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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation.

	COMMANDER
9th Engineer Battalion	LtCol B. F. VISAGE 1-30 June, 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company	1stLt W. G. WARD 1-11 June, 1969 1stLt T. M. TURNER 12-30 June 1969
Service Company	Capt C. H. JONES 1-30 June, 1969
Company A	1stLt D. E. CRAIG 1-16 June, 1969 1stLt J. L. SPIKERMAN 17-30 June, 1969
Company B	Capt R. F. SHOAF 1-30 June, 1969
Company C	Capt C. H. ROYER 1-19 June, 1969 1stLt R. J. CALDARELLA 20-30 June, 1969
Company D	Capt J. K. NAGAZYNA 1-30 June, 1969

ATTACHED UNITS

3d Bridge Platoon, 1st Bridge Company in direct support	1stLt K. D. PRICER 1-30 June, 1969

2. Location.

9th Engineer Battalion	Chu Lai, RVN	1-30 June, 1969
Company A (-)	BT199390 Hill #10, RVN	1-30 June, 1969
1st Platoon	BT221326 Hill #29, RVN	1-30 June, 1969
Company B	Chu Lai, RVN	1-30 June, 1969
Company C (-)	Chu Lai, RVN	1-30 June, 1969
1st Platoon	AT922783 H 3/11 Marines	1-30 June, 1969
3d Platoon	BT290230 Tam Ky, RVN	1-30 June, 1969
Motor Transport/Heavy Equipment Section	BT290230 Tam Ky, RVN	1-30 June, 1969
Company D	BT136448 Hill #63, RVN	1-30 June, 1969

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Task Organized Element X-Ray; Motor Transport/ Heavy Equipment Section, 3d Platoon Company C; Elements Headquarters Company Heavy Equipment — BT290230 — 1-30 June, 1969

3. Staff Officers.

Executive Officer	Major J. W. STEVENS 1-30 June, 1969
S-1 Adjutant	1stLt R. J. BURNS 1-30 June, 1969
Personnel Officer	1stLt R. J. BURNS 1-30 June, 1969
S-2/3 Officer	Major E. M. CONDRA 1-30 June, 1969
S-4 Officer	Major R. B. FIELD 1-30 June, 1969
S-5 Officer	1stLt J. N. EHRHART 1-30 June, 1969
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj J. L. NICKLES 1-30 June, 1969
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt P. Q. FOSTER 1-30 June, 1969
Construction Officer	1stLt R. J. CALDARELLA 1-19 June, 1969 GySgt O. E. SHOEMAKER 20-30 June, 1969
ADM Officer	Major E. M. CONDRA 1-30 June, 1969
Maintenance Officer	CWO-2 W. E. YORK 1-30 June, 1969
Utilities Officer	1stLt R. H. MILLER 1-30 June, 1969
Legal Officer	2dLt G. J. SEMOIKE 1-30 June, 1969
Medical Officer	Lt C. B. GANTT 1-30 June, 1969
Supply Officer	Capt L. BUCKLEY 1-30 June, 1969
Embarkation Officer	1stLt E. E. TELAVICH 1-30 June, 1969

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NBC Officer	1stLt R. J. CALDARELLA 1-30 June, 1969
Training Officer	1stLt R. J. CALDARELLA 1-30 June, 1969
Education Officer	1stLt R. J. CALDARELLA 1-30 June, 1969
Chaplain	Lt R. S. LIPPERT 1-30 June, 1969
Communications Officer	1stLt J. F. CRAWFORD 1-30 June, 1969
Heavy Equipment Officer	1stLt G. E. SHERMAN 1-16 June, 1969 GySgt M. TIALAVEA 17-30 June, 1969

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN	
Officers	Enlisted	Officers	Enlisted
36	944	2	20

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PART II

1. During the month of June, 1969, the 9th Engineer Battalion, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel B. F. VISAGE, continued its primary mission of maintenance, upgrading and asphaltic paving of Republic of Vietnam Route #1, from Chu Lai (BT520044) to the Song Cau Lau (BT091544). Engineer support of Free World Forces in the Chu Lai TAOR continued to require significant engineer effort.

2. Company A(-) located at Hill #10 (BT196391) continued to maintain and upgrade Republic of Vietnam Route #1 from BT259289 to Thang Binh (BT175418) a distance of 9.5 miles.

