons of two inch minus hauled to the stock pile at MAT-8 in support of QL-1, 70 tons of asphaltic concrete in support of MCB-7 for paving of QL-1.

6. The Second Provisional Land Clearing Company, with the following supporting security, the company itself consisting of elements of 7th and 9th Engr Bn's FMF, and elements of 26th and 39th Engr Bn's, USA, with the command group from 9th Engr Bn, was disbanded on 27 May 1970 in accordance with CG XXIV Corps msg 271605Z May70.

a. 1-24 May 1970 Land Clearing Operations were held in the following BT grids, 1450, 1451, 1452, 1551, 1552, 1651, 1652, 1749, 1750, 1751, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1947, 1948, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2147, 2244, 2245, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2445, 2446, and 2447.

7. The following listed totals are for the overall operations 18 Mar70 thru 24 May70

- a. (1) 11345 acres cleared
- (2) 1483 bunkers destroyed
- (3) 1108 fighting holes destroyed
- (4) 807 spider holes destroyed
- (5) 5000 lineal yards of trenches destroyed
- (6) 118 lineal yards of dual level tunnel destroyed
- (7) Ordnance discovered and destroyed/retained
 - (a) 526 pcs of ordnance
- b. Cumulative total enemy KIA/WIA captured by Land Clearing Company Personnel

(1) Enemy KIA	2
(2) Enemy WIA	1
(3) Enemy captured	4
- c. Cumulative total Land Clearing Company casualties

(1) USMC KIA	1
(2) USMC WIA	8
(3) USA KIA	0
(4) USA WIA	5
(5) USA EOD WIA	1
- d. Cumulative total enemy weapons/equipment captured

(1) SKS rifles	4
(2) AK rifles	3
(3) M-1 rifle	1
(4) US .45 Cal pistols	2
(5) Battery tester	1
(6) Medical bag	1
(7) Map	1

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

UNIT	DESCRIPTION
Subsector "C", NSDC	30' security tower
9th Engr Bn	Installing drainage at Bn messhall, camp maintenance
Quang Da Special Zone	Rehab electrical wiring, repair screens and doors throughout the cantonment
Ho Bn 1st Marine Division	Sheds and concrete deck for trash points
= = =	Install ceiling in messhall
= = =	Install screens throughout messhall
= = =	Enclose patio EM club
= = =	Board walk SNCO billeting area
= = =	Clearing of drainage ditch
MACS4	1 tractor for two day clearing of trash pit
1st Engineer Battalion	1 M-37 crane for construction of dam
5th Special forces	Construction of 120' x 200' helopad
3NCB	Haul support asphalt and base rock for upgrade of QL-1
1st MP Bn	Mine detector for area sweep
Quang Da Special Zone	Perimeter and access road construction
9th Engr Bn	Construct pallets (50) for mount out purposes
9th Engr Bn	Construct mount out boxes (6)
1st Med Bn	Electrician and reefer mechanic support
1st M.T. Bn	Electrical survey of camp
1st Mar Div	Haul support to An Hoa combat base

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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>
2May70	Embarkation School	Enlisted	Okinawa
3May70	SNCO Leadership Course	Enlisted	DaNang
7May70	16mm Projection	Enlisted	DaNang
8May70	16mm Projection	Enlisted	DaNang
10May70	NCO Leadership Course	Enlisted	DaNang
10May70	III MAF VN Language	Enlisted	DaNang
11May70	ADM	Enlisted	Okinawa
11May70	Officer Leadership Course	Officer	DaNang
17May70	SNCO Leadership Course	Enlisted	DaNang
24May70	NCO Leadership Course	Enlisted	DaNang
25May70	Officer Leadership Course	Officer	DaNang
31May70	SNCO Leadership Course	Enlisted	DaNang

3. Engineer Operations

a. 05 May 1970

(1) 050720H at BT135472 Company "D" Sweep Team medevaced one Vietnamese civilian with shrapnel wound, by M-51 to RAS Hill #63.

b. 07 May 1970

(1) 071725H at BT199390 Vietnamese child brought into Bravo CP with multiple shrapnel wounds, medevac called.

c. 08 May 1970

(1) 080825H at BT225347 Company "B" Sweep Team reported 2-40' spans of bridge 31 (BT225347) completely destroyed, road impassable.

