

HEADQUARTERS
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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 June to 30 June 1966.

2. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Off	34	2
Enl	1133	16

3. Personnel

<u>Gains</u>			<u>Losses</u>		
<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>		<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	
Off	3	0	Off	5	0
Enl	13	5	Enl	50	1

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 Hoa Khanh Village.

Grain: 5,500 pounds
Clothing: 2,000 pounds
Canned Goods: 800 pounds
Hotel Size Soap: 1,815 bars
Large Bars of Soap: 3,445 bars plus 1,000 bars denoted by Mrs. K. MINE of Detroit
Cooking Oil: 48 gallons
Candy: 300 pounds
Toys: 1500

b. Activities were as follows:

(1) 1,328 villagers attended sick call during the month.

Enclosure (3)

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(2) VIP visit was made by Mrs. WILLHAUSER and Mr. GRIMES of the International Rescue Commission.

(3) Two culverts were completed on Route #1 and Route #33 for rice paddy drainage.

(4) Over 5,000 soil cement bricks have been made for use with the Public School Building Program.

(5) Plague epidemic has been treated, with no new cases being reported in the last nine days.

(6) Four separate schools are being built in Hoa Khanh village from the Chaplain's Fund.

(7) A band concert was held at Hoa Khanh village for approximately 3000 villagers.

6. Staff and Command Billets. No change.

7. Intelligence Incidents to Report

<u>Time</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>
142030H	Company "C" LP received 3 incoming rounds	AT 967774
150400H	The following units provided a blocking force for Popular Forces of Hoa Khanh Village from 150515 to 150900H: Plt from Co"A", 1st Bn, 3rd Mar Rein Plt Co"D", 7th EngrBn Rein Plt Co"B", 7th EngrBn Rein Plt, MCB-1 The sweep resulted in 44 persons being questioned at the village chief's office. Five were ARVN deserters, two were draft dogers, one was a deserter and VC suspect. The rest were not properly registered, or not carrying their papers, or they were conducting illegal businesses. The deserters were turned over to the military and the draft dodgers and the VCS were forwarded to District Chief. The remaining prisoners were released when local villagers vouched for them or produced their papers.	AT 945762
210515H	On 21 June 1966, 7th EngrBn held a sweep of the Da Phouc Village. At 210515H, a force of 50 men were in position from AT 938792 to AT 944798, and another force of 50 men were in position from AT 944787 to AT 949793. At first	AT 944794

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light, all Vietnamese Nationalists were told to come out of their homes, and from there were formed into a group and awaited further instructions. At this time, sweep teams entered the homes and held a thorough search of the homes. As the homes were searched, the people were questioned and checked for proper ID. A total of 12 people, 7 men and 5 women, were picked up and forwarded to ITT. Of the 12 people, 2 women were suspected as VC trained nurses, and 3 women taken for improper or no identification. One man had a large amount of money and medical supplies in his possession. Four men were deserters/or draft dodgers. Two men were picked up for no identification. All these people were forwarded to ITT, with the two nurses and one doctor marked for Counter-intelligence and the others recommended to be forwarded to the District Chief.

8. Logistics

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

(1) On 7 June 1966 an urgent speedletter was sent to CG, FMEPAC requesting expeditious supplying of repair parts for 315 air compressors and pneumatic drift drills. This request was generated by the continual requirement for this Battalion to maintain in operation two quarries.

(2) Administrative Plan 1-66 was published 161430H Jun66.

(3) On 20 June 1966 authority to requisition replacements for four M-172 trailers without evacuation to higher echelon was requested from CMC.

(4) On 22 June 1966 a report of repair parts required to upgrade equipment readiness was submitted to CG, III MAF.

(5) On 25 June 1966 a listing of 2nd and 3rd echelon nondepot repairable items that this Battalion would like to hold in maintenance float was submitted to CG, 3d MarDiv.

(6) On 30 June 1966 a letter requesting acquisition of land for new campsite of Company "A" was submitted to CG, 3rd MarDiv.

b. Embarkation. During the period 17-30 June 1966, Company "B" was deployed via sea (YFU's) to the Phu Bai enclave. Embarkation Plan

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1-66 was published 161630H Jun66.

c. Supply

(1) During the month of June the Supply Section picked up the assets of Company "C", 7th Engineer Battalion which has been attached to 3d Engineer Battalion, 3d Marine Division for the past 8 years.

(2) Made up all property record cards, locator cards and boxed the operating stock property for Company "B" for deployment.

(3) During the month there were 4517 requisitions processed, 1116 warehouse issues from stock, and 3047 receipts from FLSG and 3d FSR.

d. Messing. The Battalion Mess Staff continued the normal mess operation of providing 4 meals daily excepting Sundays, the fourth meal being a midnight ration for night crews. Sundays meals were scheduled as a brunch in the morning, normal evening chow and the midnight ration.

e. Medical

(1) The Battalion Aid Station treated 1029 military patients while mobile teams treated 1045 civilians in conjunction with the Battalion Civil Affairs Activities.

(2) The area dental facility commenced operation on 22 June, and treated 122 patients.

f. Motor Transport. A total of 175,850 miles were logged on the Battalion's Motor Transport Equipment.

g. Maintenance. The Battalion Maintenance Platoon completed repairs on 208 pieces of motor transport equipment and 177 pieces of engineer equipment.

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. Twenty-four personnel attended our own Battalion Motor Transport Operators' School. All twenty-four students were licensed.

d. All other training was on the job training.

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10. NBC Warfare. None.

11. Command Control.

a. Company "B", 7th Engineer Battalion OPCON III MAF, 29 June 1966 upon arrival at Phu Bai.

b. Company "A", 9th Engineer Battalion OPCON 7th Engineer Battalion, 26 June 1966 upon arrival at Da Nang.

12. Air Defense. No change.

13. Special Operations

a. On 17 June 1966 2ndLt William KELLY and a team of five conducted a detailed airfield reconnaissance of four I Corps airfields. The team completed the mission on 18 June 1966 without any unusual incidents.

b. Elements of 1st Bridge Company and Company "C", 7th Engineer Battalion supported six Rough Rider convoys.


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