3. Company B located at Chu Lai was engaged in vertical construction in support of Free World Forces in the Americal TAOR. The Heavy Equipment/ Motor Transport section furnished augmentation support to the "X-Ray" task organized element located at Tam Ky (BT290230) to support upgrading and paving operations on Republic of Vietnam Route #1. In addition Company B is responsible for maintenance and repair of Republic of Vietnam Route #1 from Chu Lai (BT520044) to Tam Ky (BT330209), a distance of 16.5 miles.

4. Company C(-) located at Chu Lai was engaged in vertical construction in support of Free World Forces in that area. The 3d Platoon and the Heavy Equipment/Motor Transport section assigned to the "X-Ray" task element at Tam Ky, (BT290230), are presently in the process of upgrading and paving Republic of Vietnam Route #1 from Tam Ky North (BT269271) to Bridge #35 (BT299289). The 1st Platoon at AT922783 is presently providing vertical construction support to the 1st Marine Division.

5. Company D located at Landing Zone Baldy (BT136448) continued upgrading and maintenance to Republic of Vietnam Route #1 from Thang Binh (BT175418) North to the Song Cau Lau (BT091544) a distance of 11.1 miles, plus construction in support of Free World Forces. Concurrently, Company D is upgrading QL-1 (new roadway) from BT092537 to BT080548 a distance of 1 mile.

6. During the month of May, 1969, upgrading and repair of Republic of Vietnam Route #1 was broken down into four main areas of responsibility; Chu Lai to Tam Ky, Tam Ky to Bridge #35, Bridge #35 (BT259289) to Thang Binh, and Thang Binh to the Song Cau Lau River.

7. From south of Bridge #35, (BT259289) to Bridge #37 (BT269271), Republic of Vietnam Route #1, task element "X-Ray" augmented by Motor Transport elements of Service and Bravo Companies expended 1739 man-days and 7829 equipment hours in hauling 4185 cubic yards of mineral products and 12,116 cubic yards of laterite in upgrading Republic of Vietnam Route

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#1, to MACV standards for paving with asphaltic concrete. Headquarters Company spread 9300 gallons of peneprime/RC800 in the maintenance of Republic of Vietnam Route #1. As of 30 June 1969, Republic of Vietnam Route #1 had been paved from An Tan (BT379174) to Bridge #35, (BT259289) a distance of 21.4 miles. During the reporting period 1700 tons of asphaltic concrete was laid down from BT269271 to BT259289, a distance of .9 miles of paving.

8. Between Bridge #35 (BT259289 and Thang Binh, Company A personnel expended 328 man days and 2049 equipment hours in placing 6130 cubic yards of laterite and 1010 cubic yards of 2"(-) in upgrading of Republic of Vietnam Route #1.

9. Between Thang Binh and Song Cau Lau, Company D expended 276 man days and 1692 equipment hours in placing 1403 cubic yards of mineral products, 791 cubic yards of laterite, and operating a rock quarry in support of Republic of Vietnam Route #1.

10. During the month of June, 1969, the 9th Engineer Battalion installed the following culverts:

a.

Location	Date	No.	Type	Length
BT093535	11Jun69	1	48"	44'
BT218362	10Jun69	1	48"	50'
BT116493	17Jun69	1	48"	42'
BT258292	24Jun69	3	60"	50'
BT201383	7Jun69	4	60"	50'

b. During the month of June the following bridges were repaired/constructed/under construction:

Location	Length	Class	Type	Remarks
BT497067	250'	60	Steel Stringer, Pile Bent, Pile Backfilled Abutment	Repaired 17Jun69
BT230399	40'	60	Steel Stringer, Pile Backfill Abutment	Repaired 18Jun69
BT268272	40'	60	Steel Stringer, Pile Backfill Abutment	Rebuild 30Jun69
BT201383	40'	60	Steel Stringer, Pile Backfill Abutment	Bridge Replaced by 4-60' culverts 7Jun69
BT259289	80'	60	Steel Stringer, Pile Bent, Pile Backfill Abutment	Bridge Rebuilt 24Jun69

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BT379174	382'	60	Steel Stringer, Pile Bent, Pile Backfill Abutment	15% Complete

c. During the month of June the following tactical bridging was installed:

Location	Length	Class	Type	Remarks
BT225347	105'	60	M-6	Installed 17Jun69
BT379174	120'	60	M4T6	Installed 21Jun69

d. During the month of June the following tactical bridging was removed:

Location	Length	Class	Type	Remarks
BT379174	100'	60	Triple Single Bailey Bridge	Removed 22Jun69
BT497067	120'	60	M4T6 Floating Bridge	Removed 19Jun69

11. Since 1 June, 1969, the 9th Engineer Battalion has provided the following additional support to the Free World Forces.

