

HEADQUARTERS
7th Engineer Battalion (-) Rein, FMF
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5750
10 October 1966

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 September to 30 September 1966.

2. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Off	38	2
Enl	990	16

3. Personnel

<u>Gains</u>		<u>Losses</u>	
	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	
Off	16	0	Off 10
Enl	267	1	Enl 498

4. Administration. No administration problems.

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 492 persons.

(2) The Battalion sponsored, Vietnamese brick yard produced 15,000 soil-cement bricks. Over 10,400 bricks were issued to Division units for use in Civil Affairs School construction projects.

(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.

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

vice Capt. A. J. STEFFEN. Battalion Legal Officer 2/Lt. V. P. PROST
 vice 2/Lt. C. H. R. PAEPCKE. Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company:
 Capt. R. A. PATTERSON, vice Capt. J. R. PHANEUF. Commanding Officer,
 Service Company: Capt. H. A. MORGAN III, vice Capt. T. P. MILLER.
 Commanding Officer, Company "C": Capt. A. J. STEFFEN, vice Capt. L. T.
 INGELS.

7. Intelligence Incidents to Report:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
041720H	Ambush Bridge Company Received SA fire and 5 MK3A2 RTD fire.	AT 942581
171640H	"G" Co. Two men WIA by M26 booby trap	Dong Ha
180815H	"D" Co. Roadgrader detonated mine 1 WIA	AT 923536
301630H	FLSG trash truck receiv- ed SA fire and "D" Co. M38A1 received SA fire from same position. "D" Co sent 10 man pat- rol search area with negative results.	AT 962776

8. Logistics

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

(1) On 3 September the Commanding Officer authorized "D" Company to draw 45 upper torso body armor jackets in support of anticipated deployment South.

(2) On 4 September 1st Bridge Company submitted a report to Division concerning the testing of ten 35 HP Mercury Outboard Motors.

(3) On 6 September this Battalion ordered overhead fans for mess hall use in accordance with CG 3d MarDiv msg R650522Z.

(4) On 7 September this Battalion received notice from Commanding General 3d Marine Division concerning shipment of new T/E item: Battery Charger, T/A No 20135P, ID No 04705A, FSN 6130-903-1163.

(5) On 9 September the Battalion was advised that FLC had sufficient quantities of M105A2 Cargo Trailers to issue this unit, a quantity of four. Battalion Supply complied by ordering.

(6) On 13 September, 1st Bridge Company submitted a request for modification of allowance for a 350 GPM Pump to be used at the Da Nang River floating bridge.

(7) On 16 September the Battalion reported to Commanding General III MAF the supply action on selected items. This data was utilized in revising CA factors for selected engineer items of equipment.

(8) On 17 September this Battalion reported to Commanding General 3d Marine Division the number of CONEX containers on hand. A quantity of twelve was reported as on hand, and justifications were submitted with a request that these be retained by the Battalion.

(9) On 20 September this Battalion received a message from Commanding General 3d Marine Division concerning additional items to Combat Essential Equipment Report. In compliance with the message, the KW-7 Crypto Device was added.

(10) On 23 September a message was received from Commanding General 3d Marine Division requesting nomination to Embarkation School. This unit nominated nine personnel; five for the first class and four for the next.

(11) On 29 September the Battalion submitted LTI's on M-37 trucks for possible replacement of ones in worst condition. This was in accordance with CG 3d MarDiv msg P210930ZSept66.

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

<u>TYPE CARGO</u>	<u>SHIPPED TO</u>
Bulk cargo, 1 box	Phu Bai
Bulk cargo, TD 18 attachments	Phu Bai
One M-51, 5 Ton truck	Phu Bai
One M-38A1 truck	Phu Bai
One 5KW floodlight unit	Phu Bai
One refrigeration unit	Phu Bai
One crane, motorized	Dong Ha
One clam shell, mobile loaded	Dong Ha
Two M-38A1 trucks	Dong Ha
Two M-37, 3/4 Ton trucks	Dong Ha
Eight M-118 semi trailers w/dolly converters	Dong Ha
One M-197 preloaded w/bridging	Dong Ha
Seven M-51, 5 Ton dump trucks	Dong Ha
Two MRC-83 trucks	Dong Ha
One TD-18 tractor	Dong Ha
One rock crusher, 15 TDH	Dong Ha
One MRS-200 tractor	Dong Ha
One generator 30kw	Dong Ha
One scraper, 16 yds.	Dong Ha
One M-37 crane	Dong Ha
One shower unit	Chu Lai

c. Supply

(1) 7th Engineer Battalion, FMF (RUC 21300). The Supply Platoon processed 929 priority 12 and 17 requisitions, 156 priority 02 and 05 requisitions, had 1379 receipts from due, 985 issues from due and 324 issues from the warehouse.

(2) 1st Bridge Company, FMF (RUC 21325). The Company Supply Section recomputed AMRD's for all line items held. The section processed 352 requisitions, filled 53 from stock, submitted 299 to FLSG-A or FSR, and completed 206 documents. Total outstanding documents on 30 September numbers 1863.

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 901 military patients and 578 Vietnamese Nationals.

(2) The area Dental Facility treated 315 military patients and 45 Vietnamese Nationals.

f. Motor Transport. A total of 122,677 miles were logged on the Battalion's Motor Transport vehicles in support of operations. It is estimated that 60,000 gallons of MOGAS and 19,000 gallons of diesel fuel were consumed by motor transport vehicles.

g. Maintenance. The Battalion Maintenance Platoon completed 72 pieces of deadlined engineer equipment and 88 pieces of motor transport equipment. A shortage of personnel reduced the number of pieces completed for that month.

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

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