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FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 June 1970 - 30 June 1970

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation.

9th Engineer Battalion, FMF

Commander
 Lt Col JOHN P. KRAYNAK
 1 - 30 June 1970

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

Capt N. R. MARTIN
 1 - 14 June 1970
 1st Lt W. T. CLASEN
 15 - 30 June 1970

Service Company

Capt R. D. OLSON
 1 - 30 June 1970

Company "B"

Capt J. P. MOORE
 1 - 19 June 1970

Company "C"

Capt N. R. MARTIN
 20 - 30 June 1970
 1st Lt L. M. PROSSER
 1 - 14 June 1970

Company "D"

1st Lt W.W. SHOPE
 15 - 30 June 1970
 Capt R. C. WEST
 1 - 30 June 1970

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. Location.

9th Engineer Battalion (-) DaNang, RVN
 AT981746
 Company "B" Hill #10
 BT199390
 Company "C" DaNang, RVN
 AT981746
 Company "D" Hill #63
 BT131452

1 - 30 June 1970

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major J. B. TOWNSEND
S-1/Adjutant	1 - 30 June 1970
S-2/S-3	Capt T. W. SCHAUER
S-4	1 - 30 June 1970
S-5	Capt R. H. RAILEY
Personnel Officer	1 - 30 June 1970
Legal Officer	Major D. P. HIBBS
Sergeant Major	1 - 30 June 1970
	1st Lt H. B. SPEED
	1 - 30 June 1970
	1st Lt C. P. BOULTON
	1 - 30 June 1970
	1st Lt C. P. BOULTON
	1 - 30 June 1970
	Sgt Maj M. W. KRUEGER
	1 - 19 June 1970
	Sgt Maj C. J. MURPHY
	20 - 30 June 1970
Motor Transport Officer	1st Lt B. L. SMITH
Construction Officer	1 - 30 June 1970
ADM Officer	Capt R. H. RAILEY
Maintenance Officer	1 - 30 June 1970
Utilities Officer	Capt R. H. RAILEY
Medical Officer	1 - 30 June 1970
Supply Officer	Capt R. D. OLSON
Embarkation Officer	1 - 30 June 1970
NBC Officer	CNO-4 G. M. HAYES
Training Officer	1 - 30 June 1970
	Lt A. E. SQUIRE
	1 - 30 June 1970
	Capt G. L. BRINGHAM
	1 - 30 June 1970
	1st Lt T. P. CARRAS
	1 - 30 June 1970
	Capt R. H. RAILEY
	1 - 30 June 1970
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	1 - 30 June 1970

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Education Officer

Capt R. H. RAILEY

1 - 30 June 1970

Chaplain

None

Communication Officer

1 - 30 June 1970

GySgt P. J. CALMI

1 - 30 June 1970

Heavy Equipment Officer

Gy Sgt E. R. ANDERSON

1 - 20 June 1970

1st Lt MCELROY, M. F.