	Unit	Construction
a.	Chu Lai Defence Command:	Pre-cut 20-14'14' bunkers
b.	2/17 Cavalry, B Troop:	Constructed 88 airfield revetments
c.	1/1 Cavalry USA:	Constructed 34-16'X32' seahuts
d.	2/1 Cavalry USA:	Constructed messhall 16'X64'
e.	9th Engineer Battalion:	Constructed PX addition 16'X12'
f.	312th Medical Battalion, USA:	Constructed warehouse 20'X40'
g.	Co A, 9th Engineer Battalion	Constructed 1-50' sentry tower
h.	MACV Tam Ky:	Constructed 2-48'x48' helo pads
i.	27th Surgical Battalion, USA:	Construct interior of EM Club
j.	MAG-12:	Construct 3-16'X32' seahuts
k.	9th Engineer Battalion:	Construct 1-8'X16' storage building

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1. Civic Action.

a. During the month of June, 1969, two MedCaps were conducted at Phouc My #2 (BT097516) adjacent to the Song Ba Ren bridge. Approximately 150 Vietnamese were treated.

b. The Battalion procured 6 hand water pumps for the Catholic orphanage in An Tan hamlet (BT506056). They also organized a cultural exchange between Marines and VN boy scouts at the same orphanage.

c. The volleyball games with the Ly Tin volleyball team continued with improved fellowship between American Staff and Officers and the VN.

d. The Battalion continued to supply garbage for the Tich Tay pig farm.

e. During the reporting period the Battalion has accomplished 2 Popular Forces patrols within its Area of Operations.

2. Training.

Date	School or Course	Off/Enl	Location
7Jun69	Basic Infantry Weapons Repair Course	Enlisted	Okinawa
7Jun69	Basic Infantry Weapons Repair Course	Enlisted	Okinawa
7Jun69	Basic Ammunition Technician School	Enlisted	Okinawa
2Jun69	SNCO Leadership School	Enlisted	Danang
9Jun69	NCO Leadership School	Enlisted	Danang
9Jun69	Officer Leadership School	Officer	Danang
16Jun69	Communications-Crypto Security School	Enlisted	Japan
16Jun69	Military Justice Course	Officer	Okinawa
28Jun69	Basic Infantry Weapons Repair Course	Enlisted	Okinawa
29Jun69	Embarkation School	Officer	Okinawa

3. Engineer Operations.

a. 1 June, 1969:

(1) Company A assisted in Medevac of one VN civilian female at (BT196341.

b. 2 June, 1969:

(1) Company D found one Frag Butterfly bomb Lot #100-249-62. BT128488. Destroyed in place.

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(2) Company D sweepteam assisted in Medevac of one VNC. VNC tripped an anti-personnel mine. Multiple wounds in body. (BT114496)

c. 3 June, 1969:

(1) Company D sweepteam assisted in Medevac of one VN civilian found lying on side of road at BT085542. VN had head, chest, and pubic area wounds.

(2) Company A sweepteam assisted in Medevac of 2 VN females brought in with burns and small arms wound at BT224351.

(3) Company D sweepteam found one 105 H.E. round on side of road at BT084548. Destroyed in paddy.

(4) Company A assisted in Medevac of 2 ARVN personnel brought to compound (BT196391) with head wounds resulting from traffic accident.

d. 4 June, 1969:

(1) Company A found one M-79 round at BT201384. Destroyed in paddy.

(2) Company D sweepteam assisted in Medevac at BT129479 of one VN civilian with head injuries after falling from bike.

(3) Company D sweep team found 1-60mm round at BT105507. Destroyed in paddy.

