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9th Engineer Battalion, FMF
APO San Francisco, California 96602

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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and
(c), Enclosure one is submitted.


JOHN P. KRAYNAK

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation.

9th Engineer Battalion, FMF

Commander
 Lt Col JOHN P. KRAYNAK
 1 - 31 July 1970

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

1st Lt W. T. CLASEN
 1 - 2 July 1970
 1st Lt C. M. VANDEWATER
 3 - 31 July 1970

Service Company

Capt R. D. CLSON
 1 - 31 July 1970

Company "B"

Capt M. R. MARTIN
 1 - 31 July 1970

Company "C"

1st Lt W. W. SHOPE
 1 - 10 July 1970
 Redeployed

Company "D"

11 - July 1970
 Capt R. C. WEST
 1 - 31 July 1970

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. Location.

9th Engineer Battalion (-)

DaNang, RVN
 AT981746

1 - 31 July 1970

Company "B" (-)

Hill #10
 BT199390

1 - 31 July 1970

Company "B", 1st Platoon

Hill #10
 BT199390

1 - 24 July 1970

Company "C"

DaNang, RVN
 AT981746

25 - 31 July 1970

DaNang, RVN
 AT981746

1 - 10 July 1970

Redeployed
 CONUS

11 - July 1970

Company "D"

Hill #63
 BT131452

1 - 31 July 1970

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3. STAFF OFFICER

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Executive Officer | Major J. B. POWENSED 1 - 31 July 1970 |
| S-1/Adjutant | Capt T. W. SCHAUER 1 - 16 July 1970 |
| | 2nd Lt C. W. RICHARDSON 17 - 31 July 1970 |
| S-2/S-3 | Capt R. H. RAILLEY 1 - 15 July 1970 |
| | 1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER 16 - 31 July 1970 |
| S-4 | Major D. P. HEDGS 1 - 31 July 1970 |
| S-5 | CWO-4 G. M. HAYES 1 - 26 July 1970 |
| | 1st Lt H. B. SPEED 27 - 31 July 1970 |
| Personnel Officer | 1st Lt C. P. BOULTON 1 - 21 July 1970 |
| | 2nd Lt C. W. RICHARDSON 22 - 31 July 1970 |
| Legal Officer | 1st Lt C. P. BOULTON 1 - 21 July 1970 |
| | 1st Lt N. W. PAYNE 22 - 31 July 1970 |
| Sergeant Major | 3gt Maj C. J. MURPHY 1 - 31 July 1970 |
| Motor Transport Officer | 1st Lt B. L. SMITH 1 - 31 July 1970 |
| Construction Officer | Capt R. H. RAILLEY 1 - 15 July 1970 |
| | 1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER 16 - 31 July 1970 |
| ADM Officer | Capt R. H. RAILLEY 1 - 15 July 1970 |
| | 1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER 16 - 31 July 1970 |
| Maintenance Officer | Capt R. D. OLSON 1 - 31 July 1970 |
| Utilities Officer | CWO-4 G. M. HAYES 1 - 31 July 1970 |
| Medical Officer | Lt A. E. SQUIRE 1 - 24 July 1970 |
| | NONE 25 - 31 July 1970 |

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|-------------------------|--|
| Supply Officer | Capt G. L. BRINGHAM 1 - 31 July 1970 |
| Embarkation Officer | 1st Lt T. P. CARRAS 1 - 31 July 1970 |
| NCO Officer | Capt R. H. RAILLEY 1 - 15 July 1970 1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER 16 - 31 July 1970 |
| Training Officer | Capt R. H. RAILLEY 1 - 15 July 1970 1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER 16 - 31 July 1970 |
| Education Officer | Capt R. H. RAILLEY 1 - 15 July 1970 1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER 16 - 31 July 1970 |
| Chaplain | None 1 - 31 July 1970 |
| Communication Officer | CySgt P. J. CATAI 1 - 27 July 1970 1st Lt R. L. PRUETT 28 - 31 July 1970 |
| Heavy Equipment Officer | 1st Lt H. F. MCLEROY 1 - 19 July 1970 1st Lt D. D. LEEHAN 20 - 31 July 1970 |

4. Average Monthly Strength

| USMC | | USN | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Officers | Enlisted | Officers | Enlisted |
| 30 | 588 | 1 | 18 |

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During July 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 of Vietnam Route #1, from Hill #29 (BT243317), to the Ba Ren River (BT102510), and upgrading and paving Vietnam Route #1 from Tam Ky City 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 areas of operation. On 19 July 1970, the Battalion began a standdown to prepare for redeployment to CONUS. On that date the Battalion started a massive program to clean up all of the vehicles, equipment and tools for embarkation.

