

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

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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. CRISPEN

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY1. Organizational Data

- a. 9th Engineer Battalion, FMF
 b. Period covered 1 - 30 September 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	46-853	2-15
Headquarters Company	Capt D. L. WASHBURN	Chu Lai RVN	16-169	2-13
Service Company	Maj W. R. FLOYD	Chu Lai RVN	7-225	
Company "A"	Capt R. F. GOINS to 12 Sept 1966 Capt G. W. MIMS 12 Sept to present	Da Nang RVN	6-119	0- 2
Company "B"	Capt T. J. DALZELL	Chu Lai RVN	5-117	
Company "C"	Capt P. J. SHANK	Chu Lai RVN	6-113	
Company "D"	Capt C. WILLIAMS	Chu Lai RVN	6-110	

d. Battalion Staff

Executive Officer	Maj H. I. FREY
S-1/Adjutant	2dLt J. F. DARRACOTT
Personnel Officer	2dLt J. F. DARRACOTT
S-2/S-3	Maj J. C. FLOYD
S-4	Capt L. W. BRIDGES
SgtMaj.	SgtMaj T. C. ELDRIDGE to 16 Sept 1966 SgtMaj J. B. CRANSTON from 16 Sept 1966 to present.

e. Special Staff

Motor Transport Officer	Capt J. REDGATE
Engineer Equipment Officer	Capt W. HOCART Jr.
Construction Officer	1stLt H. E. ZEALLEY
ADM Officer	Capt T. L. KOSCIW
Communications Officer	Capt 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	Capt R. D. LAWSON to 17 Sept 1966 W. O. CONAROW from 17 Sept 1966 to present.
Legal Officer	Capt D. L. WASHBURN
Embarkation Officer	1stLt M. E. LUNDY
NBC Officer	Capt T. L. KOSCIW to 14 Sept 1966 Capt L. W. BRIDGES from 14 Sept 1966 to present

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2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

During September 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. Tactical bridging support was provided to 1st Marine Division units during Operations FRESNO, NAPA, and GOLDEN FLEECE. 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. Operation of six water points
- e. Improvement of the 2nd LAAM Battalion's launcher sites and access road.
- f. Assistance to FLSG-Bravo to operate Material Storage Yard
- g. Work on the Battalion cantonment
- h. Operation of the Rock Crusher
- i. Provided engineer assistance in the construction of the Republic of the Korean Marines CP
- j. Construction of five observation towers for Chu Lai Defense Command
- k. Maintenance of FLSG-B ASP
- l. Maintenance of FLSG-B CP Area

3. Detailed Description of Significant Events

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| 1 Sept 1966 | 2dLt O'KELLEY reported aboard for duty. |
| 2 Sept 1966 | "Rough Rider" convoy departed for Da Nang. |
| 4 Sept 1966 | Lt. General KRULAK (CG, FMFPAC) visited camp. |
| 6 Sept 1966 | "Rough Rider" convoy returned from Da Nang. |
| 8 Sept 1966 | Capt DALZELL and elements of bridge platoon and "B" Co. departed for LSA at QUANG NGAI to provide tactical bridging support for Operation FRESNO. |
| 8 Sept 1966 | Bridge reconnaissance unit under Capt DALZELL ambushed by approximately 10 V.C. (4) four USMC WIA's. |
| 10 Sept 1966 | Capt SHANK and elements of "C" Co. put in 30' fixed span M4T6 bridge in support of Operation FRESNO. |
| 12 Sept 1966 | Capt SHANK and elements of "C" Co. put in ferry on Song Tra Bong River to be used in support of Operations FRESNO and GOLDEN FLEECE. |
| 13 Sept 1966 | Cpl R. E. BRYANT was killed when a 550 grader rolled over on him. |
| 15 Sept 1966 | Capt WILLIAMS and elements of "D" Co. constructed bridge bypass in support of Operation NAPA. |
| 16 Sept 1966 | SgtMaj J. B. CRANSTON assumed duties as 9th Engineer Battalion SgtMaj. |
| 19 Sept 1966 | Chaplain BURCH reported aboard for duty. |
| 26 Sept 1966 | MajGen DAVIS (HQMC) gave briefing to SNCO's and Officers of the 9th Engineer Battalion. |
| 26 Sept 1966 | Provided Chu Lai Defense Command with 19 mine sweep teams. |
| 27 Sept 1966 | Bridge platoon and elements of "B" Co. returned from QUANG NGAI LSA |

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4. Personnel

- a. Three men left Vietnam on emergency leave
- b. Joined 34 Marines and transferred 12 Marines during month of September
- c. Two men TAD from 1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion detached.
- d. Promotions

(1) 2 to W.O.-1
1 to 2ndLt.

Enclosure (1)

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REFERENCE LIST

1. S-1 Section Journal 1-30 September 1966
2. S-2/3 Section Journal 1-30 September 1966
3. S-4 Section Journal 1-30 September 1966
4. Daily Personnel Reports 1-30 September 1966
5. III MAF Work Orders

8000-9th Engineer Battalion Cantonment

8001-Rock Crusher

8002-Route # 1

8006-Cantonment Assistance

8007-"C" Btry, LAAM Site

8010-FRC-55 Storage Site

8012-Engineer Assistance to ROK Marines

8018-Maintenance of FLSC-B ASP

8019-Construct 5 Observation Towers

8023-Maintenance of FLSC-B CP Area

6. Maps Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheets 6657I
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