21 - 30 June 1970

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC

USN

Officers

Enlisted

Officers

Enlisted

37

689

1

15

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During June 1970, the 9th Engineer Battalion was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel John P. Kraynak. The Battalion continued to perform its primary missions of conducting minesweeps on Vietnam Route #1 from Hill 29 (BT243317), to the Ba Ren River (BT102510), and the upgrade and maintenance of Vietnam Route #1 from Tam Ky (BT330210), to the Ba Ren River (BT102510). The Battalion continued to provide engineer support to the Free World Forces in the Americal Division, Korean, and 1st Marine Division area of operations.
2. Company "B", located at Hill 10 (BT196386), continued to perform their primary missions of conducting a deliberate and visual minesweep and culvert check from Hill 10 (BT196386), to Hill 29 (BT243317), a deliberate and visual minesweep and culvert check from Hill 10 (BT196386), to the Ly Ly River (BT145457), and the upgrade and maintenance of Vietnam Route #1 from Tam Ky (BT293240), to the Ly Ly River (BT145457). The company continued construction support to the Free World Forces in the Americal Division area of operations.
3. Company "C", located in Da Nang (AT981746), continued to perform their primary mission of hauling asphalt and base rock to Vietnam Route #1 between the Ba Ren River (BT102510), and the Ly Ly River (BT145457). Reinforced with trucks from Service Company, they also stockpiled base rock material at MAT-8 (BT090539), to be used in the upgrade of Vietnam Route #1 between the Ly Ly River (BT145457), and the end of pavement (BT207370). The company continued construction support to the Free World Forces in the Da Nang area.
4. Company "D", located at Landing Zone Baldy (BT136448), continued to perform their primary missions of conducting a deliberate and, after it was paved, a visual minesweep of Vietnam Route #1 between the Ly Ly River (BT145457) and the Ba Ren River (BT102510), and the hauling of base rock to Tam Ky City between BT330210 and BT293240 to prepare Vietnam Route #1 for paving. The company also provided material and haul support to the 10th ARVN Group on Route 535 and continued to provide construction support in the 7th Marine and Korean areas of operation.
5. During the month of June 1970, the Battalion continued to stress its primary missions of conducting minesweeps on Vietnam Route #1, upgrading Route #1 between Tam Ky and the Ly Ly River, and providing haul support to the 3MGB to pave Route #1 between the Ly Ly River and the Ba Ren River.
 - a. During the reporting period the following mineral products were placed on Vietnam Route #1 between Tam Ky and the Ba Ren Bridge: 5567 tons of two inch minus base rock placed on Route #1, 5324 tons of two inch minus hauled to the stockpile at MAT-8, and 1132 tons of asphalt to support the 3MGB paving of Route #1.

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6. During the reporting period the 9th Engineer Battalion has completed the following support to the Free World Forces.

UNIT	DESCRIPTION
9th Engineers	Install drain in messhall and Staff Club
9th Engineers	Construct 4 mount out boxes
Hq Bn	In stall ceiling in messhall
9th Engineers	Construct ammo bunker, Hill 63
MACS-4	Rehab elect. wiring, grease trap and other plumbing fixtures in messhall
1st Battalion, 5th Marines	Repair GI house and grease trap in messhall
9th Engineers	Installed junction box in messhall
9th Engineers	Installed tactical perimeter wire
Hq Bn	Plumbing repairs to shower
9th Engineers	Construct 30' tower
Hq Bn	Rescreen messhall
9th Engineers	Lay linoleum tile in messhall
3rd Battalion, 7th Marines	Electrical survey of 3/7 cantonment on Hill 63

7. The following are under construction during the reporting period.

4th Battalion, 11th Marines-Prepared site for emplacement of 30' tower.

Quang Da Special Zone	Construct 2.8 Km of single lane perimeter road
Hq Bn	Repair stairways in BOQ area
MACS-4	Construct recreation room and repair stair system
1st Engineers	M-37 crane for construction of a dam
5th Spec Forces	Construct 120' x 200' helipad
9th Engineers	Construct 50 mount out boxes
2nd Battalion, 7th Marines	Electrical survey of FSB Ross

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212th Avn Bn	Construct 6 aircraft revetments
FLC, LSU Hill #63	Construct ration storage rack
1st Engineers	Weld steel members for dam
3NCB	Haul base rock and asphalt for QL-1
III MAF	Patch asphalt and repair shoulders on QL-1
III MAF	Construct headwalls on QL-1
III MAF	Prepare QL-1 in Tam Ky for paving
III MAF	Repair ASP-1 pioneer road
III MAF	Redeck bridge on QL-1

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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 Da Nang 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.