2. Company "B", located at Hill #10 (BT196386), continued to perform their primary mission of conducting deliberate and visual minesweeps and culvert checks 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. On 19 July 1970, the company began a stand-down and started cleaning vehicles, equipment and tools to prepare for redeployment. The two minesweeps from Hill 10 to Hill 29 and Hill 10 to the Ly Ly River were turned over to the Americal Division on 19 July 1970. On 25 July 1970, the company command post and one platoon moved into the battalion compound in DaNang. A guard detachment will remain on Hill #10 until the compound is turned over to another unit.

3. Company "C", located in the Battalion compound in DaNang began a stand-down on 1 July 1970, to clean vehicles and equipment for redeployment to CONUS, and departed DaNang on 10 July 1970, for Camp Pendleton, California.

4. Company "D", located at Landing Zone Baldy (BT136448), continued to perform their primary missions of conducting a visual minesweep and culvert check 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 in the city for paving. The company continued to provide construction support to the Free World Forces in the 7th Marine Regiment and Korean areas of operation. On 19 July 1970, the company began a standdown to clean equipment, vehicles and tools for redeployment to CONUS. On 10 July 1970, the company completed the training of the RF Group minesweep team and turned over the minesweep of Vietnam Route #1 from the Ly Ly River (BT145457), and the Ba Ren River (BT102510), to them on that date.

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5. During the period from 1 thru 19 July 1970, the Battalion continued to perform its primary missions of providing haul support to the 3 NCB and upgrading of Vietnam Route #1 from Tam Ky to the Ly Ly River.

a. During the reporting period the following mineral products were placed on Vietnam Route #1 between Tam Ky and the Ly Ly River: 1,964 tons of asphaltic concrete, 6,872 tons of 2"(-), 194 tons of 3/4 inch aggregate and 99 cubic yards of sand for cement headwalls on the culverts, 33 cubic yards of ready mix concrete for headwalls.

b. During the reporting period the following mineral products were placed on Vietnam Route #535: 391 tons of shot rock in the construction of a by-pass.

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

| UNIT | DESCRIPTION |
|-----------------------------|--|
| 4th Battalion, 11th Marines | Prepared site for emplacement of 30' tower |
| Quang Da Special Zone | Constructed 2.8Km of single lane perimeter road |
| Hq Bn | Repair stairways in BCQ area |
| MACS-4 | Constructed recreation room/repairs stair system |
| 5th Spec Forces | Construct 120' x 200' helipad |
| 9th Engineers | Construct 50 mount out boxes |
| 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines | Electrical survey of FSB Ross |
| 212th Avn Bn | Construct 6 aircraft revetments |
| FLC, LSU Hill #63 | Construct ration storage rack |
| 1st Engineers | Weld steel members for dam |
| 3 NCB | Haul base rock and asphalt for 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 |

7. The following are under construction during reporting period: NONE

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PART IIISequential Listing of
Significant Events1. Civic Action.

The Battalion Civic Action Program was terminated 1 July 1970, as the Battalion prepared for maintenance standdown pending redeployment to CONUS.

2. Training.

All Battalion training in the form of in-country and out-of-country schools was terminated 1 July 1970, as the Battalion prepared for maintenance standdown pending redeployment to CONUS.

3. Engineer Operations.

a. 10 July 1970

(1) 101515H at BT276260, Company "B" Sweep Team found one 60mm HE round, M49A2E1 lot#, destroyed in paddies.

b. 11 July 1970

(1) 111530H at BT253293, Company "B" Sweep Team found one M-79 HE round, neg lot#, destroyed in paddies.

4. Voluntary Information Program.

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

- (1) 4-- M-79 rounds
- (2) 4 - 60mm HE rounds
- (3) 2 - Chi Com grenades
- (4) 1 - M-67 baseball grenade
- (5) 1 - 105 HE round
- (6) 1 - 2.75 HE Composition B-4 warhead, M1 229
- (7) 1 - M-20 frag grenades

b. Total funds expended for the period: \$2,150 VN.

- (1) Funds drawn through the 9th Engineer Battalion: \$550 VN.
- (2) Funds drawn through the 7th Marine Regiment: \$1600 VN.

