

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

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3/TLK/wbm  
8 September 1966

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

Subj: Command Chronology

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

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

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

  
R. W. CRISPIN

ENCLOSURE (4)

9th  
Engine  
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Aug 1966

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY1. Organizational Data

a. 9th Engineer Battalion, FMF

b. Period covered. 1-31 August 1966

c. <u>Organization/Units</u>	<u>C.O.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Average Monthly Strength</u>	
			USMC	USN
9th Engineer Battalion	R. W. CRISPEN LtCol	Chu Lai RVN	49-892	1-14
Headquarters Company	Capt D. L. WASHBURN	Chu Lai RVN	17-195	1-12
Service Company	Maj W. R. FLOYD	Chu Lai RVN	8- <del>219</del>	
Company "A"	Capt R. F. GOINS	Da Nang RVN	6-121	0-2
Company "B"	Capt T. J. DALZELL	Chu Lai RVN	6-120	
Company "C"	Capt C. E. LANE	Chu Lai RVN	6-113	
	to 14Aug66			
	Capt P. J. SHANK			
	15Aug66 to present			
Company "D"	Capt C. WILLIAMS	Chu Lai RVN	6-114	

d. Battalion StaffExecutive Officer  
S-1/AdjutantMaj H. I. FREY  
Capt D. M. MARCHAND to 12Aug66  
2dLt J. F. DARRACOTT 13Aug66 to presentPersonnel Officer  
S-2/S-3  
S-4  
SgtMaj.2dLt J. F. DARRACOTT  
Maj J. C. FLOYD  
Capt L. W. BRIDGES  
SgtMaj. T. C. ELDRIDGEe. Special StaffMotor Transport Officer  
Engineer Equipment Officer  
Construction Officer  
ADM Officer  
Communications Officer  
Maintenance Officer  
Utilities Officer  
Medical Officer  
Ordnance Officer  
Supply Officer  
Legal Officer  
Embarkation Officer  
NBC OfficerCapt J. REDGATE  
Capt W. HOCART Jr.  
1stLt H. E. ZEALLEY  
Capt T. L. KOSCIW  
Capt D. S. LLOYD  
CWO-3 S. J. JOHNSON  
2dLt R. C. WRIGHT  
Lt R. A. SCHAEFER (USNR)  
2dLt C. N. TOFFT  
Capt R. D. LAWSON  
Capt D. L. WASHBURN  
1stLt M. E. LUNDY  
Capt T. L. KOSCIW

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## 2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

During August 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 "D" providing bridge support for Operation COLORADO outside the northern 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 extension to interim Ammunition Supply Point to provide space for Republic of Korea Marines Ammunition.
- e. Operation of six water points.
- f. Improvements on the 2nd LAAM Battalion launcher sites and access road.
- g. Assistance to C.O., FLSC-Bravo to operate Material Storage Yard.
- h. Work on the Battalion cantonment.
- i. Operation of the Rock Crusher.
- j. Installed an AN/URN-5 Beacon Homer for MAG-36.
- k. Provided engineer assistance in the construction on the Republic of Korea Marines CP.

## 3. Detailed Description of Significant Events

- 5 August 1966 Company "D" erected MAT6 bridge for Operation COLORADO.
- 10 August 1966 Capt C. WILLIAMS and six men taken under fire by approximately 10 VC. No casualties.
- 15 August 1966 Capt P. J. SHANK assumed command of Company "C".
- 23 August 1966 L/Cpl HENDERSON, HqCo, Bridge Plt., was wounded in the left thigh by sniper fire.
- 25 August 1966 Reassigned 11 SSNCO's to FLC and FLSC-B.
- 27 August 1966 2dLt's PLATZ, PROBST, and COULTER reported in for duty.

## 4. Personnel

- a. Four men left Vietnam on emergency leave. ~~229~~ 229
- b. Joined 219 Marines and transferred ~~229~~ Marines during month of August.
- c. Four men TAD from 1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion detached.
- d. Promotions.

(1) 4 to SSgt

Enclosure (1)

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REFERENCE LIST

1. S-1 Section Journal 1-31 August 1966
2. S-2/3 Section Journal 1-31 August 1966
3. S-4 Section Journal 1-31 August 1966
4. Daily Personnel Reports 1-31 August 1966
5. III MAF Work Orders.

8000-9th Engineer Battalion Cantonment

8001-Rock Crusher

8002-Route # 1

8004-ASP

8006-Cantonment Assistance

8007-"C"Btry, LAAM Site

8010-FRC-55 Storage Site

8011-An/URN-5 Beacon Homer

8012-Engineer Assistance to ROK Marines

6. Maps Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheets 6657I  
6658II  
6739I  
6739II  
6739IV  
6757IV

Enclosure (1)