(4) Company D received 15 rounds AK fire, 1 round M-79 at BT109417. Returned fire. Negative friendly casualties. Negative enemy casualties.

e. 5 June, 1969:

(1) Company C sweepteam found 1-60mm H.E. round lot #MA11255 at BT267273. Destroyed in paddy.

(2) Company D sweepteam assisted in Medevac at BT103507 of one VN civilian with shrapnel wounds in neck.

(3) Company D assisted in Medevac of one VN civilian male with gunshot wounds.

f. 6 June, 1969:

(1) Company A sweepteam assisted in medevac of 1 VN male at BT 219359. VN was wounded in abdomen and hands.

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g. 7 June, 1969:

(1) Company C sweepteam found two 60mm rounds (one HE and one illum) at BT263275. Destroyed in paddy.

(2) Company A sweepteam found one M-79 round at BT201384. Destroyed in paddy.

h. 8 June, 1969;

(1) Company a received six rockets near compound at BT237315. Negative Casualties. Negative Damage.

(2) Company a assisted in Medevac of VN child at BT237315 with shrapnel wounds.

(3) Air recon reported culvert blown on bypass to bridge #29, BT219359.

(4) Company A sweepteam found one 60mm round buried in road at BT174421. Destroyed in place.

(5) Company A reported bypass at bridge #29 (BT219359) blown. 95% damage. Road repaired and reopened.

i. 9 June, 1969:

(1) Company C sweepteam reported steel Stress Bridge side of bridge #37 blown at 0200 hours at BT268272. No security on bridge.

(2) Company C sweepteam found one M-26 Frag, Lot #42-60 at BT262283. Destroyed in paddy.

(3) Battalion S-2 reported VN bus hit approximately 40 pound mine in center of QL-1 at BT256294. Company A sweepteam sent to resweep area after removal of bus. Negative results.

(4) Battalion S-3 reported ARVN truck hit approximately 80 pound mine west side of QL-1 at BT257293. 4 VN critically injured. Medevac ARVN and Company A reswept area.

j. 10 June, 1969:

(1) Company D reported 8'X10' hole on east side of QL-1. Estimated 80 pound charge. BT094535. Road repaired and reopened.

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(2) Company D found one ChiCom Gren at BT151452. Destroyed in paddy.

(3) Company A sweepteam found a 48" culvert blown at BT218362. Road repaired and reopened.

(4) Company D received 5 rounds of small arms fire at BT106507. Negative damage, negative casualties.

(5) Company A reported 25 pound mine detonated by VN on motorcycle at bridge #29 (BT219359). Negative injuries. Road repaired and reopened.

k. 11 June, 1969:

(1) Company B reported a 60" culvert blown at BT358190. Road repaired.

(2) Company C found two 35-40 pound nitrostarch pressure detonating mines on west side of QL-1 at BT256295. Destroyed in place creating 6'X5' crater.

(3) Company D found one M-57 electrical firing device and wire and blasting cap and claymore mine at BT088539.

l. 12 June, 1969:

(1) Company A sweepteam reported bridge #32 (BT230399) blown by approximately 30-40 pound charge. Bridge impassable. Bypass constructed. Road passable.

m. 14 June, 1969:

(1) Company A assisted in Medevac of one VN child with face burns at BT199389.

(2) Company D 25 ton lowbed hit mine at BT074383. 1 USA soldier injured-Medivac. Lowbed damaged beyond repair.

n. 15 June, 1969

(1) Company D sweepteam at BT100518 found two command detonated mines (1-175mm and 1 155 mm round) Destroyed in place.

o. 16 June, 1969:

(1) Company B sweepteam found one 81mm illumination round on roadside at BT455097. Destroyed in place.

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(2) Company C sweepteam found one 15-20 pound nitrostarch pressure electrical primed mine on west side of road at BT261285. Destroyed in place.

(3) Company D assisted in Medevac at BT104507 of one VN civilian with shrapnel wounds on head and skull fracture.

(4) Battalion S-3 Officer reported Service Company M-54 truck hit mine 200 meters south of BT259288. Mine was on east side of road. 25-30 pound. Truck destroyed, 1 MC WIA.

p. 17 June, 1969:

(1) Company D sweepteam reported QL-1 mined with 150 pound explosive at BT116493, culvert installed and road opened.

