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## INVESTIGATION

## HEADQUARTERS

9th Engineer Battalion  
1st Marine Division (Rein)  
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

5750  
3/PJS/wbm  
9 August 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General (Attn: Field Historian), III Marine Amphibious Force, FMF, FPO San Francisco, California 96602

Sub.j: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2  
(b) FOR/SA I Corps 3121.1C

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY1. Organizational Data

a. 9th Engineer Battalion, FMF

b. Period covered. 1 - 31 July 1966

<u>Organization/Units</u>	<u>C.O.</u>	<u>Location</u>	Average Monthly Strength	
			USMC	USN
9th Engineer Battalion	LtCol R. W. CRISPEN	Chu Lai, RVN	49-950	1-16
Headquarters Company	Capt D. L. WASHBURN	Chu Lai, RVN	17-173	1-16
Service Company	Maj W. R. FLOYD	Chu Lai, RVN	8-220	
Company A	Capt R. F. GOINS	DaNang, RVN	6-146	
Company B	Capt T. J. DALZELL	Chu Lai, RVN	6-138	
Company C	Capt C. E. LANE	Chu Lai, RVN	6-137	
Company D	Capt C. WILLIAMS	Chu Lai, RVN	6-136	
<b>d. Battalion Staff</b>				
Executive Officer	Maj H. I. FREY			
S-1/Adjutant	Capt D. M. MARCHAND			
Personnel Officer	2dLt J. F. DARRACOTT			
S-2/3	Maj J. C. FLOYD			
S-4	Capt E. E. SCHILHAB to 5 July 1966			
	Capt L. W. BRIDGES 6 July to present			
SgtMaj	SgtMaj. T. C. ELDREDGE			
<b>e. Special Staff</b>				
Motor Transport Officer	Maj F. R. SMITH to 14 July 1966			
	Capt J. REDGATE 15 July 1966 to present			
Engineer Equipment Officer	Capt W. HOCART Jr.			
Construction Officer	1stLt H. E. ZEALLEY			
Communications Officer	1stLt D. S. LLOYD			
Maintenance Officer	CWO-3 S. J. JOHNSON			
Utilities Officer	2dLt R. C. WRIGHT			
Medical Officer	Lt R. A. SCHAEFER (USNR)			
Ordnance Officer	2dLt C. N. TOFFT			
Supply Officer	2dLt W. R. M. TUCKER to 25 July 1966			
	Capt R. D. LAWSON 26 July to present			
Legal Officer	1stLt J. R. MCDONALD to 25 July 1966			
	Capt D. L. WASHBURN 26 July to present			
Embarkation Officer	1stLt M. E. LUNDY			

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2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

During July Company A continued under Opcon 7th Engineer Battalion. The remainder of the Battalion continued exerting most of its effort in support of the 1st Marine Division. The month began with Company B providing bridge support to Operation WASHINGTON outside the southern edge of the Tactical Area of Responsibility. Other principal projects were:

- a. Improvement and maintenance of Route # 1 road and bridges.
- b. 1st Marine Division Cantonment Assistance.
- c. Operation of three ferries.
- d. Development of the interim Ammunition Supply Point and its extension to provide space for Republic of Korea Marines ammunition.
- e. Operation of four water points.
- f. Commencement of improvements on the 2d LAAM Battalion launcher sites and access road.
- g. Assistance to C.O., FLSG-Bravo to operate Construction Material Storage Yard.
- h. Work on the Battalion cantonment.

3. Detailed Description of Significant Events

- 1 July 1966 Company B erected standard bridge for Operation WASHINGTON
- 2 July 1966 Company B removed bridge.
- 7 July 1966 Survey team received two rounds sniper fire. No casualties.
- 11 July 1966 BrigGen STILES (ADC, 1st MarDiv) visited camp.
- 13 July 1966 MajGen FIELDS (CG, 1st MarDiv) visited camp.
- 14 July 1966 Company B platoon on project at BT 529022 received four rounds of sniper fire. Returned four rounds. No casualties.
- 19 July 1966 LST arrived with lumber left in San Diego on deployment.
- 20 July 1966 Company D completed salvage of triple-single Bailey bridge at BT 430109.
- Company C at 2025H reported one round small arms fired over their perimeter position from four to five hundred meters SSW. Requested and received through 2/7 three rounds 105mm illumination.
- 26 July 1966 Received report of C-117 aircraft crash at DaNang involving Capt MIMS, Lt O'NEIL, and Sgt LINDSAY; two injured, none critically. All were members of a Generator Survey Team for III MAF.

4. Personnel

- a. Seven men left Vietnam on emergency leave.
- b. Joined 29 Marines from CONUS (16 inductees and 13 enlistees)
- c. Twelve men from 1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion attached.
- d. Promotions:
  - (1) One man commissioned 2dLt.
  - (2) One man to GySgt.
  - (3) Two men to SSgt.

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REFERENCE LIST

1. S-1 Section Journal	1 - 31 July 1966
2. S-2/3 Section Journal	1 - 31 July 1966
3. S-4 Section Journal	1 - 31 July 1966
4. Daily Personnel Reports	1 - 31 July 1966
5. III MAF Work Orders	
	8000 - 9th Engineer Battalion Cantonment
	8002 - Route # 1
	8004 - ASP
	8006 - Cantonment Assistance
	8007 - C Btry, LAAM Site
	8010 - FRC-55 Storage Lot
6. Maps. Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheets	6657 I 6658 II 6739 I 6739 II 6739 IV 6757 IV

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