5. Patrols.

a. None

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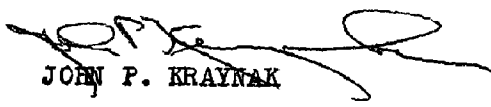
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 Lt Col JOHN P. KRAYNAK
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1st Lt C. M. VANDEWATER
 1 - 24 August 1970

Service Company

Capt R. D. OLSON
 1 - 15 August 1970

Company "B"

Capt R. C. WEST III
 16 - 24 August 1970

Company "D"

Capt N. R. MARTIN
 1 - 14 August 1970
 1st Lt H. J. LANCASTER
 15 - 24 August 1970
 Capt R. C. WEST III
 1 - 14 August 1970
 1st Lt M. E. HARRIS
 15 - 24 August 1970

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. Location

9th Engineer Battalion (-) DaNang, RVN 1 - 24 August 1970
 AT981746

Company "B" (-) DaNang, RVN 1 - 24 August 1970
 AT981746

Company "B", 1st Platoon Hill #10 1 - 3 August 1970
 BT199390

DaNang, RVN 4 - 24 August 1970
 AT981746

Company "D" Hill #63 1 - 12 August 1970
 BT131452

DaNang, RVN 13 - 24 August 1970
 AT981746

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3. Staff Officer**Executive Officer**

Major J. B. TOWNSEND

1 - 14 August 1970

Major D. P. HIBBS

15 - 22 August 1970

None

23 - 24 August 1970

S-1/Adjutant

1st Lt C. W. RICHARDSON

1 - 24 August 1970

S-2/S-3

1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER

1 - 3 August 1970

1st Lt R. L. PRUETT

4 - 16 August 1970

None

17 - 24 August 1970

S-4

Major D. P. HIBBS

1 - 22 August 1970

None

23 - 24 August 1970

S-5

1st Lt H. B. SPEED

1 - 20 August 1970

None

21 - 24 August 1970

Personnel Officer

2nd Lt C. W. RICHARDSON

1 - 24 August 1970

Legal Officer

1st Lt N. W. PAYNE

1 - 20 August 1970

None

21 - 24 August 1970

Sergeant Major

Sgt Maj C. J. MURPHY

1 - 24 August 1970

Motor Transport Officer

1st Lt B. L. SMITH

1 - 24 August 1970

Construction Officer

1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER

1 - 3 August 1970

1st Lt R. L. PRUETT

4 - 16 August 1970

None

17 - 24 August 1970

ADM Officer

1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER

1 - 3 August 1970

1st Lt R. L. PRUETT

4 - 16 August 1970

None

17 - 24 August 1970

Maintenance Officer

Capt R. D. OLSON

1 - 16 August 1970

None

17 - 24 August 1970

Utilities Officer

CWO-4 G. M. HAYES

1 - 16 August 1970

None

17 - 24 August 1970

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Medical Officer

Supply Officer

Embarkation Officer

NBC Officer

Training Officer

Education Officer

Chaplain

Communication Officer

Heavy Equipment Officer

None

1 - 24 August 1970

Capt G. L. BRINGHAM

1 - 24 August 1970

1st Lt T. P. CARRAS

1 - 24 August 1970

1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER

1 - 3 August 1970

1st Lt R. L. PRUETT

4 - 16 August 1970

None

17 - 24 August 1970

1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER

1 - 3 August 1970

1st Lt R. L. PRUETT

4 - 16 August 1970

None

17 - 24 August 1970

1st Lt J. W. NOLLENBERGER

1 - 3 August 1970

1st Lt R. L. PRUETT

4 - 16 August 1970

None

17 - 24 August 1970

None

1 - 24 August 1970

1st Lt R. L. PRUETT

1 - 16 August 1970

None

17 - 24 August 1970

1st Lt D. D. LEHMAN

1 - 8 August 1970

None

9 - 15 August 1970

1st Lt T. P. CARRAS

16 - 24 August 1970

4. Average Monthly Strength

| USMC | | USN | |
|----------|----------|----------|------------------------------------|
| Officers | Enlisted | Officers | Enlisted |
| 10 | 62 | 0 | 0 |
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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During August 1970, the 9th Engineer Battalion was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel John P. Kraynak. The Battalion continued its primary mission of preparing for embarkation to CONUS. On 24 August 1970, 9th Engineer Battalion loaded aboard ship and departed for CONUS.

2. Company "B", located at Hill #10 (BT196386), continued to perform their primary mission of preparing the company for embarkation to CONUS. On 3 August 1970, Company "B" turned their cantinment over to the Vietnamese Regional Forces, Quang Tin Province, RVN, and joined the 9th Engineer Battalion CP located in DaNang. On 24 August 1970, Company "B" departed by ship for CONUS with the remaining elements of 9th Engineer Battalion.

3. Company "D", located at Landing Zone Baldy (BT131452), continued to perform their primary mission of preparing the company for embarkation to CONUS. On 13 August 1970, Company "D" turned their cantonment over to the 7th Marine Regiment and joined 9th Engineer Battalion CP located in DaNang. On 24 August 1970, Comapny "D" departed by ship for CONUS with the remaining elements of 9th Engineer Battalion.