(2) Company A sweepteam reported bridge #31 at BT225347 blown. Damage; one span out, wing walls destroyed. Road not passable. Installed 105' Class 60 bridge. Road Open.

(3) Company D sweepteam found one 105mm round set for command detonation at BT099521. Destroyed in place.

q. 19 June, 1969:

(1) Company A sweepteam found two mines w/blasting caps on side of road at BT247308. Destroyed caps, burned mines.

(2) Company D sweepteam found 4'X4' hole in road at BT110501. Road repaired.

(3) Company A sweepteam found one 30 pound nitrostarch pressure release detonating mine east side of road at BT258290. Destroyed in place and repaired road.

(4) Company C sweepteam found two 35 pound nitrostarch pressure electrical detonation at BT262284. Destroyed in place and repaired road.

r. 20 June, 1969

(1) Company A sweepteam reported three 48" culverts blown with 60 pound charge at BT258292. Road repaired.

s. 22 June, 1969:

(1) Company D sweepteam reported house near QL-1 booby trapped with one 105mm round and two M-26 Frag grenades at BT094535. Traps

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exploded by ARVN searching house. 1 ARVN KIA-4 ARVIN WIA. Area swept with negative results.

(2) Company c reported a grader exploded an A/P mine at BT259287. Negative casualties, negative damage. Road reswept.

t. 23 June, 1969:

Company D sweep team found marker in road at BT083544. Area swept with negative results.

(2) Company D sweepteam assisted in Medevac of one VNC with shrapnal wounds at BT129479.

(3) Company D sweep team assisted in Medevac of 3 VN civilians with shrapnal wounds at BT103508.

(4) Company A sweep team at BT258288 grader dug up 10 pound nitrostarch mine with pressure electrical firing device. Mine disarmed with negative damage.

u. 24 June, 1969:

(1) Company A received six 122mm rockets at BT199389. Negative casualties, negative damage.

v. 26 June, 1969:

(1) Company A sweep team found one M-79 round at BT208375. Destroyed in place.

w. 27 June, 1969:

(1) Company A assisted in Medevac of 3 ARVN from BT196391.

(2) Company D sweepteam found one 105mm round in paddy at BT154448. Lot number 4P67.

(3) Company D sweepteam found one AP mine Lot 42-5 with trip wire in culvert at BT125484. Destroyed in paddy.

x. (4) Company C received info from VN child that VC were present in village at BT261303. Swept area. Negative results.

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(5) Company C assisted in Medevac of 2 VNC in motor bike accident at BT268273.

x. 28 June, 1969:

(1) Company D sweepteam found marking on side of road. Suspect mines. Swept area with negative results.

4. Voluntary Informant Program.

a. During the month of June, 1969, Vietnamese civilians turned in the following ordnance to the 9th Engineer Battalion, FMF:

(1) 36 - 60mm rounds
(2) 1 - 76mm round
(3) 105 - 81mm rounds
(4) 1 - 90mm round
(5) 5 - 155mm rounds
(6) 3 - RPG rounds
(7) 27 - M-26 grenade
(8) 23 - M-79 rounds
(9) 3 - Bomblet
(10) 1 - Rifle grenade as a mine
(11) 19 - ChiCom grenades
(12) 1 - Butterfly bomb
(13) 1 - WP grenade
(14) 3 - M-16 Magazines
(15) 1 - Cal .30 bandolier
(16) 1 - U. S. Flare pistol
(17) 1 - M-33 grenade
(18) 1 - VC grenade

b. Total funds expended for the period was 47,200 $VN.

5. Patrols.

a. During the month of June, 1969, the 9th Engineer Battalion at Chu Lai conducted thirty daylight and thirty night reconnaissance patrols in its Area of Responsibility with one contact.

b. On 30 June, 1969 the daylight reconnaissance patrol received approximately 4 rounds of enemy fire. A reaction force was sent out to sweep the area with negative results.

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6. Patrol Training. During the month of June, 1969, the 9th Engineer battalion in conjunction with 1st Combined Action Group, Chu Lai, RVN, established a 10 day patrol orientation course to enhance the patrol capabilities of this Battalion. Personnel from 9th Engineer Battalion, under supervision of 1st CAG, participated with Combined Action Platoons in setting up night ambushes, recon patrols, and various Civic Action programs.

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