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d. 09 May 1970

(1) 090325H at BT514041 2nd Plt Company "C" Battalion Rear in Chu Lai observed four figures approaching, compound held fire, figures veered off, disappeared. Chu Lai Defense Command notified.

(2) 090920H at BT108504 Company "D" Sweep Team medevaced one Vietnamese civilian with shrapnel wounds to RAS at Hill #63 by M-51.

(3) 090935H at BT104508 Company "D" Sweep Team picked up one PF with gun shot wounds, medevaced by M-51 to RAS Hill #63.

e. 10 May 1970

(1) 100750H at BT132474 Company "D" Sweep Team reported Vietnamese civilian truck hit mine, resulting in 2 civilian KIA. Estimate 60lb explosive in mine. Local PF's took charge of casualties.

(2) 100950H at BT102509 Company "D" Sweep Team picked up four Vietnamese civilians, two females, two males with shrapnel wounds, medevaced to Hill #63 RAS by M-51.

(3) 101554H at BT181506 Land Clearing Company reported USA security personnel tripped a M-26 SFD; one USA WIA, medevac called.

f. 11 May 1970

(1) 110735H at BT230370 Company "B" Sweep Team reported four civilians brought to team with shrapnel wounds; medevac called.

(2) 110845H at BT177416 Company "B" Sweep Team found 1 - 5lb nitro starch box mine with wooden pressure plate in middle of road, blown in place road repaired.

g. 13 May 1970

(1) 130915H at BT039626 Battalion Commander found 3 Vietnamese civilians with multiple frag wounds to arms and legs; called in medevac.

h. 14 May 1970

(1) 141300H at BT186495 Land Clearing Company reported 7th Engr Bn tractor hit M-26 SFD, no damage to personnel or equipment.

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i. 16 May 1970

- (1) 161025H at BT199380 Vietnamese civilian female brought to "B" Company C.P. with shrapnel wounds, called medevac
- (2) 161505H at BT206474 Land Clearing Company reported 1 USA tractor hit M-26 frag SFD, no damage to equipment or personnel.

j. 18 May 1970

- (1) 182205H at BT199390 Company "B" reported PF's made contact with VC force of unknown size at BT204390.

k. 20 May 1970

- (1) 200741H at BT131476 Company "D" Sweep Team found 15lb pressure detonated box mine in road, destroyed in place, "D" Company repaired road.

4. Voluntary Information Program

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

- (1) 99 - Chi Com blasting caps
- (2) 51 - M-26 grenades
- (3) 33 - 60mm rounds
- (4) 18 - M-79 rounds
- (5) 15 - Chi Com grenades
- (6) 8 - 105mm rounds
- (7) 6 - 81mm rounds
- (8) 3 - LAAW's
- (9) 2 - B-40 rockets
- (10) 2 - M-16 A/P mine
- (11) 1 - M-14 A/P mine
- (12) 1 - 155mm round
- (13) 1 - Supplementary TNT charge
- (14) 1 - Homemade rocket
- (15) 1 - Homemade A/P mine
- (16) 1 - 3.5 rocket
- (17) 1 - Rifle grenade
- (18) 1 - 81mm round
- (19) 1 - 4.2mm round
- (20) 1 - Bomblet

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b. Total funds expended for the period: \$539,000 VN.

(1) Funds drawn though the 9th Engineer Battalion: \$500 VN.

(2) Funds drawn though the 7th Marine Regiment: \$538,500 VN.

5. Patrols

a. None

9th ENGINEER BATTALION COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1970 - ----25 May 1971

Headquarters Command Chronology

January 1970

February 1970

March 1970

Apr 1970

May 1970

Jun 1970

Jul 1970

1-24 Aug 1970

Co "C" 9th Engr Bn Command Chronology

Aug-11 Sep 1970

Headquarters Command Chronology

24 Aug - 30 Oct 1970. Deactivated.

Co "A", 9th Engr Bn Command Chronology

Jan-Jun 1970

Jul-Dec 1970

Jan-25 May 1971. Deactivated.