

HEADQUARTERS
7th Engineer Battalion (-) Rein, FET
c/o WFO, San Francisco, California 96602

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11 August 1966

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

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

2. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Off	34	2
Enl	999	16

3. Personnel

<u>Gains</u>		<u>Losses</u>	
	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>
Off	4	Off	6
	78	Enl	185
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4. Administration. No administrative actions to report.

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: 3,000 pounds
Canned Goods: 500 pounds
Hotel Size Soap: 1,995 bars
Large Bars of Soap: 585
Salt: 96 boxes
Textile Kits: 150

b. Activities were as follows:

(1) A total of five schools are being built in the immediate area. Over 11,000 soil cement bricks have been delivered to the proposed public school site.

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(2) A donation of 5000 piasters and twenty bags of cement was made for the construction of a new well.

(3) Intelligence information was received from the local populace on six different occasions as a direct result of the civic action program.

6. Staff and Command Billets. S-3: Captain A. J. STEFFEN vice Major JOHN R. MCCANDLESS.

7. Intelligence Incidents to Report

<u>Time</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>
102300H	Bn OP received six incoming rds. Area illuminated and five rds returned. Neg results.	AT 942775
230315	Mark I grenade was thrown into the cab of a M-51 dump truck. Damage to truck was slight.	AT 924743
242320	Company "C" received five incoming rds. Area illuminated. Negative results.	AT 960768

8. Logistics

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

(1) On 5 July a report of test on a new type jungle hat was submitted to Commanding General, 3d Marine Division. Also on this date a six month written agreement was established between this Battalion and Mrs. BANH NGOC HAI for the operation of an area barber shop/laundry.

(2) On 12 July letters requesting all available information concerning the loss of two bridges were sent to Commanding Officers, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines and 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.

(3) On 13 July a request for an additional bulk fuel dispensing point was submitted to FLSG "A". Requested dispensing point was to be established within Company "A" camp site. This has been accomplished.

(4) On 18 July a request for quotas for Embarkation School was submitted to Commanding General, 3d Marine Division. Requested quotas were for 1 officer and 5 enlisted men.

(5) On 20 July the Battalion received five M54 cargo trucks under the rehabilitation program. These vehicles were distributed as follows: Service Company - 3, Company "A" - 1, 1st Bridge Company, FMT - 1.

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(6) On 22 July the Battalion (Rein) received permission to requisition, via naval message direct to 3d FSR, repair parts common to low density engineer equipment found only in Force Engineer Battalions and Bridge Companies. (CG, FTFac msg 162213Z Jul66)

(7) On 23 July we submitted anticipated 3d echelon repairs for five ton vehicles to FLC. These requirements were for the three month period ending 31 October 1966 and were based on past experience.

(8) On 25 July the Battalion submitted recommended revisions to CA factors on selected items of engineer equipment. Recommended changes were based on ten months operation in country and were submitted to CG, III MAF.

(9) On 27 July the Battalion requested a right-of-way for a 1500 meter bypass road around TUY LOAN and HOA THINH villages. This will help to alleviate a dangerous traffic situation of route 5.

(10) On 28 July the Battalion received authorization to requisition a replacement bituminous distributor on priority O5 and modify the one on hand by mounting the engineer portion on a five ton truck chassis. (CMC msg 252056Z Jul66)

b. Embarkation. Shipping space for six bridge trailers and 36 S/T of M6 bridging was requested from CG, III MAF on 23 July. Material was loaded aboard LST-848 on 26 July and shipped to the 9th Engineer Battalion, FTF based at Chu Lai.

c. Supply

(1) 7th Engineer Battalion, FTF (RUC 21300). During the month of July the Supply Platoon recomputed the inventory control data on all 708 cards, compiled the excess listing for submission to Division Supply Officer, 3d Marine Division and was inspected by FSAO-4. There were 2477 requisitions processed, 1387 warehouse issues from stock and 2202 material receipts from FLSG "A" and 3d FSR.

(2) 1st Bridge Company, FTF (RUC 21325)

(a) During the month of July the company supply section recomputed the ARD on all 708 cards in accordance with HCO P4400.15B. From recomputation there were approximately 840 items in excess of which 500 were redistributed to 7th Engineer Battalion and Company "A", 9th Engineer Battalion. The remaining excess items are being turned in to FLSG "A". Approximately 130 requisitions were cancelled as a result of recomputation. There were 187 requisitions submitted to FLSG "A" and 120 warehouse issues from stock.

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(b) The company received a special allowance for six aerial tramway sets from CMC. (CMC msg 071436Z Jul66) The company had one on hand and has received a partial shipment of two from MCSC, Barstow.

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 night crews. Sunday meals were scheduled as a brunch in the morning, normal evening meal and the midnight ration.

e. Medical. The Battalion aid station treated 1050 military patients while mobile teams treated 1332 Vietnamese Nationals in conjunction with the Battalion's civil affairs program. The area dental facility continued operations and treated 352 patients.

f. Motor Transport. A total of 187,505 miles were logged on the Battalion's motor transport equipment in support of operations.

g. Maintenance. The Battalion maintenance platoon completed repairs on 108 pieces of engineer equipment and 124 pieces of motor transport equipment. Maintenance activities during this period were greatly curtailed due to the unavailability of repair parts.

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 on Okinawa.

c. Nine personnel attended our own Battalion Motor Transport Operators' School. All nine students received five ton licenses.

d. One platoon of Company "A", 9th Engineer Battalion attended the 3d Engineer Battalion Mine Warfare School.

e. All other training was on the job training.

10. NBC Warfare. None.

11. Command Control. No change.

12. Air Defense. No change.

13. Special Operations

a. On 23 July 1966 Lieutenant General L. W. WALT, Commanding General

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III Marine Amphibious Force, officially opened a 1476 foot floating bridge across the Da Nang River. This bridge and its approaches were constructed by the 7th Engineer Battalion and 1st Bridge Company, FTF.

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


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