4. During the period from 1 August 1970 to 24 August 1970, the Battalion continued to perform its primary mission of preparing for embarkation to CONUS. On 24 August 1970, 9th Engineer Battalion departed DaNang, RVN, for CONUS.

5. NONE

6. NONE

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PART III

Sequential Listing of
Significant Events

1. Civic Action

NONE

2. Training

NONE

3. Engineer Operations

NONE

4. Voluntary Informants Program

NONE

5. Patrols

NONE

COMPANY A (Rein)
9th Engineer Battalion
1st Marine Brigade, Fleet Marine Force
FPO San Francisco 96602

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25 Aug 1970

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, 1st Marine Brigade, FMF
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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COMPANY A (Rein)
9th Engineer Battalion
1st Marine Brigade, Fleet Marine Force
FPO San Francisco 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1Jan70 to 30Jun70

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

Company A, 9th Engineer Battalion was deployed out of Republic of Vietnam on 2 March 1970; arriving and disembark Hawaii on 16 March 1970 becoming a increment of the 1st Marine Brigade.

While a unit in Vietnam it's headquarters was on Hill 10, south of Danang. The Company's primary mission was maintaining road QL 1 between Tam Ky and Thang Binh, RVN; in addition to mine field clearing, small bridge construction and bunker complex construction in and around various Marine Corps elements located south of Danang. After deployment from Vietnam and arrival on Hawaii the Company was faced with reorganization and rehabilitation of all its equipment. Personnel were needed to bring the unit to T/O strength.

Minor intricate projects were placed on the unit and additional projects were sought. The commencement of clearing and rebuilding the stations jungle lane; construct of a station demolition range; improvement of the 15th tee station golf course; filling in of WWII bunkers, construction of a motorcycle track; rehabilitation of platoon tool sets, Company barracks and grounds are a few of the projects conducted by the Company.

No major projects were completed during the period covered.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Personnel. There exist in this unit a shortage of qualified trained personnel in Occupational Field 0141. The present chierical personnel (with the exception of the Company Admin Chief) are those holding an MOS other than 0141 who possess the ability and desire to process the complex administration this unit has.

(1) Gains. 4 USMC Officers
177 USMC Enlisted

(2) Losses. 4 USMC Officers
379 USMC Enlisted

(3) Disciplinary Action.

| | | |
|------------|------------|-------------|
| <u>NJP</u> | <u>SCM</u> | <u>SPCM</u> |
| 33 | 2 | 15 |

(4) Promotion.

| | | | | |
|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| <u>SSGT</u> | <u>SGT</u> | <u>CPL</u> | <u>LCPL</u> | <u>PFC</u> |
| 1 | 4 | 31 | 103 | 6 |

(5) Reenlistments/Extensions.

2 6-month extensions effected.

(6) Awards. VCC w/silver star Purple Heart
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b. Administration. A Company Commanders Advisory Council was established on 5 May 1970 to provide a means for all Marines of this unit to conduct frank and open discussions of problems as they effect their organization, and to make such recommendations they feel will directly or indirectly improve operations in any and all areas.

c. Intelligence. No significant events.

d. Training. The conduct of individual, unit training and marksmanship requalification was accomplished in accordance with current Marine Corps and Brigade directives.

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| (1) <u>Education</u> . | <u>MCI Enroll</u> | <u>MCI Compl</u> |
| | 15 | 2 |

(2) Off duty education.

Enrolled: Chaminade College- 2 Officers; 1 Enlisted
Kailua High School- 3 Enlisted

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e. Special Operations. No special operations or exercises have been conducted during the period covered.

f. Command relations. In the absence of a battalion headquarters this unit's immediate command is Brigade Headquarters.

g. Equipment. On reforming in March 1970 after deployment from the Republic of Vietnam, this Company was in C-4 Operational Category due to class I type II T/E deficiencies of 47% of the original T/E. Of this percentage 14 major end items were in code H category. In turn this unit has received 3 major end items for replacements.

As result of a new T/E assignment and with equipment on hand this unit now has 51% of T/E.

Continual efforts are being made to update this unit with T/E items and rehabilitation of equipment on hand ~~is~~ maintained.

h. Logistics. The support of the Supply Officer, Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Marine Brigade in record keeping and requisitioning of necessary items of equipment and supplies is utilized since this unit is not capable of self-sustaining supply operational as a separate company under the present T/O.

i. Community relations. Participated in a civic action program in Manoa Valley, Hawaii by building a hoist that the local people used in the reseeding of a mountain side at one end of the Valley.

j. Communications. No significant events.

k. Activations/deactivations/redesignations. This unit was redesignated to Company A (Reinforced), 9th Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Brigade, Fleet Marine Force on 2 March 1970, authority FMFPac message 142216Z Jan70.

