

HEADQUARTERS
7th Engineer Battalion (-) Rein, 31F
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5750
10 September 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (3CI-3)
Subj: Command Chronology
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following monthly report is submitted covering the period 1 August to 31 August 1966.

2. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Off	33	2
Enl	524	16

3. Personnel

<u>Gains</u>		<u>Losses</u>	
	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>
Off	11	Off	13
Enl	220	Enl	406

4. Administration. Numerous personnel arriving as replacements without orders, service record books, pay records and health records. Non-receipt of these records definitely creates a personal hardship on the individual involved and delays proper personnel accounting procedures.

5. Civil Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations

a. The civil affairs program continues on a daily basis. The following items were distributed between six hamlets in the Hoa Khanh Village.

Grain: 1,000 pounds
Canned Goods: 500 pounds
Clothing: 50 pounds
Lumber: 13 loads
Soap: 4,375 bars

b. Activities were as follows:

(1) MEDCAL program provided medical treatment to 1246 persons.

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(2) The Battalion sponsored, Vietnamese brick yard produced 6,000 soil-cement bricks.

(3) Mr. James A. HARRMAN of Press Information Hollywood, California visited on 7 August 1966.

(4) Representatives of "Life Magazine" visited on 17 August 1966.

6. Staff and Command Billets. Battalion Commanding Officer: LtCol F. W. HARRIS III vice LtCol E. L. KEEFER. S-1: 2/Lt J. R. MARTINE vice 2/Lt I. F. WALDVOGEL. S-4: 2/Lt G. K. LYLES vice 2/Lt C. J. GALLAGHER. Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company: 2/Lt S. R. DUBE vice 1/Lt C. F. ACHERMAN. Commanding Officer, Company "B": Capt W. L. CATTELL vice Capt R. A. KERR.

7. Intelligence Incidents to Report: None.

8. Logistics

a. Correspondence originated by the Battalion S-4 of special interest was:

(1) On 4 August a report of cantonment construction in this Battalion area was submitted to CG, 3d Marine Division.

(2) On 5 August a letter was sent to Commanding Officer FLSC "A" requesting open purchase of five, 55 GPM pumps for use at the Da Nang River floating bridge. The pumps were received on 14 August and put to immediate use.

(3) On 6 August this Battalion invoiced 286 pneumatic air mattresses to 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines in accordance with CG, 3d MarDiv msg 250350Z Jul66.

(4) On 6 August a 4 to 6 month stock level requirement was established for the pneumatic roller. These were in addition to those established for the same item on 15 January 1966.

(5) On 8 August the Battalion issued field fortification material on a temporary loan to Detachment C-1, 5th Special Forces. The issue included 2500, 32 inch metal stakes; 5100, five foot metal stakes; and 8100, fifty foot reels of barbed wire.

(6) On 9 August 1st Bridge Company received a special allowance of ten, 35 HP "Mercury" outboard engines to be evaluated for adaptation into the Marine Corps. They were evaluated and a report was sent to CG, 3d Marine Division on 2 September 1966.

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(7) On 10 August the Battalion received a new family of radios consisting of the AN/PRC-25 and the AN/PRC-125. These were placed in service and are replacing the PRC-6 and PRC-10.

(8) On 17 August three, 50 ton trestles were invoiced to MCD-9 for temporary use in supporting their bridge building program.

(9) On 22 August an up to date report on requisition status of the Operational Status Follow-up was submitted to CG, TETAC.

b. Embarkation. During the reporting period the following were manifested for surface shipping:

<u>TYPE CARGO</u>	<u>SHIPPED TO</u>
Bulk cargo, 4 boxes loaded on M-51 truck.	Phu Bai
One M-52 truck w/semitrailer loaded with one tandem roller.	Phu Bai
One M-51 truck loaded with bulk cargo.	Phu Bai
One truck, MRC-23.	Dong Ha
Three semitrailers, M418 w/dolly converters, loaded with M4T6 bridging and 12 M4 bridge pontons.	Chu Lai

c. Supply

(1) 7th Engineer Battalion, TET (RUC 21300). During the month of August, the supply platoon received and completed the Quarterly Obligation listing from C-1 and C-2. During the processing, approximately 1800 requisitions were reinstated, and 900 cancelled. For the month, there were 1424 requisitions processed, 426 warehouse issues from stock and 1712 material receipts from FLSG "A" and 3d FSR.

(2) 1st Bridge Company, TET (RUC 21325). During the month of August, the Company Supply Section received and completed the Quarterly Obligation listing from C-1 and C-2. In processing, approximately 593 requisitions were reinstated and 211 cancelled. There were 292 requisitions processed, 42 filled from stock and 178 receipts from FLSG "A" and 3d FSR.

d. Messing. The Battalion Mess Staff continued the normal mess operation of providing four meals daily except Sunday; the fourth meal being a midnight ration for the night crews. On Sunday, a brunch replaces breakfast and dinner.

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c. Medical

(1) The Battalion Aid Station was enlarged and the roof tinned. Approximately 849 military patients and 1270 Vietnamese Nationals were treated.

(2) The Area Dental Facilities operations were intermittently interrupted due to mechanical equipment difficulties, but still, 306 patients were treated.

f. Motor Transport. A total of 121,426 miles were logged on the Battalion's motor transport vehicles in support of operations.

g. Maintenance. The Battalion Maintenance Platoon completed 94 pieces of engineer equipment and 121 pieces of motor transport equipment. A shortage of spare parts and maintenance personnel greatly curtailed maintenance activity for the period.

9. Training

a. Troop indoctrination continues for newly arrived personnel and debriefing for those departing.

b. One marine of this Command attended Vietnamese Language School.

c. Twenty-three personnel attended the 3d Engineer Battalion Land Mine Warfare School.

d. All other training was on the job training.

10. NBC Warfare. None.

11. Command Control. None.

12. Air Defense. No change.

13. Special Operations

a. On 26 August 1966, 6.2 miles of two lane, all weather road was opened from AT 947699 to AT 912577. This road will eventually be used to support the industrial complex of An Hoa.

b. Elements of 1st Bridge Company and Company "C", 7th Engineer Battalion supported two Roughrider convoys.

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