DATE	SCHOOL OR COURSE	PERSONNEL	LOCATION
6 June 70	NCO Leadership Course	Enlisted	DaNang
6 June 70	SNCO Leadership Course	Enlisted	DaNang
12 June 70	NCO Leadership Course	Enlisted	DaNang
13 June 70	Officer Leadership Course	Officer	DaNang
14 June 70	SNCO Leadership Course	Enlisted	DaNang
20 June 70	Basic Ammo Tech School	Enlisted	Okinawa
20 June 70	Basic Infantry Weapons Repair	Enlisted	Okinawa
21 June 70	NCO Leadership Course	Enlisted	DaNang
26 June 70	Officer Leadership Course	Officer	DaNang
28 June 70	SNCO Leadership Course	Enlisted	DaNang

3. Engineer Operations.

a. 01 June 1970

(1) 010852H at BT128479 Company "D" Sweep Team found one M-79 round, neg lot#, destroyed in paddy.

(2) 010936H at BT114497 Company "D" Sweep Team found one IAAW round, neg lot#, destroyed in place.

b. 03 June 1970

(1) 030827H at BT123482 Company "D" Sweep Team found one M-79 round, one M-26 frag. grenade, neg lot#, destroyed in paddies.

(2) 030834 at BT122484 Company "D" Sweep Team found one M-79 round, neg lot#, destroyed in place.

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c. 06 June 1970

(1) 060901H at BT111501 Company "D" Sweep Team found 1 M-79 round, neg lot#, destroyed in place.

(2) 060841H at BT114497 Company "D" Sweep Team found 1 surprise firing device with approximately 5 lbs. of C-4 rigged to destroy ARVN Building, removed, and destroyed in paddy.

d. 05 June 1970

(1) 050910H at BT102512 Company "D" Sweep Team found 1 M-26 frag grenade, neg lot#, destroyed in place.

e. 08 June 1970

(1) 080810H at BT121486 Company "D" Sweep Team found 1 M-79 round, neg lot#, destroyed in paddy.

f. 10 June 1970

(1) 100902H at BT116492 Company "D" Sweep Team found 1 M-79 HE round, neg lot#, destroyed in place.

g. 13 June 1970

(1) 130813H at BT128479 Company "D" Sweep Team found two M-79 HE rounds, neg lot#. destroyed in paddy.

(2) 132335H at BT199389 Company "B" CP, sounded alert at 2230, PF ambush made contact with VC, one PF brought to CP with frag wound, called in Medi-vac, secured from alert at 2245.

h. 16 June 1970

(1) 161050H at AT981976 Company "B" 2nd plat found one 4.2 mortar round near bunker# 4, EOD notified, EOD personnel removed the round.

i. 18 June 1970

(1) 180840H at BT165415 Company "D", personnel clearing minefield tripped mine causing minor injury to one Marine, called in Medi-vac.

j. 24 June 1970

(1) 240733H at BT199386 Company "B" Sweep Team found 1 belt of 100 cartridges, 50 cal. ammo. destroyed in paddy.

(2) 240755H at BT211371 Company "B" Sweep Team found 1 M-79 HE round, lot# MA-111-25, 1 M-26 frag grenade, neg lot#, destroyed in paddy.

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k. 27 June 1970

(1) 270824H at BT206376 Company "B" found 1 M-26 rigged up as SFD, destroyed in place.

(2) 270827H at BT207375H Company "B" Sweep Team found 1 60MM HE mortar round, lot# MA1189, destroyed in place.

4. Voluntary Information Program.

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

- (1) 18 - Chi Con grenades
- (2) 11 - M-26 Grenades
- (3) 10 - 60 MM mortar rounds
- (4) 7 - M-16 A/P mines
- (5) 5 - M-79 rounds
- (6) 4 - 81 MM rounds
- (7) 2 - LAAW's
- (8) 2 - B-40 rockets
- (9) 1 - C-S gas grenade
- (10) 2 - 105 round
- (11) 1 - 75 round
- (12) 1 - M-34 Smoke grenade
- (13) 1 - Blu Bomblet

b. Total funds expended for the period: \$44,000 VN.

(1) Funds drawn through the 9th Engineer Battalion: \$600 VN.

(2) Funds drawn through the 7th Marine Regiment: \$43,400 VN.

5. Patrols.

a. None