

HEADQUARTERS
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (SCI-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 October to 31 October 1966.

2. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Off	47	2
Enl	1179	18

3. Personnel

	<u>Gains</u>		<u>Losses</u>	
	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Off	6	0	3	0
Enl	83	4	39	3

4. Administrative. On 17 October 1966 the 3rd Bridge Company with 7 officers and 168 enlisted were joined.

5. Civil Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations

a. The civil affairs program continues on a daily basis.

b. Activities were as follows:

(1) MEDCAP program provided medical treatment to 770 persons.

(2) The Battalion sponsored, Vietnamese brickyard produced 9,472 soil bricks. On 24 October the brickyard was closed while new building facilities were under construction. Production is expected to resume on 9 November 1966.

(3) A six (6) room elementary school is under construction in Hoa Khanh Village (AT 9578) as a joint effort. Materials are provided thru USAID. Labor is furnished by local Vietnamese while tools, equipment and technical assistance is provided by this Battalion. The project

is approximately 50% completed.

6. Staff and Command Billets. Battalion Executive Officer: Maj. J. M. MACKENZIE, vice Capt. L. T. INGELS. S-3: Capt. L. T. INGELS vice Capt. J. W. SAMOUCÉ.

7. Intelligence Incidents to Report:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
070120	OP heard noises in front of bunker. Area was illuminated sighting figure. Fired at figure and received two rounds SA in return.	AT 940778
110900	A/9 mine sweep team received heavy SA, 81mm and M-79 fire. Returned fire. Six (6) WIA from A/9.	AT 064676
120800	Wire team found cut comm wire booby trapped with grenade. Device was disarmed.	AT 945777
121015	OP heard noise in front of position that sounded like wire being cut. Area illuminated with neg results.	AT 940778
311900	Two trucks from A/7 were ambushed by SA and M-79 fire. 1 USMC WIA medevac.	AT 942659

8. Logistics

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

(1) On 8 October this Battalion requested contonment and maintenance facilities for 3d Bridge Company, FMF, in anticipation of their arrival in RVN.

(2) On 10 October this Battalion submitted a report to CG 3d Marine Divison on deadline status on selected motor transport items.

(3) On 15 October this Battalion reported to CG 3d Marine Division on measures taken to insure future compliance with Force Bulletin 4340 concerning recovery of government property.

(4) On 20 October this Battalion requested assistance from NSA via FLSG-A on providing materials for a permanent pumping system on the Da Nang River float bridge.

(5) On 23 October this Battalion submitted a report to CG 1st Marine Division on stock piled dismantled contentment material.

b. Embarkation

(1) On 2 October the 3d Marine Division Embark Inspection Team inspected this Battalion's embarkation procedures. Results were satisfactory with noted discrepancies.

(2) On 12 October a meeting of Company Embarkation NCOs was held concerning discrepancies noted on the embark inspection.

(3) During the reporting period the following were manifested for surface shipping:

<u>TYPE CARGO</u>	<u>SHIPPED TO</u>
One refrigerator unit	Phu Bai
Two trucks, M-51	Phu Bai
One Saddle adaptor	Phu Bai
One scraper, 16 yd	Dong Ha
One crane, M-37	Dong Ha
One tractor, TD-18	Dong Ha
150 lbs Stiffner pins	Dong Ha

(4) On 11 October a three man advance party from 3d Bridge Company, FMF arrived at this Battalion. Planning commenced for arrival of main body.

(5) On 17 October the main body of 3d Bridge Company, FMF arrived in RVN and was quartered at this Battalion. Arrival of embarked equipment and supplies is expected 1 November 1966.

c. Supply

(1) 7th Engineer Battalion, FMF (RUC 21300). The Supply Platoon processed 1048 priority 12 and 17 requisitions, 115 priority 02 and 05 requisitions, had 1632 receipts from due, 1408 issues from due, and 744 issues from the warehouse.

(2) 1st Bridge Company, FMF (RUC 21325). The Company Supply Section processed 410 requisitions, filled 77 from stock, submitted 333 to FLSG-A or 3d FSR, and completed 197 documents.

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. On Sunday, a brunch replaces breakfast and dinner. Equipment for the establishment of a permanent 1600 man mess was received during September. However, only a small portion of that expected has been received to date.

e. Medical

(1) The Battalion Aid Station treated 887 military patients and 582 Vietnamese Nationals.

(2) The area Dental Facility treated 305 military patients and 39 Vietnamese Nationals.

(3) During the month of October the dental van was moved to Dong Ha for an extended period. Dental personnel moved the Dental Facility into the Battalion Aid Station.

f. Motor Transport. A total of 121,714 miles were logged on the Battalion's Motor Transport vehicles during October in support of operations. Two new multi-fuel dump trucks were received during the month. A program of operator/maintenance training for the new multi-fuel dumps was initiated to ensure trained personnel and available when the multi-fuel trucks replace existing vehicles.

g. Maintenance. The Battalion Maintenance Platoon completed 127 motor transport work orders during the month. A total of 142 work orders were submitted and 14 items were sent to FLSG-A. Total work orders for engineer equipment numbered 99, with 58 being completed, and 8 sent to FLSG-A.

9. Training

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

b. Thirty-five personnel attended the 3d Engineer Battalion Land Mine Warfare School.

c. Two personnel attended the FLSG-A Multi-fuel School.

d. One marine attended formal training on registered publications.

e. One marine attended formal training on crypto comm security.

f. Four personnel attended the 3d FSR Atomic Demolitions Munitions School, two initial training and two refresher training.

10. NBC Warfare. None.

11. Command Control. None.

12. Air Defense. No change.

13. Special Operations. Elements of 1st Bridge Company and Company "C", 7th Engineer Battalion supported Roughrider convoys.


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